



National Society of Professional Surveyors Announces Results of 18th Annual Student Competition

For Immediate Release

Frederick, Maryland: The National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) held its 18th Annual Student Competition, on April 11, 2019 as part of the 2019 NSPS Spring Meetings in Arlington, VA. The 2019 competition topic was "Utilizing remotely sensed data in a modern surveying practice". Each team completed a project, prepared a technical report & poster, and gave a formal presentation to a panel of judges. Thirteen schools with undergraduate degree programs in surveying, mapping or geomatics participated in this year's competition.

Results:

Baccalaureate Degree Division:

First Place: *University of Akron, Akron, OH*

Second Place: *Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX*

Third Place: *Kennesaw State University, Marietta, GA*

Honorable Mentions: (In alphabetical order)

Alfred State University, Alfred, NY

Great Basin College, Elko, NV

Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID

New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM

New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ

Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath Falls, OR

Associate Degree Division:

First Place: *Central New Mexico Community College, Albuquerque, NM*

Second Place: *East Los Angeles Community College, Monterey Park, CA*

Third Place: *Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Green Bay, WI*

Honorable Mention: *Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis, MN*

During an awards ceremony at the conclusion of the competition the first, second, and third place teams in each division were presented the recently-established *Trimble Prize* monetary award, along with the traditional NSPS first, second, and third place awards. Sam, LLC sponsored team shirts for all participants. Subsurface Instruments provided Locators for each participating team. Nettleman Land Consultants, Inc. provided its *FS Prep Combo* to winning team members in both divisions. Control Point Associates, Inc. sponsored breakfast and breaks for all competitors. NCEES provided video coverage of the event. Trimble and NCEES provided support for our Reception. NSPS sincerely thanks all of these sponsors for their generosity and support.

This year's competition was coordinated by **A. Richard Vannozi, MS, PLS**, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, MA. Any questions regarding the competition can be addressed to him via email at: vannozi@wit.edu . Schools wishing to receive information regarding the 2020 competition should contact Mr. Vannozi at the above email address. When plans are finalized, the topic for the 2020 competition will be posted on the NSPS website at www.nspis.us.com/page/StudentCompetition. It is anticipated that this information will be available on or before May 1, 2019 with detailed contest information, dates and venue information posted on or before August 15, 2019.

First Place – Baccalaureate Degree Division – University of Akron



Cody Crum, Chase Sommers Aubrey Tobin, Mikaela Mroczkowski , Ethan Straub, and Josh Stevens

First Place – Associate Degree Division – Central New Mexico Community College



Emiliano Salazar, Lonnie McKnight, and Justin Archuleta

Second Place – Baccalaureate Degree Division – Texas A & M University



Joanna Scott, José Pilartes Congo, Jensen DeGrande, Payton Johnson, Danielle Mladenka and Kevin Michael

Second Place – Associate Degree Division – East Los Angeles Community College



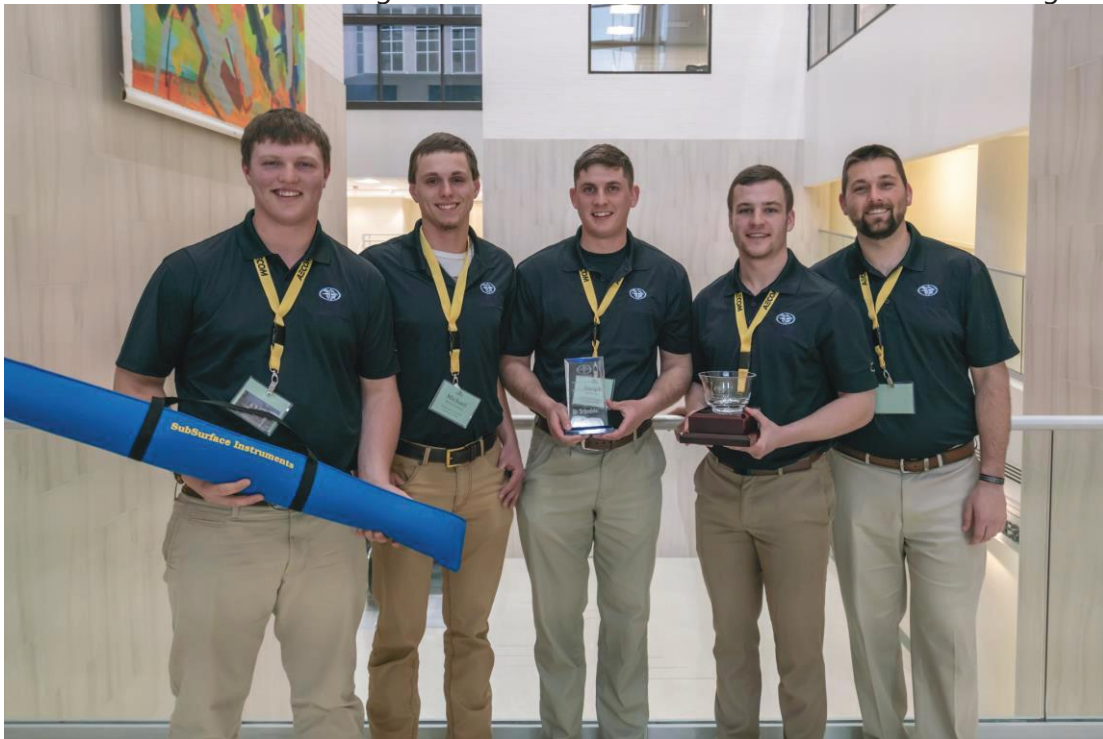
Andrew Pasten, Leonard Delurintu, Robert Gonzales, Frank Montelongo, Maria Gonzalez and Myra Quispe

Third Place – Baccalaureate Degree Division – Kennesaw State University



Nicholas Gianella, Justin Collum, Addie Thornton, Dustin Smith and Colin Bottoms

Third Place – Associate Degree Division – Northeast Wisconsin Technical College



Sam Blank, Michael Griesbach, Joseph Jarosz, Philippe Koller and Justin Smith-Herter

NSPS is the national organization representing the entire Land Surveying profession in the United States. It has among its aims and objectives: Advancing the sciences and disciplines within the profession; supporting new practical methods of surveying; promoting public faith and confidence in the profession; encouraging high standards of ethical and professional behavior; and seeking improvements in higher education curricula for surveyors.

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