

Fort Worth CIVIL Engineer

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December Branch Meeting

Monday, December 11
Fort Worth Club

January Branch Meeting

Monday, January 8
Location TBD

February Branch Meeting

Monday, February 12
Ashton Depot

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Fort Worth Branch members! First off, let me say that I am honored to serve as your ASCE Fort Worth Branch President for the 2023-2024 year! It is a privilege to hold the torch which was passed from our Past President Jeff Philipp's capable hands to me.

This Fall marks our Fort Worth Branch's 85th anniversary of continuous operation since National ASCE recognized our Branch in 1938. It is paramount to recognize the impact of civil engineer leaders that have made the Branch into the success it is today – thank you for your service to the Branch and the civil engineering profession. On the cusp of our next quinquennial (yes, that's the next 5 years!), we have cultivated a group of high-spirited officers who are determined to grow our Branch larger and provide more engagement to our members. Part of my vision this year is to provide solid engagement to members, professionals, and especially students – who are the future leaders of our world.

Next year, I am excited to announce that we are hosting a Joint Student Chapter meeting – where students from Abilene Christian University, Tarleton State University and The University of Texas At Arlington will all be under the same roof with professionals! After our meeting, we are planning a site visit for further networking outside “the office”; last but not least, there will be a Younger Member Happy Hour to end our day of fun. More details to follow, but the event is tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 22nd.

Back by popular demand, we will be hosting our ASCE Fort Worth Branch Golf Tournament on April 15th, 2024, at the Shady Valley Country Club! Please join us on the green for good food and a great time!

To conclude: I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve as your President this 2023-2024 year, and I'm looking forward to growing with you each step of the way. With that said, feel free to reach out to my e-mail below if you have any concerns, feedback or even ideas on how we can improve our Branch. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Derek Baker, PE, M.ASCE
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BRANCH MEETINGS

Here are a few highlights from our recent branch meetings!



SEPTEMBER

Location: Reata

Speaker: Farwa Sultan, Project Manager at Kimley Horn

Topic: A City Within a City

Attendance: 99

OCTOBER

Location: Reata

Speaker: Marty Wieder, Director of Economic Development for City of Grand Prairie

Topic: What in the World is Going On in Grand Prairie?

Attendance: 88



**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Fort Worth Branch is working on finding a new meeting location since the Reata will be relocating. Please pay close attention to upcoming e-mails as the next upcoming meetings will be at different locations.

As of October 2023, the Fort Worth Branch has an account balance in good standing. Please note that the Fort Worth Branch is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

We encourage all members to pay for their branch meeting registration online. Doing so automatically enters you into a drawing for a \$50 gift card!



JOINT MEETING WITH STUDENT CHAPTERS

MARCH 22, 2024

ASCE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 10-13, 2024

ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY

SAN ANGELO, TX

ASCE FORT WORTH CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

APRIL 15, 2024

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Additional Branch Information



Check out our new website! <https://www.fwasce.org/>
We thank you for your patience as we've also been figuring out a new e-mail system.

The ASCE Texas Section would like to remind members to "check the box" for Section/Branch dues when renewing your ASCE Membership for 2024.





Member Spotlight: Allison Stamper, EIT, CFM ASCE Fort Worth VP

Company/Position

Quiddity Engineering

College

Tarleton State University

How did you get involved with ASCE?

I got involved with ASCE a few months into my career because my old colleague Mark Schluter encouraged me to get involved with the engineering community.

What are you most excited about for this year (ASCE-wise)?

I am most excited for Derek's Presidency! He and I have been on this journey to President together for so long now. Four years ago, we attended Leadership Development Weekend together and we left so motivated to revamp our Branch and now I get to witness all the changes we have done together (alongside many others shoutout to them).

How did you get into Civil Engineering?

My dad is a mechanical engineer and when I was little I loved being out in his workshop with him tinkering with whatever he could get his hands on. Although he did not follow through with his engineering degree, he made a career out of law enforcement. He was the head of the accident reconstruction team, this had many components but the two that I distinctly remember him teaching me were Newton's laws and AutoCAD. My mom also worked at TxDOT and I remember spending a lot of time with the engineers. I guess you could say my fate was sealed haha. In high school, we took a career assessment exam to help us see what path to take in college. My results yielded a career in Engineering, and I found Tarleton and the Hydrology program interested me.

What is your favorite part of your job?

My favorite part of my job is the diversity of projects that I get to see because I am always learning something new.

What do you enjoy in your free time?

I love to spend time taking my baby on new adventures. I also love to read books, watch reality tv, and spend time volunteering with the Junior League of Fort Worth.

STUDENT CHAPTER UPDATES



**ABILENE
CHRISTIAN
UNIVERSITY**



ASCE MEMBERS AT THE ACU CAREER FAIR



ASCE GENERAL BODY MEETING



ASCE AT THE UTA ACTIVITY FAIR



**UNIVERSITY OF
TEXAS
ARLINGTON**



UTA ASCE 23-24 OFFICERS



**TSU GENERAL BODY MEETING WITH KIMBERLY CORNETT, ASCE
TEXAS SECTION PRESIDENT**



TSU ASCE AT THE TARLETON HOMECOMING PARADE



History and Heritage

ASCE Fort Worth Branch, est. 1938



Marking Our 85th Anniversary

In a world that is constantly in flux, that perhaps being the only true constant, our Fort Worth Branch of the Texas Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers has surpassed its 85th year of continuous operation as of Fall 2023.

National ASCE officially recognized the Fort Worth Branch in 1938, but records show Texas Section meetings taking place in Fort Worth as far back as Fall 1915! For over a century now, Fort Worth has been a gathering place for some of Texas' brightest and most influential civil engineers and a hub from which innovation and progress emanate.

Fort Worth's Blackstone Hotel as it would have looked in the 1930's.



In that time, the City of Fort Worth has grown in population from just under 30,000 to over 930,000 making our city the 13th most populous in the United States. Not to be outdone by this robust growth, our branch has grown tremendously as well.

In the 1940's, the Fort Worth Branch Constitution defined Quorum as "the presence of one officer and at least five members." These days, branch membership is nearly 5,300 made up of all Grades. Monthly Branch meetings consistently see maximum capacity gatherings of over 100 members, a statistic that has proudly continued for decades on end.

1988 saw the grand celebration of our Branch's 50th anniversary at the Petroleum Club atop the 777 Main tower (which remains among the tallest buildings in Fort Worth at 525ft) symbolizing the rise to prominence up to that point, when our annual operating budget was just approaching \$7,000. In 2023 it has grown to over \$55,000 allowing the continued fostering of all manner of meetings, special events, social gatherings, scholarships, and Student Chapter support for our ever-growing membership. Building off our branch's close ties with The University of Texas at Arlington and the creation of the Student Chapter there in 1965 spearheaded by Charles M. Moore, Joe J. Rady, Marvin Nichols, John H. Haynes, and W.H. Nedderman (names UTA alumni and branch members alike will no doubt recognize to this day), we now also act as stewards for the Student Chapters at Abilene Christian University and Tarleton State University.

Our Branch has come a long way from meetings in the old Blackstone Hotel on the corner of Fifth and Main in the 1930's. A pivotal part in the success and perseverance of North Texas and beyond has been played by past members and continues to be played by all who read this now. As we march onto our centennial in the not-so-distant future, let this be a call for reflection upon a storied history that is still being made every day.

Cody D. Wright, EIT, A.M. ASCE
Fort Worth Branch Historical Chair 2023-2024

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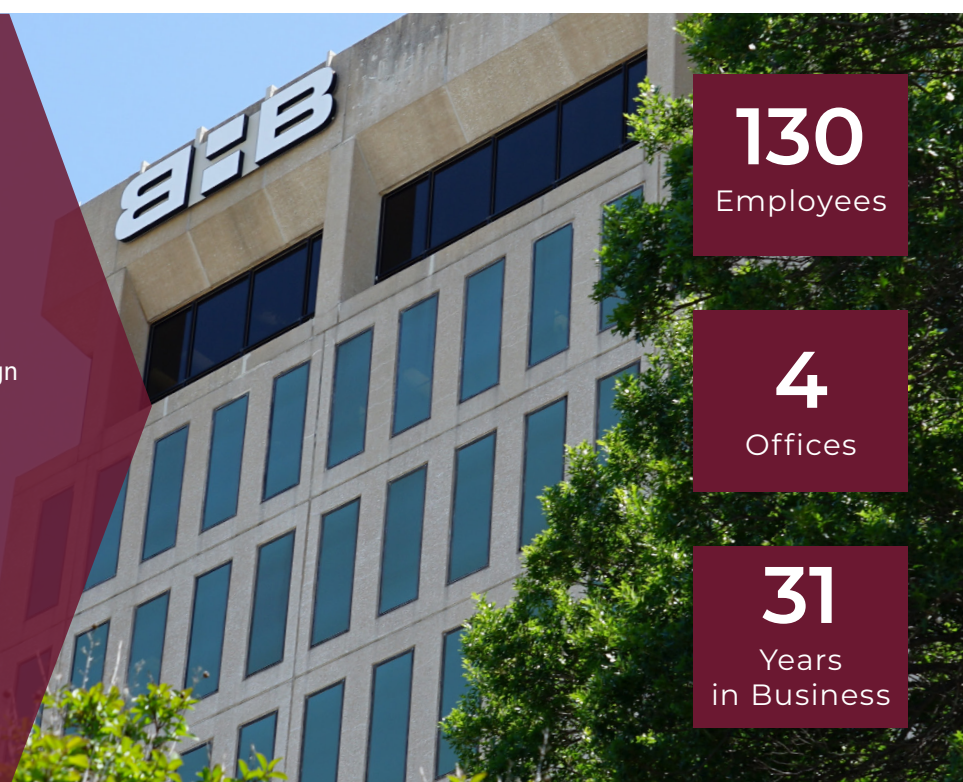
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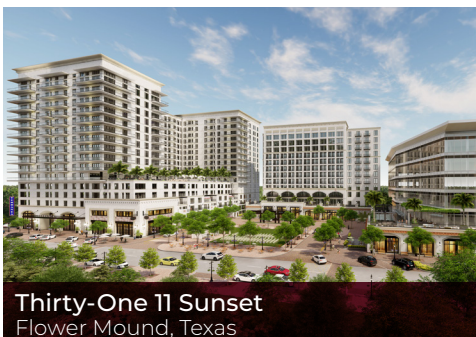
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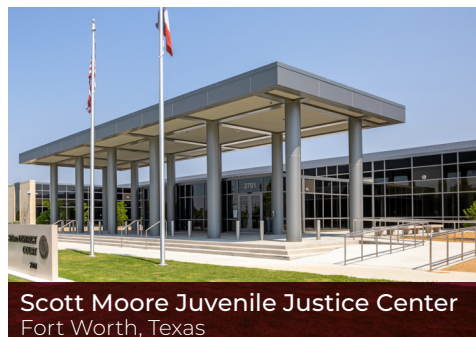
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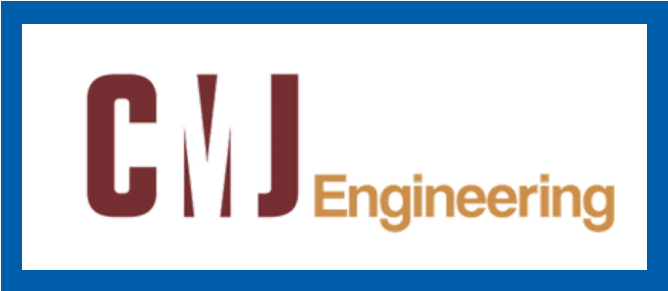
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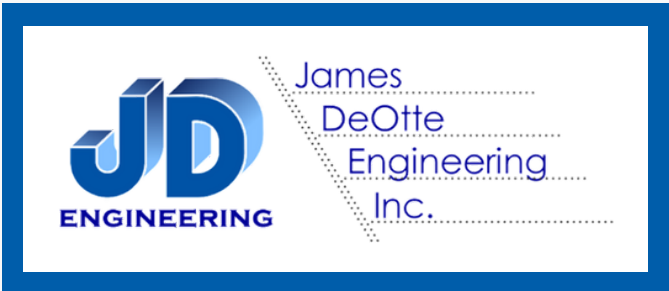
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