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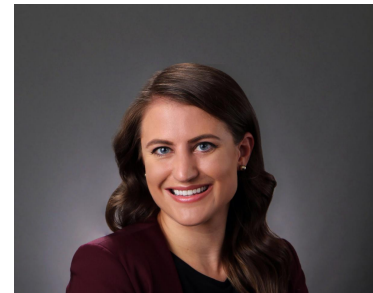
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## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME MESSAGE

By Jenna Brose, P.E., PTOE, AECOM

Fellow ITE Illinois Section Members and Supporters -

Hard to believe we are in fall already! As we head into the holiday season, I'd like to share what the Section has been up to over the summer and what's next.



### 2021 Great Lakes District Section Momentum Award Winner

For the second year in a row the Illinois Section was selected as the recipient of the District Section Momentum Award from the Great Lakes District. This award recognizes the section that has garnered the greatest momentum in the past year related to Student/Younger Member Support; Application of Technical Knowledge; Networking Events; K-12 STEM Outreach; New Member Recruitment; Diversity and Inclusion; training/Professional Development; Field Trips/ Technical Tours; Service Projects; Funding Support; LeadershipITE involvement; and Advocacy. We hope you have all enjoyed the opportunities offered through ILITE this year and are always looking for more ideas to continue to grow so please feel free to contact me at any time.

This all-encompassing award is the result of the combined efforts of the entire board. I'm grateful for the commitment to ILITE that each committee lead, and executive board member has made over the past year.

### Mentorship Match Program

The Section's Mentorship Match Program is well underway with three monthly rotations complete and three more to go. I hope all participants have enjoyed the opportunity to form deeper relationships within the ITE Community. I look forward to building on this program next year expanding it to include even more new faces.

### Section Awards

Hard to believe awards season is right around the corner. We are now looking for nominations for this year's Outstanding Member of the Year and John LaPlante Past Presidents Award. The Outstanding Member of the Year award goes to an IL ITE Section member that has demonstrated extraordinary contributions to the Illinois Sections goals and objectives. The John LaPlante Past Presidents Award goes to someone who has performed outstanding service for the Section and/or the transportation industry.

### Recent Events

#### August 10th

ITE Representatives supported the Chicago Engineers Foundation providing feedback to CPS High School students in their pitch competition.

#### August 11th

The Activities and Technical Committee hosted technical webinar event "Grant Funding 101" with Seema Wadia and Tammy Wierciak of Metro Strategies. We thank them for providing our members with a greater

understanding of the funding types available and how to secure this funding.

#### August 26th

The Activities Committee organized the joint annual golf outing event with WTS Greater Chicago and ITS Midwest at Top Golf in Schaumburg.

#### August 29-31

The Great Lakes District Annual Meetings took place at the Hilton in Columbus, Ohio. Representative from the Illinois Section Board attended the District Board Meeting to discuss what's on the horizon for ITE.

#### October 7th

The Student Affairs Committee joined WTS, COMTO and YPT for the 7th Annual Speed Networking Event.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### November 9th

Roundtable discussing emerging traffic signal innovations with representatives from CDOT, DuPage County DOT, Lake County DOT and IDOT.

#### November 17th

Kaiser Tiger social benefitting Dress for Success

#### November 18th

Tri-State Project Update with the Illinois Tollway

#### December 14th

Joint holiday party with WTS

Be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

As always, I encourage anyone to please reach out to me if you'd like to get more actively involved or with any questions, comments, or suggestions for the ITE Illinois Section at [Illinoisite+president@gmail.com](mailto:Illinoisite+president@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Jenna Brose, P.E., PTOE

Illinois Section President

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# Illinois Section News and Announcements

## Recap: Annual Golf Outing

On August 26th, Illinois Section of ITE, ITS Midwest and WTS Greater Chicago Chapter hosted the 11th Annual Golf Outing. The event looked different this year as it was moved to the TopGolf venue in Schaumburg, but was well attended with over 70 participants. Those who came out enjoyed the food, drinks and socializing at the outdoor bays. Thank you to all of the event sponsors. All proceeds are going toward student scholarships - we greatly appreciate your support!

## Operations News and Announcements

*By Operations Director Curtis Cornwell*

The Illinois Section of ITE would like to welcome our new professional and student members:

### Professional Members

Alfredo Rodriguez, Alfred Benesch & Co.  
Michael Scavo, Langan Engineering and Environmental Services  
Tyler Grau, Stanley Consultants, Inc.  
Nils Jordahl, BLA Inc.  
Joe Milsap, WSP  
Craig Jakobsen, Jacobs Engineering Group

### Student Members

Cameron Anderson, SIUE  
Destini James-Bryant, SIU  
Gretchen Bella, Northwestern  
Anna Slominski, IIT

We encourage all new members to reach out our Operations Chair, Curtis Cornwell at [illinoisite+operations@gmail.com](mailto:illinoisite+operations@gmail.com) if they have any questions.

## Technical Group News and Announcements

*By Technical Director Andrew Freeman*

ILITE will be hosting representatives from four different agencies (IDOT, CDOT, Lake County, and DuPage County) for a roundtable discussion about traffic signal innovations. This event will be hosted online using Zoom on 11/9/2021. This roundtable discussion will include cover a variety of topics related to traffic signal standards and technology in addition to a Q&A session. Additional information and registration about this event will be sent in a separate email. If you have any questions you'd like to submit before the roundtable, please reach out to ILITE Technical Director Andrew Freeman at [illinoisite+technical@gmail.com](mailto:illinoisite+technical@gmail.com).

## Student Affairs News and Announcements

*By Student Affairs Director Patrick Jordan*

### **2021 Student Scholarship and Student Paper Competition**

ITE Illinois Section is continuing the yearly Scholarship and Student Paper Competition Awards for 2021.

The ITE Illinois Section Scholarship Awards are presented annually to one graduate student and one undergraduate student who have demonstrated a strong interest in the transportation field through their coursework, a personal statement, faculty recommendation, and several other criteria. The awards, in the amount of \$2,000 each, are to provide partial financial support to students considering Transportation

Engineering or Planning in their future career aspirations.

Additionally, graduate students are also provided the opportunity to submit a written paper on a transportation engineering or planning topic. The winning paper will be awarded \$1,000. The papers are judged on scope and format, originality, applicability to the field, validity, and significance.

The applications and more information will be provided to the student chapters and posted to the Illinois Section website. The deadline for submissions is expected to be in early December, 2021.

Please free feel to contact Patrick Jordan at [illinoisite+studentaffairs@gmail.com](mailto:illinoisite+studentaffairs@gmail.com) with any questions.

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## ITE News and Announcements

### Sam Schwartz Announcements

Sam Schwartz is pleased to announce that Soumya Dey, PE, PMP has joined the firm as Vice President and National Director, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). More information can be found here:

[Soumya Dey, PE, PMP, Joins Sam Schwartz](#)

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## Professional Development Seminars

### TRB Webinars

The Transportation Research Board (TRB) hosts several conference recording and webinars on their website. The recordings and webinars cover a wide range of topics in the transportation field. Select, live webinars are available for Professional Development Hours (PDHs). Check out the TRB Webinar and Conference Recording Program [HERE](#).

### ITE Web Seminars

Several ITE webinars are available through the [ITE Learning Hub](#). Log in today to check out upcoming events.

### T3 Webinars

Talking Technology and Transportation (T3) Webinars are designed to help agencies feel confident about deploying ITS technologies as a means to address challenges in their transportation systems. These free, 90-minute, interactive online meetings offer knowledge sharing on topics related to ITS planning, design, procurement, deployment, and operations. T3 current and archived webinars are available [HERE](#).

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## Upcoming ITE Events

Stay tuned for exciting events for later this year. Check out our ILITE Event calendar for ILITE events and other transportation events happening!

[ILITE Event Calendar](#)

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## Thank You to All Our 2021 IL ITE

### Hey Section Member!

Get involved! There are open positions in the Student Affairs Group, the Activities Group, the Technical Group, and the Public Affairs Group. To volunteer on an ILITE committee, contact the group's director.

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### Do you have a news-worthy story?

Tell ITEms all about it! Send your article submissions to the editor: Katie Biggs  
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The success of the Illinois Section is due to the hard work of our volunteers who serve on the Executive Board and as a Committee Chair.

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You can read more about our Committees and the officers' Roles & Responsibilities and download the many materials that they produce to keep our section running by clicking on the link above.

As our committees transition to the new structure outlined in the 2021 Bylaws, be on the look out for more information posted to our website early 2021.





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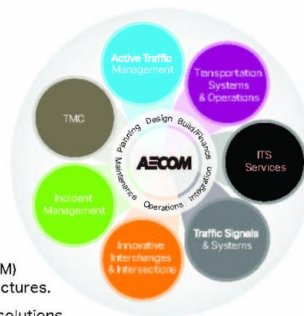
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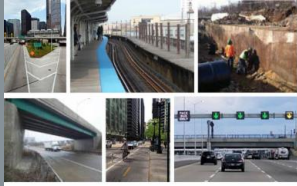
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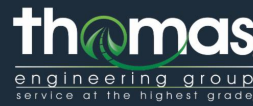
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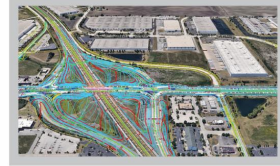


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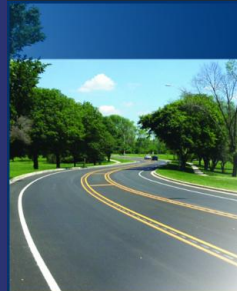
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