IN FOCUS

As we near the end of the calendar year, we reflect on accomplishments and challenges both professional and personal. We tend to look back to see if we achieved all we planned during the year and set goals for the new year. How do you define success or an accomplishment?

As you read this newsletter, I remind you that today is Giving Tuesday or #GivingTuesday. This event was first announced in 2012 as a movement to create an international day of giving at the beginning of the holiday season. A busy season, family and work gatherings to attend or plan, New Year’s Eve celebrations and visiting with friends while not losing what matters most during the holiday and religious season is so important. With so much going on, taking time to make a difference for someone else isn’t lost. Take time to enjoy the festivities and important moments but also enjoy what it means to give back. Giving back doesn’t have to be done through monetary ways but donate time with children, volunteer for humans and animals alike and even give back to yourself. Revel in your own success and accomplishments and decide what the next year will bring to you.

ACEC/PA is here for you professionally, but we also hope you think of us as you build relationships and create friendships. There are many opportunities to mentor new members or small companies, bring someone new to a chapter meeting or ensure staff at your office is networking with others outside of your firm at committee meetings and conferences. How can you impact someone else? Give back!

Happy holidays to you and yours.

Leeann Sherman
ACEC/PA Executive Director
STAY ON TOP OF ISSUES PERTAINING TO TRANSPORTATION & OTHER LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- **Transportation Recap** - Read it [here](#)
- **Capitol Recap** - Read it [here](#)
- **Legislative Bill Tracker** - Read it [here](#)

PaCE Raffle ends soon
Buy your Sports Raffle tickets supporting the PA Consulting Engineers PAC to help build our advocacy fund, so we can support those who support our industry....[Buy here](#)

Pennsylvania Democrats have high hopes for redistricting
The opportunity for Democrats to enhance their prospects in races for legislative and congressional seats for an entire decade is still three years away, but they’re already thinking about it in Pennsylvania...[Read more](#)

Republican Kasich may challenge Trump in 2020
Former Republican presidential candidate John Kasich says he is seriously considering another run in 2020...[Read more](#)

Casey says he's considering a run for president
Democratic U.S. Sen. Bob Casey says he's considering a run for the White House...[Read more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Meetings

**January Government Affairs Breakfast with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Secretary, Leslie Richards**
Wednesday, Jan. 9
Hershey Country Club
[Read more](#)
[Register now](#)

**January Central Chapter Meeting with Brad Heigel, P.E., Chief Engineer, PA Turnpike Commission**
Wednesday, Jan. 9
West Shore Country Club
January Western Chapter Meeting with Gary Graham, P.E., Assistant Chief Engineer, PA Turnpike Commission
Friday, Jan. 11
Cefalo's Restaurant

January Eastern Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 15
The Desmond Hotel

SAVE THE DATE

Diamond Awards Gala
Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019
Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

ACEC/PASpring Conference
April 16 - 17, 2019
Hilton Harrisburg

ACEC Convention
May 5 - 8, 2019
Learn more here

2019 Annual Meeting
May 19 - 21, 2019
Kimpton Aertson Hotel, Nashville, TN

COMMITTEE NEWS

You Are ACEC/PA
We have 22 different committees looking for your leadership and expertise. Check out the committee page to see which one is for you. Those interested in learning more should contact the ACEC/PA office at (800) 651-1946 or ACEC/PA Executive Director Leeann Sherman.

Members Only
Don’t forget that you can access any committee page from the Member’s Only area after logging in. You will find resources specific to those committees, meeting agendas, meeting minutes and documents.
PennDOT Maintenance Activities
Learn more about the activities here

ARBTA Election Results Report
Read the report here

2019 TQI AWARDS – Nominations Now Being Accepted
Building on the successful 2018 TQI Awards Banquet, we are calling for nominations for the 2019 TQI Partnering, Diversity, and Community Connection Awards… Read more

AIA Conference
Learn more here

RESOURCES
Preparing for the Future of Automated and Connected Vehicles
Monday, Dec. 3, 2018 ● 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Register here

Ownership Transition in a FAR Friendly Environment
Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018 ● 1:30 – 3 p.m.
Register here

Emerging Technologies for Engineers
Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019 ● 1:30 – 3 p.m.
Register here

PACE Certifications
Learn more here

Call for Presentations
The PSPE Education Committee works to offer a robust program of educational sessions for licensed engineers, helping them to meet continuing education requirements and gain multi-disciplinary training. They are seeking proposals in the form of 60 – 90-minute presentations. Learn more here.

Harrisburg University Named U.S. STEM University of the Year
Harrisburg University was recognized by a UK business publication as the United States' STEM university of the year for its health care and life sciences programs… Read more
Urban Engineers once again teams up with ACE Mentor Program of Eastern PA.
No matter how large or small the project, Urban Engineers understands that the best results are always achieved together. That is why during this holiday season, we once again teamed up with the ACE Mentor Program of Eastern Pennsylvania and are asking for your help to inspire the next generation of architects, contractors, and engineers.

With every click on the video above into the new year, Urban Engineers will donate $1.00* to the Kevin Brown, Jr. scholarship fund** for students participating in the ACE Mentor Program. Nationally, the ACE Program is the construction industry’s fastest-growing high school mentoring program in the country.

For five years in a row, Urban successfully raised $5,000 through its holiday video campaign. However, with $20,000 being the average cost of attending an in-state university, we ask that you not only share this video, but you also make a tax-free donation, big or small, to the ACE Mentor Program’s Kevin Brown, Jr. Scholarship.

Together, let’s raise $20,000 to help send a future civil engineer to college. Thank you for your holiday spirit!

ACEC/PA Needs Your Help
- Do you have committee news to share or know of a colleague/firm making a difference? We’d want to share that news! Please send ACEC/PA Executive Director Leeann Sherman the information for inclusion in an upcoming edition of forward.
- We want to communicate with you. Please take a moment to update your profile with us so you don’t miss any important news or events.

Did You Know?
The happiest couples are those who consider each other their best friend.

Connect with Us on Social Media
Follow ACEC/PA on social media to keep up-to-date with the latest company news, industry highlights and benefit from a range of useful resources.