

Young Professional Conference Scholarships

Each year the IAFSM Young Professionals Committee grants multiple “conference scholarships” to college students studying topics related to objectives of IAFSM. The scholarship prize includes conference attendance and a 1-night hotel stay. Congratulations to our student winners!



Halle Bechtold

Halle Bechtold, originally from Jerseyville, IL, has been studying Civil Engineering at Bradley University for two years. At school, in addition to CE coursework, she is heavily involved in Bradley’s ASCE chapter and currently serves as the captain of the Concrete Canoe Team. She is also pursuing a minor in Sustainability and hopes to apply this to her career. She is particularly interested in the interactions between the natural and built environment.



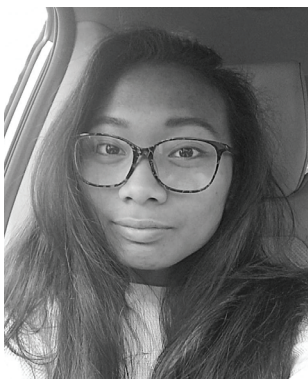
Maverick Davids

Maverick Davids is currently a student at the College of DuPage, transferring to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for civil engineering in the fall. He is interested in structural engineering but is open to exploring different branches within civil engineering. He is looking forward to an internship with WSP this summer.



Eddith Encho Endack Eyanyeh

Eddith Encho Endack Eyanyeh is an undergraduate student at Bradley University in Peoria, IL, majoring in Civil Engineering with a focus on the environmental (Water Resource) section. She is passionate about anything related to water - from the discharge of dirty water, how it is cleaned for direct consumption purposes, how it is managed, and how water might cause a flood. She applied to the IAFSM conference scholarship to gain more knowledge and experience in the floodplain and stormwater management, and she is grateful for the honor of being selected.



Anjanette Francisco

I’m currently a student at the College of DuPage and will be a transfer junior in the fall at UIC. I’m majoring in Civil Engineering and planning to specialize in environmental, hoping to work in green infrastructure. I had internship experience with the City of Aurora engineering division last summer 2022 and look forward to getting more experience in the field.

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Evan Lemberger

Evan Lemberger is a junior studying civil and environmental engineering. He's a part time employee at the Illinois State Water Survey, where he's working with floodplain maps in ArcGIS and HEC-RAS software. He's very thankful for the opportunity to learn from everyone presenting at this conference.



Brian Shanahan

Brian Shanahan is a Chicagoland area native, current master's student at the University of Iowa and recent undergraduate student of the Civil & Environmental engineering program. His focus includes sustainability management, and he holds certifications such as Envision Sustainability Professional (ENV SP) and EcoDistricts AP. In the future, he hopes to obtain a further degree relating to financial management for sustainable development projects and then gain real-world projects experience.

Honorable Mentions

Emily Doke, Southern Illinois University
Alexis Plowe, Purdue University

HAILSTORM BREWING SOCIAL EVENT

Come hang out with the IAFSM Young Professionals for more drinks and fun on Tuesday, March 14th at Hailstorm Brewing, immediately after the conference social hour!

Hailstorm Brewing Co
8060 186th St.
Tinley Park, IL 60487

Beer Hall - Open until 9:00pm
Kitchen - Open until 8:00pm

The brewery is a 6-minute drive from Tinley Park Conference Center.
Food and non-alcoholic beverages are also available for purchase.

