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THE PROFILE

**Virginia Bailey**

2025 – 2026 ASHE President

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy end of February! I hope everyone is staying warm and safe through all our extreme winter weather this year!

I wanted to share a recent experience I had with volunteering with Junior Achievement at a local middle school. I remember my son talking about the program when he was in school, but I hadn't looked into what it entailed. The program is multifaceted, but I was drawn to "Career Paths" as the focus I felt I could offer the most insight.

My day began with meeting at the school at 7:30 a.m. for a brief overview with the other volunteers before being sent to a classroom. In that classroom, I reviewed and facilitated a career path survey to four classes of 7th graders with approximately 25 students per class. There was a teacher present, but the classroom was mine to lead my session. The amazing part of the experience was that those 7th graders were attentive and listened. They also asked a lot of questions. I introduced myself and provided a brief overview of our industry and how my career contributes to highway and bridge projects. I then led the exercise for them to explore career paths that match up to their personal interests. Many of the students learned about jobs that they hadn't thought about as careers. Yes, they are only in 7th grade, but high school course selection is right around the corner.

I was fortunate to have grown up with ties to our industry, but most kids aren't as aware. I felt really good that day as I left the school. I was done by 11 a.m., so the time commitment was short considering the impact the time may have had on students in my sessions.

No matter your level of experience, I highly encourage you to volunteer for Junior Achievement or other programs with school students to share your experience and knowledge!

—Virginia

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Are you an early-career engineer looking to expand your network, gain leadership experience, and have fun with like-minded professionals? The Young Members Group offers networking events, career development opportunities, and industry insights to help you grow. Be part of a dynamic community shaping the future of engineering.

Join us today and take your career to the next level!



Contact to Join! Brianna Brotheram
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The New ASHE Harrisburg Website is Live!

We're excited to officially unveil the new ASHE Harrisburg website—your new hub for events, registrations, chapter news, and member resources.



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1

Introductory Email (Gmail)

This message explains:

- What's new on the website
- How accounts work
- What to expect next

2

Action Required

- Email from: postmaster@mg.asheharrisburg.org

This email will:

- Include a personalized link for you to set up your account
- Walk you through creating your login
- Be the primary email source for all future ASHE Harrisburg communications
- Please check your spam or junk folder and add this address to your safe sender list.

If you're unable to access the website due to a security firewall, please contact your IT team for assistance.

PAST PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Eric Martz

**PRESIDENT
2020 – 2021**

Why did you join the ASHE Harrisburg Board of Directors and take on the role of President?

As with most ASHE Harrisburg Board Members, I joined as a 3-Year Director to become more involved, offer what I could to further the mission of the section, and to grow my professional network. After my term as Director concluded, I offered to become the 2nd Vice President and continue through to President. I believe that ASHE plays an important role in the transportation industry and I wanted to continue to strengthen the mission and the value offered to the membership.

What did you personally and professionally gain from your ASHE Harrisburg membership and leadership experience?

The return on investment from joining ASHE and becoming a board member was exponential. I met new colleagues and friends who I would not have met otherwise. I genuinely believe that ASHE provides the most value of any organization in the transportation industry. I was privileged to help expand the scholarship program and invest in the next generation of transportation industry professionals.

What are some of your favorite ASHE Harrisburg memories?

I was President during the 2020-2021 Section year – COVID! Our board members did a fantastic job of switching to a virtual environment and still offering virtual section meetings with relevant topics and speakers. A few of my favorite memories that come to mind are being honored as Member of the Year in 2022-2023, and the opportunity to interview Harrisburg Charter Member and Past President (1971-1972), John V. Rignani, PE, to learn more about the history of the Harrisburg Section.

What advice would you offer those just out of college/early in their careers?

The advice I offer to younger professionals is to “show up and get involved.” I believe they will find the experience invaluable. Joining ASHE and attending section meetings is the best way to expand your professional network.

What are you up to these days (Employment position, travel, hobbies, etc.)?

I am fortunate to work for an employee-owned company with a talented team – KCI Technologies, Inc. I oversee transportation design in Pennsylvania and support my co-workers to deliver a wide variety of projects for our clients. On the personal side, I enjoy spending time with my family and am thrilled to be a grandfather of two that live in Mechanicsburg. In my free time, I enjoy fishing and shooting sporting clays.

ASHE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT



EDWIN GONZALEZ III

Job Title: Civil Engineer/Transportation

Employer: Rettew

Years of Experience: 2.5

College/University & Degree:

Penn State University (bachelor's in civil engineering)

Hometown/Where You're From: Jersey City, NJ



What inspired you to pursue a career in engineering/transportation?

I took a career test in High school and engineering popped up. From there I sort of just went with it and never looked back. I'm very glad I didn't change my mind because I love what I do.

What's a project you've worked on that you're most proud of?

The project I am most proud of must be the very first one I worked on, SR 453. I had to look over 12+ intersections and provide sight distance calcs, proper slope/superelevation calcs, traffic control, a crash analysis, and redesign intersections that weren't compliant. For this to be my first BIG project I was very nervous because I just started working with RETTEW and wanted to make sure my work was done properly. I was able to use my own creative ideas, and it was approved. This was a huge boost of confidence for me.

Are you a part of ASHE? If yes, what do you enjoy most about being part of ASHE?

I am part of ASHE and I like that I can communicate with engineers and learn different perspectives from them.

Outside of work, what are your hobbies or interests?

Outside of work I like to watch anime, attend the Renaissance Faire, play video games with friends online, play Magic the Gathering with friends, go to the gym and try new restaurants.

A few other things I enjoy are hiking, white water rafting, mini golf, listening to music and spending time with my girlfriend and two cats.

Fun fact about you that most people don't know

When I was in high school, I broke a lot of different records for Track and Cross Country (XC). I had a sub-5-minute mile and the fastest 800m time as a freshman.

If you could give one piece of advice to peer young engineers, what would it be?

Never be afraid to be yourself and voice your opinion as much as you can. When working on projects, even the more experience engineers can make mistakes so never discredit yourself if/when you make one too.

INTERESTED IN BEING FEATURED?

Download a copy of our Young Member Spotlight form from our website here and submit it to Brianna Rotheram: https://asheharrisburg.org/Young_Members



ASHE
Harrisburg



PENNDOT Engineering District 8-0
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
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**20th ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

Date: April 14th, 2025

Time: Registration Begins - 7:30 AM
Conference Begins - 9:00 AM
Closing Remarks - 3:00 PM

Location: Spooky Nook Sports, Olympic Hall
2913 Spooky Nook Road,
Manheim, PA 17545



VIEW THE EVENT INFORMATION HERE:

<https://asheharrisburg.starchapter.com/meetinginfo.php?id=5&ts=1767872679>

Registration will be available soon on this page.

SPACE IS NOT LIMITED

Please contact Jen Hendricks at Jennifer.Hendricks@Kimley-Horn.com or 717-877-6271 with questions.
Agenda and Conference Handouts will be posted at online: <https://www.asheharrisburg.org>

STRIKE UP SOME FUN!

3rd Annual ASHE Harrisburg BOWLING OUTING



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

RSVP by March 18!

Join us for an afternoon of bowling filled with strikes, spares, and nonstop laughs! Whether you're a pro or just here for the lunch, it's all about having a great time.

All proceeds support the ASHE Scholarship Fund.

REGISTRATION/SPONSORSHIP

- Team Signup @ \$180
- Individual Signup @ \$40
Individuals will be paired at random!
- Spectator Signup @ \$25
(Includes Lunch)
- Event Sponsor (1) @ \$500
- Game Sponsor (3) @ \$310
- Lunch Sponsor (4) @ \$260
- Prize Sponsor (Unlimited) @ \$50



**Monday
March 23**

Registration @ 12
Lunch @ 12:30
Games @ 1:15



**ABC East
Bowling Lanes**

1001 Eisenhower Blvd
Harrisburg, PA

COST TO INCLUDE:

Prizes, lunch, refreshments, three (3) games, and shoe rental.

FORMAT:

Four person teams • Captain plus 3 team members

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Annual Event: PA Turnpike's Executive Happy Hour with **MARK COMPTON & BRAD HEIGEL**

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EVENTS

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YOUNG MEMBER GROUP: EVENTS

BACK-TO-BASICS LUNCH & LEARN

Traffic Signals 101: A Crash Course for Highway Engineers

Traffic Signal Plans, Signal Design & Permitting, Interface of Signals & Highway



12:00
to 1:00

PRESENTED BY:
Eric Roth, P.E.



Meeting link will be emailed to ASHE list three weeks prior and posted on our website



BACK-TO-BASICS LUNCH & LEARN

Bridge Inspection: Exploring the Bridge Inspection Process from Deck to Foundation

Concepts and Requirements of Basic Bridge Inspection



12:00
to 1:00

PRESENTED BY:
Luke Hacker, EIT, CBSI



Meeting link will be emailed to ASHE list three weeks prior and posted on our website



EVENT RECAPS

ANNUAL BANQUET



Young Member of the Year: Nick Bratina



Scholarship Winners



PennDOT Panel



Past Presidents

ASHE held its annual banquet on February 3 at the Susquehanna Club in New Cumberland. This year our chapter decided to move the banquet from May to February, in hopes we could increase attendance and show our support for our Past Presidents, Scholarship Recipients, and Chapter Award Winners. The event was a resounding success, with nearly double the attendees we have had in the past couple of years. We were pleased to welcome 15 board members, 10 past presidents, 9 scholarship winners, and about 100 other attendees to the event. We would also like to extend our thank you to our PennDOT District 8-0 panelists – Mark Malhenzie, Pharon Bertsch, and Ryan Shoemaker – for their engaging and insightful discussion on winning work, managing projects, and creating successful relationships with the client.

We would like to congratulate Nicholas Bratina, EIT, on receiving the section's Young Member of the Year award. Nick was instrumental in starting up ASHE Harrisburg's Young Member Group and helped pioneer the GroupeMe that started it all. He volunteered to start up this group before joining the ASHE Board and later joined the Board's first ever class of Young Member Directors. Nick has been enthusiastic about getting young professionals involved in ASHE, planning fun and engaging events, and advancing our goals and vision. Congratulations, Nick!

We had another successful scholarship year this year and were excited to offer \$23,000 in scholarships to eleven outstanding high school and college students pursuing degrees in engineering. Thank you to our Century Club and members who contribute each year to our scholarship fund and allow us to continue to help the next generation of engineers! Congratulations to the following scholarship recipients:

- Alex Mendelsohn - Central Dauphin High School
- Braden Hostetter - Susquenita High School
- Chelsea Hoover - East Pennsboro Area High School
- Johanna Runkle - Mechanicsburg Area High School
- Samuel Stahl - Camp Hill High School
- Shenouda Nessim - Cumberland Valley High School
- Tyler Russell - Bishop McDevitt High School
- John Rautzahn - Williams Valley Jr-Sr High School
- Chloe Maitrejean - University of Notre Dame
- Kyler Everly - Shippensburg University
- Troy Butler - Shippensburg University

In changing up our typical schedule of events, our Project of the Year award and presentation will now take place at our annual ASHE Harrisburg/PennDOT District 8-0/PA Turnpike conference in April. We were also unable to award our Section Member of the Year award at the event but will award it at a future event.

EVENT RECAPS

January 13, 2026
Location: Arooga's

SEPTEMBER HAPPY HOUR + TRIVIA

Over 50 members came out to Arooga's for our ASHE Happy Hour and Trivia night on January 13! It was a fun evening filled with good food, networking and friendly competition. Attendees enjoyed connecting with fellow ASHE professionals and testing their knowledge during trivia. Even though the Chris Hemsworth round knocked most of the teams out, a great evening was had by all and it was nice to unwind together outside of work. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the night a success – we look forward to seeing you at the next ASHE event!



EVENT RECAP

YOUNG MEMBER GROUP

Back-to-Basics Lunch & Learn
January 3, 2026

ENVIRONMENTAL

PRESENTED BY:
Virginia Bailey



On February 3, Virginia Bailey gave an overview of Environmental Requirements for Project Delivery in our monthly Back-to-Basics webinar. Attendees learned about NEPA regulations, cultural resources, Section 4(f), threatened and endangered species, and more! Thanks to Virginia for giving our members a great introduction to this important aspect of highway projects.

As a reminder, all Back-to-Basics presentations are being posted to our website on the Meeting Presentations page.

MEETING PRESENTATIONS



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Contact Info Updates & Membership Applications

If your contact information changes, or you wish to submit an application and payment to become an ASHE member, please contact Nick Vereb, Section Administrator. A copy of the new member application can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Navarro and Wright
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 717-576-8049

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We are always looking for news to share with our members. Let us spread your message using our newsletter **The Profile!**

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CENTURY CLUB MEMBERS

Thank you to our 2025–2026 Century Club Members.

Your support plays a crucial role in our mission and helps us achieve our goals for the Harrisburg Region. We truly appreciate your commitment and partnership, which enable us to make a positive impact in the transportation industry. We look forward to continuing our collaboration and achieving great things together.



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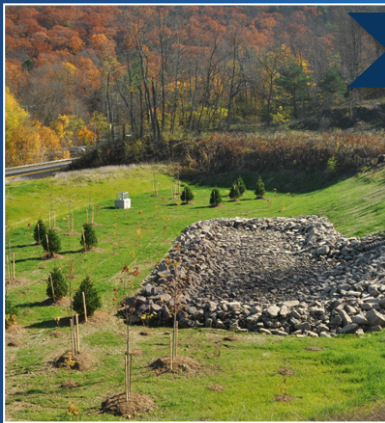
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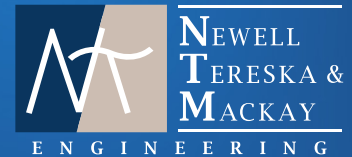
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