Committee on Diversity & Inclusion
Conversations with Civil Engineers Program

Description:
Conversations with Civil Engineers is a speed career mentoring session aimed at inspiring, advising and informally mentoring the next generation of civil engineering leaders from groups currently underrepresented in the civil engineering workforce.

The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Annual Convention, Pittsburgh, PA
Date: Friday, March 23, 2018
Session Time: 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm (EST)
Location: David L. Lawrence Convention Center
1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd
Pittsburgh, PA
Time Commitment: 2.5 hours on day of the event

Format:
During this informal Speed Career Mentoring session, practicing civil engineers will host intimate roundtable discussions focused on one of 9 civil engineering technical areas. In addition to sharing guidance on the breadth of career opportunities available, mentors will discuss recommended classes to take, exciting industry developments, the importance of licensure and their personal journeys towards becoming a civil engineer. Most importantly, Career Mentors will engage in candid small group discussions with registered participants.

History:
Program launched in March 2014 during the NSBE 2014 Conference in Nashville, TN. Over 180 students participated in the sessions (2) and ASCE CDI decided to make this a signature event at future partnership conferences. Represented at previous programs were professionals from CI, EWRI, SEI, TDI, GEO, Pipelines, ASCE Membership and Professional Development.

Requested Pittsburgh Section Engagement:
- Invite local ASCE members to serve as mentors
- Prefer those in the area or within 1.5 hour driving distance from conference location (travel reimbursement available).
- Light refreshments will be provided
Schedule of Activities for Conversations with Civil Engineers Program
Friday, March 23, 2018
David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Room 303
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Lead Contact: Marcellus Pitts, pittsfowler@bellsouth.net

7:00-7:15 p.m. Plan to arrive no later than 7:00 p.m., dressed in business casual. You will be greeted by Marcellus Pitts.

Please be sure to bring business cards, if available, to share with participants.

7:15-7:30 p.m. Prepare to be seated at designated tables as participants enter.
7:30 p.m. Event begins with Welcome and Introductions. Marcellus will introduce mentors and provide an overview of the program to participants.

7:30-8:15 p.m. *Tabletop discussions take place.
Remain seated at your assigned table.

8:15-8:30 p.m. Open Q&A
Enjoy light refreshments

8:35-9:20 p.m. Second session begins. Participants are introduced to the mentors and provided an overview of the program.

9:20-9:30 p.m. Open Q&A
Enjoy light refreshments

*Topics of Discussion
Please be prepared to discuss the following topics with participants:

- Career opportunities you are aware of within your CE discipline or technical area
- Current industry developments within your CE technical area
- Your personal career journey
- Licensure requirements, if any, for your CE technical area
- Any advisement you can provide regarding how to best transition from college to a professional career in CE

Travel Reimbursement
For those requesting travel reimbursement, please submit an email request with receipt to Lisa Black, lblack@asce.org, CDI staff contact.