

## President's Note

Greetings ASCE Broward Branch Members,

I hope everyone is having a great third quarter of 2025. So far, we've made good progress in fulfilling the goals for our Branch this year:

**Goal #1: Increase Branch membership participation.**

- We're in the process of finalizing membership surveys that will provide feedback from members regarding past & future events. Also, we're developing new flyers that will be distributed to members promoting new Local, State and Nation-wide ASCE events.

**Goal #2: Engage and increase public sector participation.**

- We're planning a public sector event in Spring of 2026 and we're continuing to offer discounted prices for all public sector members.

**Goal #3: Increase Branch presence within Broward County and Tri-County.**

- We're planning to collaborate and participate in new events in 2026 such as ACEC/FES/FDOT D4 Bridge Competition, American Heart Association Walk, public/private sector construction site tours and several community outreach events. Also, we're on pace to surpass our annual sponsorship's sales goal allowing us to schedule new events in 2026.

**Goal #4: Increase Branch participation in Student Chapters and Institutes.**

- We've participated in several Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and University of Miami (UM) student chapter lunch & learns presentations and have already hosted our first UESI Institute event in November with many more to come in 2026.

**Goal #5: Submit and win 2026 ASCE FL Section Conference Branch of the Year Award.**

- We're in the final stages of developing events, activities, and initiatives that will allow the Branch to submit a competitive Branch of the Year package.

We have a strong team of board members to help put together great events for all to learn, enjoy, and participate. We appreciate your continued support for our Branch and look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

*Juan Carlos Samuel, E.I., ENV SP*

ASCE Broward Branch President



# Upcoming Events & Partnerships

January 2026  
January 10, 2026  
January 20-21, 2026  
January 24, 2026

Lunch and Learn - Topic TBD  
Adopt-a-Dune  
FES Professional Engineers  
Legislative Days  
FES/ACEC Bridge Competition

# Meet the 2025-2026 E-Board!



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# Highlights from Past Events

## Installation Dinner

On October 9th we had the pleasure of hosting our Annual Installation Dinner and Awards Ceremony. The event was held at the Pelican Grand Beach Resort in Fort Lauderdale. Over 120 participants attended to witness the installation of our 2025 – 2026 Executive Board. We also recognized our chair positions, celebrated events held throughout the year, and presented scholarships and Annual Branch awards.

The event featured live music, drinks, and a stunning view overlooking the beach, providing a perfect atmosphere for networking and connecting with peers. It was a memorable night and a great opportunity to reflect on the many accomplishments of the ASCE Broward Branch over the past year and look forward to the year to come!



### ***Congratulations to the respective recipients of awards:***

- Engineer of the Year: Huntley Higgins, P.E.
- Young Engineer of the Year: Charmaine Emanuels, P.E.
- Government Engineer of the Year: Brandy Leighton, P.E.
- Small Project of the Year: 48-inch Product Watermain (City of Fort Lauderdale, Chen Moore & Associates, David Mancini & Sons, Inc.)
- Large Project of the Year: I-95 Express Lanes Phase 3B-2 (FDOT D4, WSP, Prince Contracting LLC)
- Sustainable Project of the Year: I-75 Alligator Alley Environmental Education Center (FDOT D4, EAC Consulting, Inc., Halley Engineering Contractors, Inc.)

# Highlights from Past Events

## Installation Dinner, continued



## ASCE Florida Section Food Drive

The ASCE Broward Branch participated in the ASCE Florida Section Food Drive which ran from October 15 through November 15. A canned food and cash donation was made to the Pantry of Broward. Thank you to all who participated!

# Highlights from Past Events

## Port Everglades Bypass Road Tour

On Tuesday, October 22nd, ASCE Broward hosted a guided construction tour of the Port Everglades Bypass Roadway Project—an ambitious infrastructure effort designed to improve connectivity and reduce congestion in one of Broward County’s most traveled corridors. Once complete, the bypass roadway will offer an efficient alternative for travelers and help streamline access to major destinations throughout the area. The project is funded in part by the Florida Department of Transportation and the Broward County Highway Construction and Engineering Division.

This two-hour event featured a concise technical presentation followed by an exclusive behind-the-scenes driving tour of the construction. Over 25 members were in attendance.



## Pickleball Social

On Thursday, November 6th, ASCE Broward Branch came together at the Diadem Pickleball Complex in Coconut Creek for a lively clinic and social fundraiser. Members enjoyed two hours of pickleball play, ranging from beginner to expert levels, followed by refreshing cocktails and plenty of pizza to share. The evening also included a canned food drive to help stock our local community pantry, adding a meaningful touch to the fun. With about 40 members in attendance, the event was a wonderful mix of recreation, networking, and giving back. The YMG Committee is excited to welcome even more members next year!



# Highlights from Past Events

## FES Legislative Night

On Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> ASCE Broward Branch teamed up with FES Broward County Chapter to host an informative and interactive event with local Florida State representatives in Dania Beach. The focus of the event was to discuss key issues shaping the engineering profession in the state of Florida. The evening provided attendees with a valuable opportunity to connect, network, and engage directly with local leaders. Approximately 100 individuals attended the event.



## November Lunch and Learn

On Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, representatives from the City of Fort Lauderdale and Wade Trim presented the George T. Lohmeyer WWTP Redundant Effluent Force Main Project. The presentation was led by Gabrielle Bork, Project Manager for the City of Fort Lauderdale, along with Freddy Betancourt, Wade Trim’s National Pipeline Technical Lead, and Shari Ramirez, Wade Trim Senior Project Manager. Drawing on decades of combined experience in water and wastewater infrastructure, the speakers highlighted practical lessons learned in microtunneling, resolving complex utility conflicts, and coordinating with multiple stakeholders. The discussion provided valuable insight into successfully delivering large-scale infrastructure projects within dense urban environments.

The luncheon was held at the UF/IFAS Fort Lauderdale Research & Education Center. A total of 42 members were in attendance.



# Highlights from Past Events

## South Florida Student Map Contest

On Thursday, November 20th, the University of Florida Geomatics hosted the 2025 South Florida GIS Day Map Contest at the UF Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center. The event partnered with multiple organizations including Utility Engineering and Surveying Institute (UESI) Broward County Chapter.

The event wasn't just a competition—it was a community experience. Students, faculty, sponsors, and industry professionals came together for networking, a Student MAP Showcase, and an inspiring keynote from Rick Householder, Geospatial Program Director at Woolpert. Householder's insight on mapping and emerging technologies set the tone for an evening dedicated to collaboration and forward thinking.

The event served as a valuable networking opportunity, with approximately 20–30 professionals and 24 college students attending the evening of activities.



## About UESI



The Utility Engineering & Surveying Institute (UESI) is an ASCE specialty institute serving professionals in the utility, pipeline, and surveying industries, providing opportunities to network and help shape the industry through technical activities, conferences, and standards development.

For more information contact ASCE Broward Branch UESI Chair, Todd Bates at [toddbates@ufl.edu](mailto:toddbates@ufl.edu)



# Highlights from Student Chapters



## Florida Atlantic University

### Lunch and Learn

On Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, ASCE Broward Branch participated in a virtual lunch and learn presentation. The focus of the lunch and learn was to re-introduce the ASCE Broward Branch to the ASCE FAU Student Chapter and to discuss future collaborative efforts. Approximately 25 students attended the presentation.



## Florida International University

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Success Conference

On Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, more than 25 members of the ASCE FIU Student Chapter attended and participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Success Conference in Jacksonville, Florida. The focus of the conference was for students to learn key skills not taught in college such as resume building and leadership soft skills.





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## University of Miami

### Pumpkins with PEs

On Wednesday, October 29th, local industry professionals gathered with University of Miami students for Pumpkins with PEs, a festive social event designed to encourage connection and conversation between students and professionals. Hosted at the University of Miami, the event welcomed participants from a variety of engineering and industry backgrounds.

Attendees enjoyed light refreshments, pumpkin painting, and plenty of engaging discussion in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. The event was made possible through the generous support of Cummins Cederberg, Thornton Tomasetti, and CMA, whose sponsorship helped create a fun and meaningful networking opportunity for the UM student chapter. A total of 30 people attended the event.



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### Have any ideas or suggestions for future presentations?

We're always looking for presenters and ideas! If you're interested in presenting at an ASCE Broward Branch meeting or have suggestions, please contact us at [broward.asce@outlook.com](mailto:broward.asce@outlook.com).

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Events and Presentations

