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CHAPTER NEWS

Progress through Knowledge

Concrete In the Steel City

FOUNDERS AWARDS — 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Pittsburgh Area Chapter of the American Concrete Institute established this Award in 1988 to provide financial assistance for undergraduate students with an interest in the areas of cement technology, concrete technology, design or construction.

To receive consideration, a student must be currently enrolled into an undergraduate program at an institution, and/or originally reside, within the boundaries of the Pittsburgh Area Chapter. (Past recipients of the Founders Award are not eligible.)

At this time, we are accepting applications for the 2025/2026 academic year. To be a candidate for this award, the student must submit the following: the Founders Award application; a letter of transmittal, an official copy of their transcript of grades; and two letters of recommendation.

Applications must be received by January 31, 2026.

If you would like to obtain an application form or additional information, go to aci.pgh.org and click on the 'Awards' tab.



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PRSEF at Carnegie Science Center



The Pittsburgh Area Chapter ACI sponsored the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair which was held on April 1 and 2. This annual event is hosted by the Carnegie Science Center. Hundreds of middle and high school students from the region are able to present their work to professional volunteer judges, many from organizations like ours, demonstrating the value of the scientific method and inquiry while seeding future opportunities in higher education and science careers.

- Served 476 total students
- Presented over 100 sponsor awards and 81 category awards (not counting scholarships)
- Awarded close to \$10K in prize money

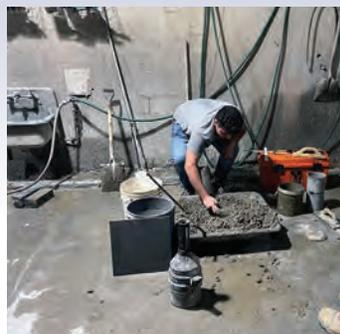
Brook Brautigam, a 7th/8th grade teacher with Adams at Indiana Area Jr. High, who was participating for the first time, said:

"The progress students have made, knowing absolutely nothing, to being here in front of professional adults and talking about what they did is very impressive. The fact they're digging into the process of actually doing research is so much better than, 'Let's look at this packet in class and talk about it.' They're producing their own data."

PRSEF provides valuable opportunities for young scientists, and our Chapter is proud to support a program that positively impacts hundreds of students each year.

ACI-PSU Field Technician Certification Grade 1 School

Hosted by ACI Pittsburg Area Chapter on May 3, 2025 at Penn State University





President's Message

By Carly McGee

First, I'd like to thank Josh Bryan (Past President) and Brian Lucarelli (former Past President) for their service on the Board of Directors and their commitment to advancing the Pittsburgh Chapter during the last several years. Outreach to students might be the biggest new endeavor of our chapter recently. Josh has visited several schools, presented on the benefits of becoming a Student Chapter of ACI, and has developed relationships with the students and faculty. Josh was instrumental in bringing St. Vincent to our dinner meetings and encouraging them to participate in competitions, as well as having the University of Pittsburgh present to our chapter on their research and provide a tour of their laboratories 2 years ago. Brian was instrumental in introducing the Engineering is Everywhere program to several elementary and middle schools as a pilot program.

Second, I would like to thank everyone that contributes to conducting certifications, including the team of Andy and Bob, as well as all of our proctors and hosts. Certifications really are the heart and soul of our chapter. The entire Pittsburgh region is very fortunate to have such an amazing resource. To teach and train is the primary mission of our chapter; to share information is also a part of the mission, often accomplished through networking.

That brings us to the elephant in the room: the declining dinner meeting attendance over the last year. We are all thankful that business is booming, and we all understand how personal responsibilities interfere. "I haven't seen so-and-so in a while..." is typical conversation among the attendees. We'd love to see you back at dinner meetings! Ryan Pendeville has some great topics lined up for this season's dinner meetings, including Artificial Intelligence and the Soo Dam project. The board has been discussing other ways to get you engaged. Bring your ideas for revitalization. My challenge to all of you, for the November and December dinner meetings, is let's get the gang back together!!

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11TH ANNUAL EXCELLENCE IN CONCRETE PROJECT AWARD



We encourage you to submit a project for the 11th Annual Excellence in Concrete Project Award—and share the opportunity with others in the Pittsburgh area concrete community – whether they are a member of ACI or not.

Please be on the lookout for the latest application at acipgh.org/.

Your help is needed to make this program successful!

2025-2026 Pittsburgh Area Chapter Meetings & Events

MEETING DATES

Wednesday - November 5, 2025
Tentative Trivia Night

Wednesday - December 10, 2025
John Sikkenga – Verifi
Artificial Intelligence for Quality Control

Wednesday - January 7, 2026
Brian Lucarelli – Lock at the Soo Project

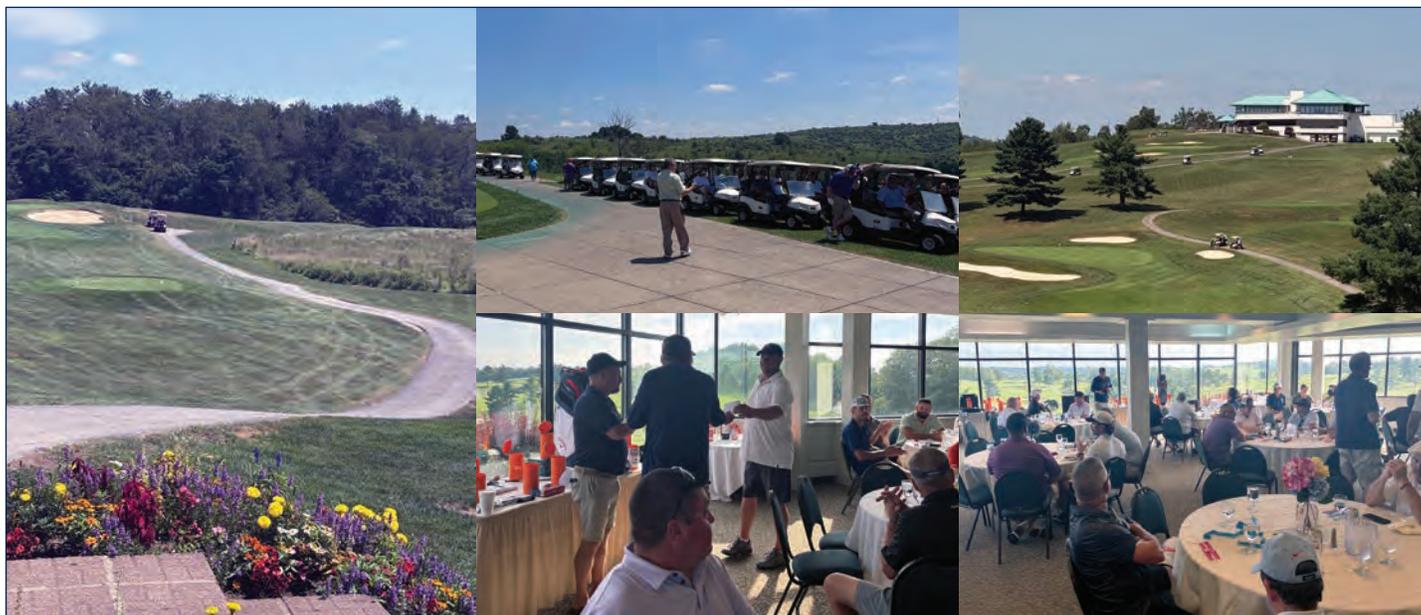
Wednesday - February 4, 2026
Nicholas Ewing – Argos (Topic TBD)

Wednesday - March 4, 2026
(Details TBD)



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ACI – PITTSBURGH AREA CHAPTER FALL 2025/SPRING 2026 CERTIFICATION SCHEDULE

ACI Concrete Field Tech – Grade I	Location
Nov 24-25, 2025	Castle Builders Supply, Hermitage, PA
December 15-16, 2025	Ligonier Stone & Lime, Latrobe, PA
January 5-6, 2026	J.J. Kennedy, Inc. – Shipperville, PA
January 12-13, 2026	Riverside Builders Supply – Coraopolis, PA
January 26-27, 2026	New Enterprise Stone & Lime – Roaring Spring, PA
February 9-10, 2026	Golden Triangle Construction – Imperial, PA
February 23-24, 2026	Stone & Company – Greensburg, PA
Concrete Flatwork Finisher/Tech	Location
February 6, 2026	Golden Triangle Construction - Imperial
Concrete Strength & Aggregate Testing Tech	Location
March 13, 2026	Pittsburgh Area <i>Minimum of 10 registrants required to hold a class</i>
To download a registration form or to register on-line log onto: www.acipgh.org	

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RECERTIFYING AND BECOMING CERTIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME?

From a testing standpoint there is no difference. Whether you are obtaining your certification for the first time vs. renewing your certification you still must take both the written and performance exams. The only difference would be if you would choose not to attend the review portion of the course (Day 1). However, most people choose to partake in the review because of the changes that may have been implemented since your initial certification.