Happy March and happy warm weather! I heard the other day that this feels like the 367th day of March 2020, and in some ways it does. Especially with how fast time has flown by and how the Eastern Chapter of KSPE is still in a virtual setting. Thank you all for adapting and sticking with us as we can start to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

February is always a busy month. We completed MATHCOUNTS virtually, Bridge Building (and breaking) at a distance, and Future Cities via video conference. All of these events were capped off by the 70th Annual E-Week Celebration on February 25th, where we celebrated student award winners, engineers, and had a great conversation with Astronaut Jack D. Fischer. Thank you to all who participated and asked questions.

Student Awards - At the E-Week Celebration we didn’t have results for MATHCOUNTS or Future Cities so I’d like to recognize ALL of our student winners.

**FUTURE CITIES:**

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**SPECIAL AWARD**

- NCEES Best Land Surveying Practices: Novaturia, West MS, Lawrence, KS
- PMIEF Best Project Plan Award: Amidala, Southwest MS, Lawrence, KS
MATHCOUNTS - The KSPE Eastern Chapter hosted the 38th Annual MATHCOUNTS Chapter Competition on Tuesday, February 25, 2021 virtually. There were 150 students from 21 area middle schools that participated in this year's Chapter Competition event. There were 40 students invited to the Chapter Invitational Competition. The results were:

Top 10 Individuals who will receive trophies:
1. Arnesh Sharma (Pleasant Ridge Middle School)
2. Medha Goli (Lakewood Middle School)
3. Sriram Srinivasa Kalki (Overland Trail Middle School)
4. Krrish Madduru (Pleasant Ridge Middle School)
5. Aashritha Musti (Pleasant Ridge Middle School)
6. Trisha Rastogi (Prairie Star Middle School)
7. Rishi Goli (Lakewood Middle School)
8. Alex Guo (Lakewood Middle School)
9. Neil Agarwal (Lakewood Middle School)
10. Sathvik Seema (Lakewood Middle School)

Congratulations to all our chapter winners! Best wishes to all students as they compete in the State Competition on March 25th, 2021!

BRIDGE BUILDING

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Congrats again to all of those that participated in these and the many other STEM activities.

Engineer of the Year - It was also an honor to recognize the Eastern Chapter of KSPE Engineer of the Year, Tony Rome. Tony is a familiar face for the Eastern Chapter as he has been an active member since 2009 and a board member since 2014. Congrats Tony, thank you for all you continue to do for KSPE!

March Madness - Now that we are already a week into March, it would typically be time for the annual March Madness event. In lieu of meeting, Rachel Henkhaus has set up a March Madness Bracket Challenge for us all to participate in and possible win a prize! The details are provided in this newsletter.

Awards - Please take some time to make nominations for the annual KSPE awards. We don’t recognize each other enough in the engineering community, so please take the time to do so. Nomination forms can be found here: [https://www.kansasengineer.org/Awards](https://www.kansasengineer.org/Awards) and are due back on March 15th to Allison Bruner.

Officer Nominations - Lastly, we are taking nominations for upcoming 2021 – 2022 Officers to serve on the Board. Our two openings are for Secretary and Membership Committee. If you would like to know more about the responsibilities or have questions, please contact me at krotering@olsson.com. Thank you all for being active participants in the Eastern Chapter of KSPE and I look forward to seeing your bracket in the March Madness Bracket Challenge!
The KSPE Eastern Chapter is seeking nominations for this year’s awards.

Nominations are due by March 15th, 2021

The Eastern Chapter award recipients will also be submitted on April 1, 2020 to KSPE for State award consideration.

**Award Categories**
- Young Engineer of the Year
- Intern Engineer of the Year
- Government Engineer of the Year
- KSPE Award
- Outstanding Engineering Achievement
- Professional Development
- Outstanding Citizen
- Outstanding Teacher

Nomination forms may be found on KSPE's website ([www.kansasengineer.org/awards](http://www.kansasengineer.org/awards)). Please submit your nominations to Allison Bruner at abuner@trekkdesigngroup.com.
Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE
April Virtual Meeting
Kansas City Streetcar Update joint meeting with SAME and MSPE

Date: Thursday, April 22nd, 2021
Time: 12:00 – 1:00 PM
Cost: Free, virtual presentation info will be provided in the future.
Presenter: Tom Gerend, Executive Director, Kansas City Streetcar Authority
Event Details: Stay tuned for more details on this event. Looking forward to seeing you all virtually!

Please join us in some March Madness fun by participating in our bracket challenge through CBS Sports. Typically we have an in-person watch party this time of year. With COVID, we are planning some virtual fun. Stay tuned for the link to sign up and fill out your brackets when it is available mid-March!

Participation includes:
- Chance to win a gift card for the top 3 participants! Bragging rights are included too.
- Weekly emails to stir up some (appropriate) trash talk.
# Kansas Society of Professional Engineers - Eastern Chapter

## Treasurer’s Report: Feb. 2021

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