

2022 Region 5 Awards Recognition – Region 5

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3. Project Category	Communication
4. Project Description	Region 5 Governors hosted a Virtual Awards Ceremony honoring various Society and Region award winners within the Region. The ceremony highlighted various members, students, branches, and sections for their achievements within the industry for the 2021 & 2022 terms.
5. The Process (What you did, When and How)	The Ceremony was virtual, and it was led off by the Region Director, Lawren Pratt, discussing the purpose and introduction. Then the Awards Committee Chair, Robert Jackson, presented a PowerPoint presentation illustrating the various winners.
6. Those in Charge (Committee, Task Committee, Etc.)	Awards Committee
7. Time Frame (When Started, When Completed)	June 29, 2022 2 pm EDT to 3 pm EDT
8. Success Factors (The Parts that Worked Really Well)	The presentation went well and there was plenty of information available to properly describe each achievement.
9. Setback Factors (The Parts that did Not Work Well)	As usual, the virtual setting may have been a factor in the small number of attendees. However, I believe it went well overall. It would have been better to personally reach out to each winner.
10. Creativity (This is something off the wall that we did)	No, we held our first Region 5 awards program in 2021.
11. Administration (What was most Important?)	Sending out calendar invitations to Region 5 members in advance of the program. Make sure the same recognitions are noted on our Region 5 website.
12. Follow-Up (What was most important?)	Thanking the recipients for their contribution to ASCE and our profession.

13. Recommendations (What you should ALWAYS do with this project?)	Personally reach out to each award recipient to invite them to the program. Ensure calendar invitations are sent out so that the program can be placed on calendars.
14. Cautions (What you should NEVER do with this project?)	Suggest never emphasize one person's recognition over another person's recognition as they are equally important in the eyes of the recipient.
15. The Outcome	With 78 attendees in 2021 and 22 attendees in 2022, the program is desired by the members as this is a great way to recognize the achievements of our members and to hold a fun event that encourages members to participate going forward.
16. Ongoing Activity (Would you do it again?)	Yes.
17. Speaker Contact Information (person from your Region who would be willing to speak about the Best Practice)	Awards Committee
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18. Additional Comments	Attached documents include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint Slides • Agenda



Region 5 Awards Recognition Program

The Purpose of Region 5 is to **INSPIRE**
AND ENGAGE OUR MEMBERS

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Upcoming 2022 Events

- Southeast Student Symposium FSU + FAMU | March 24-25
- Alabama Infrastructure Report Card Release | Montgomery, AL | March 31
- Gulf Coast Student Symposium Auburn | March 31-April 2
- ASCE Structures Congress | Atlanta, GA | April 20-23
- ASCE EWRI Congress | Atlanta | June 5-8
- ERYMC | Hartford, CT | June 10-12
- 2022 Annual Society Convention | Anaheim, CA | October 23-26

Region 5 Infrastructure Report Cards

- Alabama 2022
- Florida 2021
- Georgia 2019
- Louisiana 2017
- Mississippi 2020
- Puerto Rico 2020

Region 5 Annual Activities

- Governor visits to Sections and Branches
- Governor visits to Student Chapters
- Region Board Teleconferences
- Region Board In-person meetings
- Region 5 Assembly

Region 5 Board Programs

- Awards
- Newsletter
- Grants
- Nomination
- Website

Region 5 2020-2021 Grants

- Acadiana Branch
- East Central Branch
- Mississippi Section YMG
- Montgomery Branch

Statistics:
8 Governors
31 Branches
5 Sections
16 Younger Member Groups
1 YM Advisory Council
34 Student Chapters
13,630 Members

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Infographic provided by the Region 5 Younger Member Advisory Council - February 2022

About Region 5



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Region 5 Governors



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Ronnie Schumann
Governor (LA)



Rudy Simoneaux
Governor (LA)

Region 5 Governors



Region 5 Awards Program

Region 5 Awards Program

- **Region 5 Civil Engineer of the Year** - awarded annually to one recipient to recognize outstanding achievements of a practicing Civil Engineer that is active within the Region.
- **Region 5 Younger Civil Engineer of the Year** - awarded annually to one recipient to recognize outstanding achievements of a practicing Civil Engineer, age 35 or less that is active within the Region.
- **Region 5 Civil Engineering Student of the Year** - is awarded annually to one recipient to recognize an outstanding Civil Engineering or Civil Engineering Technology Student, enrolled in a Civil Engineering undergraduate program in the 2020-2021 academic school year.
- **Region 5 Wall of Fame** - a designation to honor Civil Engineers that have made a substantial contribution to ASCE, Region 5, and the Civil Engineering community. Nominations will be considered annually, with no more than 3 candidates selected for the honor in a given year.
- Submittal Deadline: **JUNE 1, 2022**
- Applications are available on R5 Website at regions.asce.org/region5/resources
- For questions, please contact Robert Jackson at robert.jackson@haskell.com or (904) 391-4043.

Region 5 Society Awards

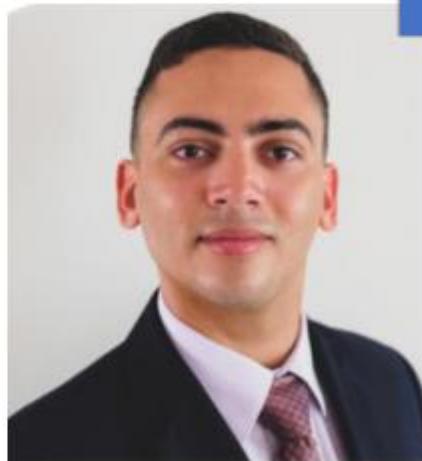


2021 ASCE Eastern Regional Younger Member Council Award:

Puerto Rico Section

Hector Colón De La Cruz

On May 8, 2021, Mr. Hector De La Cruz of the Puerto Rico Section was selected as the 2021 Eastern Regional Younger Member Council (ERYMC) Outstanding Member in Government Relations Award. Congratulations on this great achievement!



2021 Professional Practice Ethics and Leadership Award:

Victor R. Donald

On July 15, 2021, Mr. Victor R. Donald, P.E., M.ASCE of the Georgia Section was selected by ASCE's Committee on Advancing the Profession to receive the 2021 Professional Practice Ethics and Leadership for "his superior ethics, innovative spirit, and love of learning and leadership that has shaped and forever changed the engineering profession." The Society instituted the award in 2005 to promote and recognize civil engineering leadership in professional practice and ethics.



2021 Region 5 Wall of Fame Award:

Dr. Benjamín Colucci-Ríos, PhD, PE, F.ASCE

Dr. Benjamín Colucci-Ríos is worthy of the 2021 ASCE Wall of Fame for his significant contributions to ASCE Region 5 and the Civil Engineering community, exemplified by his engineering accomplishments recognized by his peers namely, co-founder of EPICS-PR, ITEPR, LACCEI, and PR T2 Center. Benjamín is an ASCE Fellow and recipient of the Wilbur S. Smith Award, Outstanding UPRM Civil Engineering Professor award (on three different occasions), Puerto Rico Civil Engineer of the Year Award and Engineering Professor Productivity Award. He was also recognized at the 81st Annual Assembly of CIAPR for his Lifetime Engineering Achievements.



2021 Region 5 Civil Engineer of the Year:

Erin A. Rooney, PE, M.ASCE

Erin Rooney is a professional engineer and certified floodplain manager at HDR Engineering, Inc. in Metairie, Louisiana. She recently received the Outstanding Young Civil Engineer Award from the ASCE New Orleans Branch. Erin has presented at industry conferences on topics including living shorelines, breakwaters, marsh creation, mitigation banking, and numerical modeling.

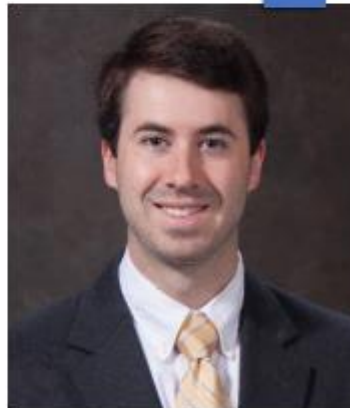
She has served on the boards for ASCE New Orleans, the Coasts, Oceans, Ports, and Rivers Institute Louisiana Chapter, and the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana. Erin received her bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Virginia Tech and her master's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University.



2021 Region 5 Young Civil Engineer of the Year Award:

Dr. Ben C. Cox, PhD, PE, M.ASCE

Dr. Ben Cox of the Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) has a vision and dedication that are making positive impacts in the arena of airfield and highway paving. Ben has worked on responsibly recycling highway and airfield materials from multiple perspectives and is part of a team on the cutting edge of innovative methods to patch asphalt pavements. His efforts are applicable to military and public works, and he is an active member of committees within the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies, and the Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists.



2021 Region 5 Young Civil Engineer of the Year Award:

Hector J. Colón-De La Cruz, EIT, A.M.ASCE

Hector Colón-De La Cruz is a "trailblazer" who graduated from UPR at Mayagüez. Having a multidisciplinary background, he has made significant achievements since a scholar until now. Hector is the President of ASCE Puerto Rico Section and has been involved in the installation of a diverse and inclusive ASCE PR Board. He's also involved in the creation of the ASCE Geoinstitute PR Chapter, Senate Joint Resolution 465, ASCE PR Infrastructure Report Card Chair and more. Outside of ASCE, Hector is responsible for the project management duties in his current job. In 2019-2020 he was named Young Engineer of the Year by the ASCE Puerto Rico Section.



2021 Region 5 Civil Engineering Student of the Year Award:

Christopher Carrino, S.M.ASCE

Christopher Carrino is the active student chapter president who takes charge and get things done. As ASCE-UCF President, he revamped the chapter, beginning with the constitution and finishing with a website for the student chapter. Chris is not one to stand still and continues his passionate involvement as past president of this very active student chapter.



2021 Outstanding Section and Branch Website Award:

Florida Section

On Monday, November 29, 2021, the ASCE Leader Training Committee awarded the Florida Section the 2021 Outstanding Section and Branch Website Award in the very large membership category for Sections and Branches. Congratulations on the hard work and successful website!



2022 Hunter Rouse Hydraulic Engineering Award:

Dr. Philip J. W. Roberts, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE

On January 13, 2022, Dr. Philip J. W. Roberts, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE of the Georgia Section of ASCE was selected by ASCE's Environmental and Water Resources Institute to receive the 2022 Hunter Rouse Hydraulic Engineering Award for "excellence in hydraulics, particularly the engineering aspects of ocean outfalls and water intakes, and density-stratified flows in lakes, estuaries and coastal waters. This expertise includes mathematical modeling of such flows, field studies, and laboratory studies of turbulent mixing." This award and lectureship is endowed by the Environmental and Water Resources Institute through personal contributions of engineers and engineering firms throughout the world in honor of Hunter Rouse, Hon.M.ASCE. The award was instituted by the Board of Direction in October 1979.



2022 ASCE New Faces of Civil Engineering, Professional:

Katie Kelly



Katie Kelly, EIT, A.M. ASCE has been selected as an ASCE New Face of Civil Engineering, 2022. Ms. Kelly is a bridge designer for Barge Design Solutions in Peachtree Corners, Georgia. Ms. Kelly currently serves in numerous positions throughout the Georgia Section and Region 5 including the Region 5 Younger Member Advisory Council chair and as a practitioner advisor for Kennesaw State University and Savannah State University. Ms. Kelly is a first-generation college graduate, a disability advocate, and is passionate about STEM outreach and providing early civil engineering exposure to kids.

2022 ASCE New Faces of Civil Engineering, Collegiate:

Zoe Zhang

Zoe Zhang, S.M. ASCE has been selected as one of the ten ASCE 2022 New Faces of Civil Engineering - Collegiate. Ms. Zhang is a senior at the Georgia Institute of Technology majoring in civil engineering with a minor in architecture. She began her involvement in ASCE her freshman year and is currently the president of the Georgia Tech ASCE student chapter as well as past president of the Georgia Tech AISC Steel Bridge team. After completing her MS in structural engineering, Ms. Zhang is looking forward to pursuing a career in material reuse, diagnostics, and rehabilitation of existing structures in an industry that increasingly embraces diversity and sustainability.



2022 ASCE New Faces of Civil Engineering, Collegiate:

Tiffany Ritch



Tiffany Ritch, S.M.ASCE has been selected as an ASCE New Face of Civil Engineering - Collegiate, 2022. Ms. Ritch is a senior at the University of North Florida. She is an active member in the UNF ASCE student chapter, the Society of Women Engineers, and the Florida Engineering Society. After graduation, Ms. Ritch plans to pursue a career in transportation engineering. When asked why she chose civil engineering, Ms. Ritch said "I chose civil engineering because I wanted to make the world a better place to live, and I still do. And with the career I've chosen, I can do that every day."

2022 Outstanding Civil Engineer Advocate Team Awards:

Puerto Rico Section

On March 3, 2022, ASCE announced the Puerto Rico Section as the recipient of the 2022 Outstanding Civil Engineer Advocate Team Award. For the first time in this award's history, ASCE gave awards to two different teams for their collective excellence in advocacy leadership. Through the advocacy work of the ASCE Puerto Rico Section with the Secretary of the State, Senate Bill RCS 465 transformed from a legislative bill to Executive Order 2021-024, resulting in the creation of the first-ever Infrastructure Advisory Committee. In addition, the Puerto Rico Section worked with Senator Elizabeth Rosa Velez's office to introduce Senate Bill 665, which aims to establish a multi-sector group to create a long-term infrastructure plan.



2022 Jack E. Cermak Medal:

Dr. Timothy A. Reinhold, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE

On March 10, 2022; Dr. Timothy A. Reinhold, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE of the Florida Section, was selected by the ASCE's Cermak Awards Committee to receive the 2022 Jack E. Cermak Medal for "his leadership in the development of modern wind engineering practices for the safe and efficient design of residential and small commercial construction."

This medal was established by the Engineering Mechanics Institute and the Structural Engineering Institute to recognize Dr. Jack E. Cermak's lifetime achievements in the field of wind engineering and industrial aerodynamics. Congratulations to Dr. Reinhold on his selection for the award!



2022 Innovation in Sustainable Engineering Award:

Rodney Cook Sr. Park in Vine City, Georgia



On March 10, 2022; Mr. Aaron Wiener of the City of Atlanta was notified that the Rodney Cook Sr. Park in Vine City was selected by ASCE's Committee on Sustainability to receive the 2022 Innovation in Sustainable Engineering Award for "its collaborative design effort and its watershed achievement. Located in Atlanta's major economic, cultural, and transportation hub, the 16-acre park includes significant, sustainable features. The park improves the area's aesthetics and overall quality of life for residents and workers." To be eligible for consideration, projects must, first and foremost, demonstrate adherence to the principles of economic, social and environmental sustainability. Congratulations to the City of Atlanta and the Georgia Section of ASCE for winning the award!

2022 ASCE Distinguished Chapter Award for Region 5:

University of Puerto Rico Student Chapter

On April 3, 2022, the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez ASCE Student Chapter was awarded the 2022 ASCE Distinguished Chapter Award for Region 5 by the ASCE Committee on Student Members. This award is made annually to the most outstanding Student Organization in Region 5. The University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez (UPRM) counts with more than 200 members, making it one of the largest student chapters in the country.



2022 International Coastal Engineering Award:

Dr. Jane McKee Smith, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE

On April 14, 2022, Jane McKee Smith, Ph.D., P.E., D.CE, NAE, Dist. M.ASCE from the Vicksburg Branch of the Mississippi Section, was selected by ASCE's Coasts, Oceans, Ports and Rivers Institute to receive the 2022 International Coastal Engineering Award for "her outstanding career in coastal engineering research crucial for understanding hurricanes and storm surge and for her leadership in making coastal communities around the world safer." The award is presented annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of coastal engineering in the manner of engineering design, teaching, professional leadership, construction, research, planning, or a combination thereof.



2022 Norman Medal

North Mississippi Branch

- Dr. Farshid Vahedifard, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE
- Masood Abdollahi, S.M.ASCE
- Mr. Fred Tracy
- Firas Jasim,
- Aneseh Alborzi
- Amir AghaKouchak, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE

Selected by ASCE's Society Awards Committee to receive the 2022 Norman Medal for the paper, "**Levee Fragility Behavior under Projected Future Flooding in a Warming Climate,**" published in the December 2020 issue of Journal of Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering. The Norman Medal recognizes a paper that makes a contribution to either practical or research aspects of engineering disciplines. The practical value of contribution and its impact on engineering practice are important considerations.

2022 ASCE State of the Art Civil Engineering Award:

Dr. Jose D.
Salas, Ph.D.
M.ASCE

Dr. Jose D. Salas, Ph.D., Dist.M.ASCE of the Palm Beach Branch of the Florida Section along with co-authors Michael L. Anderson, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE; Simon M. Papalexiou; and Felix Frances were selected by ASCE's Society Awards Committee to receive the 2022 ASCE State of the Art of Civil Engineering Award for the paper, "PMP and Climate Variability and Change: A Review," published in the December 2020 issue of Journal of Hydrologic Engineering. Because the science and art of civil engineering can cope with information expansion only if its most gifted practitioners will review and interpret the state-of-the-art for the benefit of their colleagues, in 1966 the professional associates of John D. Winter, M.ASCE, endowed this prize. The direct benefit of this award is the scholarly review, evaluation, and documentation of the scientific and technical information needed by the profession.

2022 Student Steel Bridge Competition:

On May 28, 2022; the University of Florida defeated 34 other universities to win the 2022 Student Steel Bridge Competition. The finals were held at Virginia Tech in southwestern Virginia



Open Discussion / Questions

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June 29, 2022

1:00 pm CDT, 2:00pm EDT

[\(Microsoft Teams Link\)](#)



1.0 Welcome and Opening Remarks (2:00pm – 2:05pm)

Lawren Pratt, Region 5 Director

2.0 Introduction of Region 5 Leadership (2:05pm – 2:10pm)

3.0 Overview of Region 5 Grant Program (2:10pm – 2:15pm)

Jennifer Sloan Ziegler, Grant Committee Chair

4.0 Overview Region 5 Awards Program (2:15pm – 2:20pm)

Robert Jackson, Awards Committee Chair

5.0 2021-2022 Region 5 Award Winners (2:20pm – 2:50pm)

Robert Jackson, Awards Committee Chair

6.0 Open Discussion/Questions and Comments from Membership (2:50pm – 3:00pm)

Adjourn