ACEC INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Welcome & Opening Remarks

ACEC Research Institute Scholarships

Recognizing the 2026 scholarship recipients, including:

- NCEES Professional Licensure Scholarship Recipients
- IMEG Engineering Scholarship Recipients
- ACEC Research Institute Scholarship Recipients

2026 Young Professional Awards

Community Service Award

2026 ACEC College of Fellows Induction

National Qualifications-Based Selection Awards

County of Ventura, California — Public Sector
Mark Steiner — Individual

Coalitions Distinguished Service Award

Distinguished Service Award

Keynote Address

Turning Limitations into Innovation

Phil Hansen - Artist & Innovator



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VINICIO ALVAREZ
Arizona State University

AVA AUBE
Hofstra University

GIOVANNI BENEVIDES
University of Rhode Island

TRUETT BERGLUND
South Dakota State University

NOAH BROBST
University of Pittsburgh

CHASE BROWN
University of Colorado Boulder

NIKOLAS CHEVALIER
University of Mississippi

ANGELINA COKER
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

TYLER DAVIS
University of South Carolina Upstate

SAMANTHA GABLE
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

ADA GAUTHIER
University of Connecticut

MARK GENEST
University of New Hampshire

LILLIAN GEORGE
Brigham Young University

TOM GOLDBERG
University of Vermont

MADDY GORRI
Stevens Institute of Technology

GLENN GRAVES
Harding University

BEATRICE HARDACRE
Duke University

EMMERSON HEWETT
Michigan Technological University

EMILY HO
University of Maryland, College Park

ROBERT HUBER
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

JUSTYS HURT
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

MOLLY KEAGLE
The University of Alabama in Huntsville

JACOB KONG
University of Hawaii at Manoa

JOSEPH KOWALL
University of Wisconsin-Platteville

IVAN KWONG
University of Washington

DANIEL LOCARNINI
West Virginia University

MAXWELL MAMISHEV
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

KAEL MARGRAF
Ohio Northern University

MELAYNA MARSHMAN
Minnesota State University, Mankato

AMEYA MATELE
University of Texas at Austin

DAVID MCKNIGHT III
University of Wyoming

RYLEE MOGALIAN
University of Kansas

VAUGHAN NAGY
University of Alaska Anchorage

AUGUSTUS NEDVED
St. Ambrose University

JORDAN NIGGEMYER
Montana Technological University

MARCELLUS ODUM
Georgia Institute of Technology

EMILY PETERSEN
California State University, Fresno

JACOB RIPPON
University of Delaware

MICHAEL RUSSELL
University of North Dakota

ELINOR SINN
University of Kentucky

JORDAN SIX
Oklahoma State University

JAYLIN SOLIS
The Catholic University of America

SAMUEL STEELE
Missouri University of Science and Technology

MASON STORM
University of Idaho

KYLE THOMPSON JR.
Randolph-Macon College

KWABENA TYUS
Louisiana State University

GRAFTON URBATSCH
New Mexico State University

NATHANIEL WIGGER
Purdue University

YASMINE WILDMAN
Oregon Institute of Technology

JUSTIN WOYCHOWSKI
University of Maine

ASHLYN YOUNG
University of Florida

IMEG ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS

SHAZIA ALLADIN
University of Connecticut

ANTONIO AVILA
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

KETTJA BENNETT
University of Nevada, Reno

OLIVIA CAIN
Wayne State University

JAKE CAPPELLETTI
University of Massachusetts Amherst

ANNA CHUCHMUCH
Texas Tech University

GRADY COX
Tennessee Technological University

ADRIANA DAROCH
Florida Atlantic University

BLAKE FERGUSON
Ferris State University

RAFAEL FIGUEROA GOMEZ
University of Washington

ADAM GADD
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

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College of Southern Idaho

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Ohio Northern University

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University of Massachusetts Lowell

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Mid Michigan College

LUCAS KAY-WONG
Oregon Institute of Technology

VIOLETA KROSSLER
Georgia Institute of Technology

MARICHRISTINE LE
Arizona State University

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Colorado School of Mines

AVA MCKINNEY
Ohio Northern University

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University of Virginia

AMBER MURPHY
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

ERIK PAPP
University of Delaware

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University of Miami

KODIAK ROBINSON
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

AIDEN SMITH
Florida State University

MERRICK TAMBIO
Oregon Institute of Technology

OWEN TANNEHILL
University of Central Florida

TRUONG TRAN
University of Oklahoma

SEAN-HOBBS WATERS
Illinois Institute of Technology



ACEC RESEARCH INSTITUTE NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

KETTJA BENNETT
University of Nevada, Reno

BRAYDEN CLARK
Tennessee Tech University

MAURICE ELKHOURY
University of Central Florida

HAYDEN FOSKETT
Massachusetts Maritime Academy

SAM GOLD
University of Southern California

ALEXANDER GUAJARDO
Texas A&M at Galveston

SABAH HAJI
SUNY Polytechnic Institute

CARINA HENNEMAN
Old Dominion University

ITZEL HERNANDEZ
College of Southern Idaho

MYA JARVIS
Mid Michigan College

JONAS JUNQUERA
University of Miami

JORDAN KRAMER
Kansas State University

COLLIN LEDSINGER
University of Alabama

JAYMORI LEONARD
University of Rhode Island

SUNNIE LIN
Drexel University

REED LOEFFEL
Stevens Institute of Technology

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Colorado School of Mines

ISAAC MENDOZA
University of California, Berkeley

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University of Texas at Austin

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Stanford University

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University of Oklahoma

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The University of Alabama

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University of the Pacific

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California State University, Fresno

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YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARDS





Timothy D'Agostino, PE, ENV SP

Project Manager
P.W. Grosser Consulting
ACEC New York

> "I would like to thank my family, my firm, and the many teachers, mentors, colleagues, and friends who have supported me throughout my life and helped shape the engineer and person I am today. Their love, encouragement, and unwavering support have played an instrumental role in my professional growth and personal happiness, and I am truly grateful for the impact each of them has had on my life!"

Timothy D'Agostino, P.E., ENV SP, is a project manager at P.W. Grosser Consulting, specializing in drinking water infrastructure. He earned a bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering and a master's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Delaware.

His experience includes well, water main, and water treatment plant design, plus construction management and inspection. Timothy is passionate about solving water quality challenges that affect public health and quality of life.

He holds leadership and outreach roles in professional organizations at the local, state, and national levels and mentors high school students through the ACE Mentorship Program. Timothy was named a young professional of the year by ACEC New York and is an ACEC Young Professional of the Year Award finalist.



> I am incredibly grateful for the mentors, colleagues, family, and friends who have supported me throughout my career, especially Glenn Shaheen, whose mentorship, trust, and encouragement have played an important role in my professional growth. I have been fortunate to learn from leaders who challenged me, gave me opportunities to grow, and demonstrated the importance of investing in others. Their support has shaped the engineer and leader I am today and inspires me to do the same for the next generation of professionals."

Kimberly Koehl, PE

Louisiana Group Manager
McKim & Creed
ACEC Louisiana

Kimberly Koehl is a civil engineer and project leader specializing in flood protection, stormwater management, and resilient infrastructure. Inspired to pursue engineering after her family's home flooded during Hurricane Katrina, she has built her career around helping communities reduce flood risk.

Her expertise includes hydraulic and hydrographic modeling, drainage systems, and permitting. She has successfully led complex federal and grant-funded projects throughout Louisiana, including the Bayou Manchac Regional Flood Risk Reduction Plan and the Fish Bayou Control Structures project, a 2023 ACEC Louisiana Engineering Excellence Honor Award recipient.

Kimberly approaches engineering as a profession rooted in service, integrity, and stewardship. She is committed to mentoring younger professionals, serving her community, and improving the lives of the people that engineering serves.



> I am incredibly grateful to all who have supported, mentored, and encouraged me throughout my career. From those like Roberto Canales who invested in me early on to the colleagues Erin Krayer and Greg Purvis, mentors, family, and friends who continue to challenge and inspire me, each has played a meaningful role in shaping the professional I am today."

Farrell Nicholson, PE

Roadway Department Manager
Wetherill Engineering Inc.
ACEC North Carolina

Farrell Nicholson holds a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from North Carolina State University. Her career in transportation engineering began with a hands-on foundation, working alongside her father in highway construction.

As Roadway Department Manager at Wetherill Engineering, Farrell leads multidisciplinary teams delivering transportation design projects for federal, state, municipal, and county agencies. She is known for her strategic mindset and collaborative leadership style.

Farrell is deeply committed to developing future leaders. She served on the inaugural ACEC of North Carolina Junior Board and currently serves as a Trustee for the CECNC-PAC and on the Board of Directors of the WTS Triangle Chapter, championing mentorship and opportunity for the next generation of transportation professionals.



> "I am deeply grateful to Rob Marchetti and the ACEC/Maryland leadership, ACEC National, my current and past managers and coworkers, my educators from Pre-K to undergraduate university studies, my family, my friends, my partner Grayson, and many others for their support of my career, goals, dreams, 'second job' (volunteering!), and life. Most importantly, I want to humbly thank my parents who gave up everything in their home country for me, and I want to thank God for guiding me every step of the way."

Alyssa Susanna Sooklal, PE, ENV SP, CFM®

Senior Project Engineer
Barton & Loguidice
ACEC Maryland

Alyssa Sooklal, P.E., ENV SP, CFM® is a Senior Project Engineer in the Environmental practice area of Barton & Loguidice in Annapolis, MD. Her experience includes stormwater, drainage, erosion and sediment control, and green infrastructure design. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering from Johns Hopkins University and holds a PE license in five states. Alyssa is President of the ASCE Maryland Section and a member of the ACEC/Maryland Environmental Committee. Her honors include ACEC/Maryland's Young Professional of the Year (2023) and ASCE National's New Face of Civil Engineering (2024). In her community, she served on the Board of the Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools and has volunteered with Meals on Wheels for nearly a decade.



> "I am especially grateful to my parents, Mark and Aldona Doyle, who opened my eyes to the possibilities of engineering as a career and have always been an unwavering source of encouragement and guidance. They have always believed in me, provided a trusted sounding board, and given me the confidence to pursue opportunities I may not have otherwise imagined for myself."

Raeanna Thiele, PE

Vice President and
Geotechnical Engineering
Department Manager
Thiele Geotech
ACEC Nebraska

Raeanna Thiele, P.E., is Vice President and Geotechnical Engineering Department Manager at Thiele Geotech, Inc., where she leads its geotechnical practice and serves on its Board of Directors. A licensed Professional Engineer in Nebraska and Iowa, she has led the department through record-setting revenue years.

A lifelong Nebraskan, Raeanna earned bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska Omaha, inspired by her grandfather, a 39-year Douglas County Engineer.

A graduate of ACEC Nebraska's Emerging Leaders Program, she is an inaugural mentor in the Let's MEET program for female engineering students. As the first woman to manage a department and serve on Thiele Geotech's Board in its 30-year history, she is committed to expanding opportunities for others.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



> “Receiving this honor is meaningful because it recognizes work that I care deeply about, and it shows that one person’s actions can have a rippling positive impact in a community. I believe that when you see a need in your community, you have a responsibility to do what you can to address it, and I’m proud of what we’ve been able to accomplish through the community partnerships we’ve built.”

Monica Mosure, MBA

Chief Administrative Officer
ms consultants, inc.
ACEC Ohio

ms consultants, inc.
engineers, architects, planners

Monica Mosure is Chief Administrative Officer of ms consultants, inc., a Columbus, Ohio consulting firm. A part owner and member of the executive team, she is the first woman on its Board of Directors. A past ACEC Ohio Board Chair, she now serves as National Director.

Her commitment to animal welfare began in 2011 with fostering at-risk dogs. In 2019, she co-founded Private School Pups (PSP) to train them. As Chair, President, and CEO, she has helped PSP serve more than 1,210 dogs through 135 grants and free services with 40 shelters and rescues across three states.

Since 2017, Monica has been a Big Sister with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio, mentoring one young woman since age eight.



COLLEGE OF FELLOWS



> ACEC was the first professional community I embraced when I entered this industry, and its impact on my journey has been profound. Through meaningful mentorship, lasting connections, and countless opportunities to learn and grow, ACEC helped build the foundation of my career.
>
> Your support inspired confidence, opened doors, and played an important role in leading me to this milestone. This achievement is as much a reflection of your influence and guidance as it is of my own efforts."

Tanya Adams

SVP, Director of
Diversity and
Strategic Partnerships
WSP
ACEC Illinois

Tanya Adams is Senior Vice President and Director of Strategic Partnership at WSP USA, where she works across the organization to advance collaboration, strengthen partnerships, and foster an inclusive workplace culture.

Tanya previously held leadership roles with the Illinois Department of Transportation. Throughout her 32-year career, she has advocated for expanding opportunities within the transportation and engineering professions.

Tanya has held several leadership positions with ACEC-IL, including becoming the first African American woman elected to its board. Involved with the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) since 2007, she received its Corporate Executive of the Year Award and President's Award for Excellence. She was named 2018 WTS Woman of the Year and a 2025 Women Who Move the Nation honoree.



> My mentor was inducted into the College of Fellows in 2014. To join him and others who are champions for our industry, is an honor."

Rob Brigham

CEO
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.
ACEC Nebraska

Rob Brigham has devoted his entire 30-year career to JEO, an employee-owned engineering and planning firm. After graduating from law school in 1996, he joined as Business Manager, later served as Chief Financial Officer, and was named CEO in 2007.

Under his leadership, JEO has grown from approximately 140 employees to nearly 450 professionals in 16 offices across four states.

Although not an engineer, Rob has been an active industry leader. He served on the ACEC Nebraska Board of Directors for seven years, including as president, and on its PAC Board of Trustees for 11 years. He chairs the ACEC Market Intelligence Committee.

In his hometown of Wahoo, Rob served 24 years on the Wahoo Public Schools Board of Education.



> Being named an ACEC Fellow is a humbling recognition and honor following many years spent learning from, serving alongside, and building lasting friendships with people I greatly respect and who care deeply about our profession. I am truly grateful."

A. Gray Clark, PE

President
Muller Engineering Company, Inc.
ACEC Colorado

MULLER

A. Gray Clark, PE, brings 39 years of consulting engineering experience. He joined Muller Engineering Company in 1991, became a principal shareholder in 1996, and helped establish the firm's employee ownership structure. Since 2014, he has served as President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board.

A transportation infrastructure specialist, Gray has delivered arterial corridors, interstate highways, interchanges, and multimodal facilities.

Gray has led ACEC Colorado since 2013, serving in roles including Transportation Forum Chair and President. He also served as ACEC National Director from 2024 to 2026.

He dedicated 15 years to the City of Englewood Water and Sewer Board. Gray holds a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Vermont and an MBA from the University of Colorado.



Jeffrey A Cowen, PG, PE

President
Building & Earth Sciences
ACEC Alabama

BUILDING & EARTH
Geotechnical, Environmental, and Materials Engineers

Jeffrey A. Cowen, PG, PE, has practiced geotechnical consulting in the Southeastern United States since 1983. He holds PE licensure in 30 states and PG registration in Alabama. A former field technician, he now serves as President and Partner at Building & Earth Sciences, a firm he helped found in 1999 on a singular mission: treat employees with respect and they will treat clients exceptionally well. The firm has made the ENR Top 500 Design Firms list four consecutive years.

Cowen's expertise centers on geotechnical evaluation and forensic analysis, particularly in karst terrain, abandoned mine remediation, and stratified deposits.

Cowen has served ACEC Alabama as State President and National Director. He has mentored more than 100 engineers to professional registration.



> I am honored to be included as a Fellow of ACEC. The engineering profession provides much-needed services to society, and ACEC allows us to shine brightly in our work."

Louis J. Gallucci, PE

Executive Vice President
V3 Co
ACEC Illinois

Lou Gallucci, P.E., is Executive Vice President of V3 Companies, where he previously served as CEO for five years. His leadership, technical acumen, and experience in public infrastructure transformed transportation projects across Illinois and beyond, contributing to decades of growth for V3 and the AEC industry.

A longtime ACEC member, Lou served as Board Chair of ACEC-IL from July 2024 to July 2025, supporting initiatives such as updating governance documents and modernizing operations.

Lou has lobbied for transportation funding in Washington, meeting with legislators including U.S. Senator Dick Durbin to stress infrastructure investment. He is most proud of leading volunteers through four consecutive years of in-country work in Armenta, Honduras, building a safe, clean water supply system for the community.



Brad B. Hammond, PE

Vice President/Local Area Leader
Olsson, Inc.
ACEC Arkansas

Brad Hammond, P.E., is a Vice President with Olsson, leading the firm's Arkansas and Southwest Missouri areas. He holds a BS in Civil Engineering and an MBA from the University of Arkansas. He began his career with McGoodwin, Williams & Yates in 1992, serving as President and CFO until its acquisition by Olsson in 2018.

Over nearly 34 years, Hammond has led public water, wastewater, municipal building, and transportation infrastructure projects.

Hammond has served as President of ACEC Arkansas and serves as ACEC/A National Director and Arkansas PAC Co-Champion. He also chaired the Southwest Section of the American Water Works Association, receiving the George Warren Fuller Award in 2023.

He and his wife, Allison, have two sons and one daughter.



Kurt Heidenreich, PE, SE, CPESC

Founder & President
Engineering Resources, Inc.
ACEC Indiana

As the son of a bridge engineer, Kurt knew by the fourth grade that he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps. He earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Civil Engineering from Purdue University.

Kurt is a registered professional engineer in multiple states and a Licensed Structural Engineer in Illinois. In 1997, he founded Engineering Resources, Inc., which has grown to nearly 70 employees in three Indiana offices.

Kurt has designed award-winning projects, developed bridge design software, and served as President of ACEC Indiana in 2024–2025 and as Indiana's National Director.

Kurt and his wife, Faith, have been married 35 years and have three children and one grandson. Their oldest son is also a bridge engineer with Engineering Resources, Inc.



Brian Hynniman, PE

Principal-In-Charge
HMB Professional Engineers, LLC
ACEC Alabama

> "Being inducted into the College of Fellows is a tremendous honor. To be recognized by an organization that I have invested so much time and effort in over the past 20 years, and to be invited to join such a distinguished group of engineers, is very humbling."

Brian Hynniman leads HMB Professional Engineers' operations in Alabama, overseeing workflow, staff scheduling, and quality control. He has more than 34 years of experience in transportation design and project management.

Brian began his career with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). He joined HMB in 1998 and now serves as Principal in Charge of the firm's Alabama operations. His project experience includes roadway widening, new-alignment roadways, bridge replacements, and interchange improvements.

Involved with ACEC since the early 2000s, Brian became Montgomery Area Vice President in 2017 and now serves as Alabama National Director.

He earned a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from Auburn University and is a registered Professional Engineer in eight states. Outside work, Brian enjoys the lake and golf.



> Being named a Fellow is both an honor and a commitment, recognizing a career dedicated to leadership, service, and advancing the engineering profession while reinforcing my responsibility to mentor future leaders and give back to the communities we serve."

Arthur A. Jones-Dove, PE, CCM, MBA, PMP, PgMP

Vice President and Mid-Atlantic Water Sector Manager
TYLin
ACEC Metropolitan Washington

Arthur A. Jones-Dove, PE, CCM, MBA, PMP, PgMP is a nationally recognized engineering executive with more than 27 years of experience delivering infrastructure programs worth over $9 billion. As Vice President and Mid-Atlantic Water Sector Manager at TYLin, he leads multidisciplinary teams in planning, design, and program delivery.

Arthur helps public agencies and utilities address aging infrastructure and sustainability goals.

He holds civil and environmental engineering degrees from the University of Maryland and an MBA from George Mason University.

Arthur has served as MO President (Chair) of ACEC Metropolitan Washington, National Director, Planning Cabinet member, and Water Infrastructure Committee Chair. As co-founder of Community Youth Advance, he has helped connect thousands of young people with educational, leadership, and career opportunities.



Andre' "Andy" Lauzier, PE

Senior Vice President
HDR
ACEC Florida

Andre' "Andy" Lauzier, PE, has more than three decades of experience in transportation engineering, planning, and design. As Senior Vice President at HDR, he serves as Transportation Planning and Design Director, working with technical leaders across the firm to advance quality, strengthen project delivery, and align technical resources.

A dedicated leader within ACEC, Andy currently serves as Vice Chair of the ACEC National Executive Committee and has been involved at the state and national levels. He also chairs the ACEC of Florida Transportation Committee and previously served on the ACEC of Georgia Board of Directors. Throughout his career, Andy has remained committed to advancing the engineering profession and delivering transportation projects that create lasting benefits for the communities they serve.



Heath Overfield, PE

CEO
Engineering Associates
ACEC Wyoming

Heath J. Overfield, PE, is CEO of Engineering Associates. A 2001 University of Wyoming graduate with dual bachelor's degrees in Civil and Architectural Engineering, he joined the firm in 2005, became a principal in 2008, and was named CEO in 2014.

Under Heath's leadership, the firm has grown from 25 employees in three offices to 75 employees across ten locations in Wyoming and Montana.

Heath has held multiple leadership positions with ACEC of Wyoming, including President and National Delegate. Nationally, he has served on the ACEC Life/Health Trust Board of Trustees for over a decade, as Chairman since 2022. He also mentors students and emerging professionals and serves his community through the county planning commission, local hospital board, and 4-H.



Jerald T. Payonk, PE

Chairman of the Board
Clark Dietz, Inc.
ACEC Illinois

> "Being named an ACEC Fellow means joining a distinguished group of colleagues who have dedicated their careers not only to advancing the engineering profession, but also to strengthening the industry and serving the communities in which they live and work."

I grew up in Northwest Indiana and earned my engineering degree from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in 1984. I began my career with the Illinois Department of Transportation, working in construction and transportation planning.

In 1990, I joined Clark Dietz, Inc. in Champaign, Illinois, as a staff engineer. Over more than 35 years with the firm, I have worked primarily in traffic and transportation engineering while taking on increasing leadership responsibilities. I serve as Executive Vice President and Chairman of the Board.

I have been married to my wife, Janet, since 1993. Janet is also an engineer, as are three of my brothers, making engineering a family tradition. We have two daughters, both college graduates, with one pursuing a master's.



> I was honored and humbled to be nominated by ACEC Nebraska and equally humbled to become a Fellow knowing some of the members and their accomplishments to advance their companies, the industry, and ACEC."

Jeff Sockel, PE, VMA

Senior Vice President
Alfred Benesch & Company
ACEC Nebraska

Jeff Sockel, PE, VMA, is a Kansas State University graduate (BSIE) and licensed professional civil engineer in multiple states. He has dedicated much of his career to serving public agencies across Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Colorado, and North Dakota in construction engineering, transportation design, intelligent transportation systems, traffic incident management, and value engineering.

Jeff currently manages Benesch's Nebraska Division and serves on Benesch's Board of Directors. He has served ACEC Nebraska in numerous board roles, including President and National Director, and currently serves as Treasurer of the ACEC/Nebraska PAC Board of Trustees. Nationally, he serves on ACEC's National Education Advisory Group, helping shape future conference and education programs. Jeff was named one of the Midlands Business Journal's 2010 "40 Under 40."



Janie L. Tiedeman, PE

Senior Vice President
RS&H, Inc.
ACEC Maryland

Janie Tiedeman, PE, is Senior Vice President of RS&H's East Region Infrastructure Practice, where she provides strategic leadership for growth, operations, and project delivery. Her career began in structural engineering and expanded to leadership roles across marketing, project development, and operations. Janie served as ACEC National's Membership Engagement and Belonging Committee Chair from 2023-2025 and currently serves on the ACEC National Planning Cabinet. An active ACEC/MD member for more than three decades, she served as a Director from 2022-2025 and as Transportation committee chair from 2024-2025. She was a founding member of ACEC/MD's Member Engagement and Belonging committee, where she remains active. Janie holds a master's in Structural Engineering and a bachelor's in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland.



> Election to the College of Fellows is a distinct honor and a meaningful opportunity to further support ACEC and advance its mission at the national level."

Paul E. Wasser, PE, GBU

Senior Vice President
GBU Department Manager
Schnabel Engineering
ACEC Idaho

Schnabel ENGINEERING

Paul Wasser, P.E. is a Senior Vice President with Schnabel Engineering in Boise, Idaho, with more than 32 years of experience in geotechnical engineering and construction materials testing. He holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering and Master of Engineering Management from Brigham Young University. Paul leads Schnabel's Geotechnical Business Unit in Boise.

Active with ACEC of Idaho for more than 20 years, Paul served as Executive Board member for 11 years and Idaho's National Director. He currently chairs the Government Affairs Committee and was recently appointed to ACEC's National Transportation Steering Committee.

For 26 years, Paul has supported transportation projects throughout Idaho, primarily for the Idaho Transportation Department. He is dedicated to mentoring interns, early-career engineers, and emerging industry leaders.



> Being named an ACEC Fellow is both an incredible honor and a reflection of the many mentors, colleagues, clients, and teams who have shaped my career. To me, Fellowship represents a commitment to advancing the engineering profession beyond project work through leadership, mentorship, advocacy, and service. Throughout my career, I have been passionate about helping clients solve complex challenges while also investing in the next generation of engineers and industry leaders. This recognition is meaningful because it acknowledges not only professional achievement, but also the responsibility we have to strengthen our profession and create opportunities for those who follow us. I am grateful to be part of a community of leaders who are dedicated to making a lasting impact on our industry and the communities we serve."

Janet L. Webster, PE

Managing Principal
Clark Nexsen, Inc.
ACEC Virginia

CLARKNEXSEN
A JMT Company

Janet Webster, PE, is a Managing Principal with Clark Nexsen and a licensed professional engineer with more than three decades of experience leading complex projects and multidisciplinary teams. Janet has been an active and engaged participant in ACEC at both the state and national levels, serving as ACEC Virginia President, National Director, Education Committee Chair, and PAC Committee Chair. She has dedicated significant time to advancing the consulting engineering profession through leadership, advocacy, and professional development. Janet is also a passionate advocate for STEM education and mentorship, serving as a Senior Capstone Mentor for Old Dominion University's Civil Engineering program and engaging students through outreach. She is committed to developing emerging professionals and shaping the next generation of engineering leaders.



> It is an honor to be recognized by ACEC and to join the distinguished group of leaders in the College of Fellows."

Brian Welker, PE

Senior Vice President & COO
Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
ACEC Illinois

CMT
Infrastructure Professionals

Brian Welker is a Principal with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. (CMT), where he previously served as Chief Operating Officer. With more than 43 years of experience in the industry, Welker has built a career distinguished by firm leadership, industry engagement, and service to the profession.

Welker has held several leadership positions with ACEC Illinois, including Vice Chair and Director, and serves nationally on the ACEC Risk Management Committee. In that role, he has helped lead the Committee's annual professional liability carrier interviews over the past several years, giving member firms valuable insight into the evolving risk management landscape.

Throughout his career, Welker has combined engineering business leadership with a deep, longstanding commitment to supporting ACEC and its member firms.



> ACEC has played a significant role in my professional development, and being welcomed into the College of Fellows is a tremendous opportunity to continue giving back to the profession that has given so much to me."

Steve Wurster, PE

President
Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.
ACEC Wisconsin

Ruekert · Mielke

Steve Wurster is President and CEO of Ruekert & Mielke (R/M), a 100% ESOP Wisconsin engineering firm serving municipal, private, and agricultural clients. During his 27-year career with R/M, Steve has advanced from project engineer to CEO.

A licensed professional engineer in multiple states, Steve focuses on municipal infrastructure, water resources, stormwater management, flood mitigation, and watershed planning.

Steve has been an active ACEC leader for two decades. He served as inaugural chair of ACEC Wisconsin's Water Committee, chaired its Board of Directors, served as National Director, and currently serves as Wisconsin's PAC Champion.

Steve is most proud of being a husband and father. He is active in workforce development, STEM outreach, food insecurity initiatives, foster-child programs, and youth coaching.

2026 NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS-BASED SELECTION AWARDS

Jointly administered by ACEC and NSPE, the National Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) Awards recognize public and private entities and individuals for exemplary use of the QBS process or extraordinary contributions to its advancement.

PUBLIC SECTOR AWARD

County of Ventura, California
Recognized for exemplary use of the Qualifications-Based Selection process in the public sector.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD

Mark Steiner
Former Senior Policy Director
and Senior Consultant, ACEC

Recognized for many years of exemplary advocacy for the Qualifications-Based Selection process.



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> "I'm honored to receive this recognition. ACEC has given me the opportunity to work alongside some incredible leaders and advocates for our profession, and those relationships have shaped my career in countless ways. To be recognized by an organization that has meant so much to me is incredibly meaningful, and I'm grateful for everyone I've had the chance to serve with along the way."

Brandon Claborn

Vice President of Environmental
WSB

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Brandon Claborn, P.E., CFM, is Vice President of the Environmental Division at WSB, leading environmental and water resources services nationwide. Based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, he has more than 25 years of experience in hydrology, hydraulics, stormwater management, and flood mitigation.

Brandon serves as National Director for ACEC Oklahoma and has served as Chair of the ACEC Coalition Leaders and Chair of ACEC's Small Firms Coalition.

Brandon was a founding board member of Claremore Habitat for Humanity and co-led development of more than fifteen miles of mountain bike and hiking trails in Claremore, Oklahoma, where he and his wife, Kym, raised two daughters. He is also active in outreach through Claremore First church, including recovery from the May 25, 2024 tornado.

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> “It’s incredibly rewarding to see my body of work and the impact I had in influencing and inspiring others across the industry being recognized.”

Melvin C. Williams
F.SAME, FACEC
College of Fellows Committee and
Engineering Excellence Awards Committee
ACEC South Carolina







Melvin C. Williams, F.SAME, FACEC, has devoted nearly four decades to the engineering industry, building a career distinguished not only by professional achievement, but by an extraordinary commitment to service, leadership, advocacy, and mentorship.

Most recently serving as Senior Client Development Manager and Vice President at Terracon, Williams has held leadership roles throughout his career focused on strategic growth, client development, and major projects in the built environment. He previously spent more than three decades with S&ME, where his responsibilities grew from technical and project management roles to Vice President and Senior Business Developer. Throughout his career, he has made the development of emerging professionals a priority, providing training, mentorship, and opportunities for younger staff to build relationships and grow as leaders.

Williams' service to ACEC spans the local, state, and national levels. Nationally, he has served as a Vice Chair and Senior Vice Chair of the ACEC Board of Directors, Chair of the Planning Cabinet, a member of the ACEC Research Institute Board, and in leadership and service roles across numerous committees. Today, his involvement includes the College of Fellows Committee, Engineering Excellence Awards Committee, Federal Agencies & Procurement Advocacy Committee, and Transportation Committee.

His commitment is equally evident within ACEC of South Carolina, where he has served on the Board of Directors, led transportation initiatives, strengthened collaboration with the South Carolina Department of Transportation, and advocated for policies supporting engineering firms and infrastructure investment. In 2023, ACEC-SC named him Engineer of the Year in recognition of his outstanding service to ACEC and the engineering industry.

Beyond ACEC, Williams has brought that same spirit of service to an extensive network of civic, educational, professional, and economic development organizations. His leadership has included service with the Society of American Military Engineers, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, South Carolina Economic Development Association, Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments, MUSC Hollings Cancer Center Advisory Board, The Citadel Civil Engineering Advisory Board, South Carolina State University, and Trident Technical College Foundation. His work with colleges and universities reflects a particular commitment to mentorship, scholarships, and preparing the next generation of engineering professionals.

Williams is a Fellow of both the American Council of Engineering Companies and the Society of American Military Engineers. His many honors include ACEC's Community Service Award, induction into The Citadel's Academy of Engineers, recognition as ACEC-SC Engineer of the Year and Charleston Engineers Joint Council Engineer of the Year, and numerous honors recognizing his influence and service throughout South Carolina.

A graduate of South Carolina State University and The Citadel, Williams has built a legacy that extends well beyond the projects and organizations he has helped lead. Through decades of volunteer leadership, advocacy, mentorship, and service, he has strengthened ACEC, elevated the engineering profession, and opened doors for those who will lead it next.



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