

OUTSTANDING SECTION AWARD

Georgia Section of ITE



The Georgia Section of ITE (**GAITE**) has received the Outstanding Section Award, which recognizes an ITE Section that organized and participated in a robust program of Section activities and initiatives that are aligned with ITE's objectives and ideals. GAITE's comprehensive efforts throughout 2022 and impressive array of events and initiatives have exemplified its commitment to professional development, networking, and community engagement. Some of the Sections key successes and initiatives are highlighted below:

- 1. Regular Meetings and Conferences:** GAITE orchestrated a series of ten well-rounded monthly meetings and conferences, offering continuous educational opportunities for members. The meetings featured diverse transportation topics and garnered significant attention, including a joint event with GA ASCE that attracted a record attendance of approximately 150 ITE & ASCE members and guests.
- 2. Student and Young Member Support:** The section fostered professional growth for its younger members through dynamic programs, including a successful biennial Mentorship Program, Young Member spotlight presentations, and the inclusion of young professionals in conferences like the Summer Seminar and the Student Leadership Summit.
- 3. Application of Technical Knowledge:** GAITE consistently shared safety updates, technical information, and research findings, evidenced by the Safety Committee's efforts, which included a Roundabout subcommittee, and successful events like the First Annual Marr Traffic Grand Prix and the Technical Exchange with the Tennessee Section.
- 4. Networking and Diversity:** GAITE prioritized networking and diversity, hosting numerous informal networking events, co-hosting joint meetings with other organizations, and maintaining an online presence through various platforms, reaching all corners of Georgia.
- 5. K-12 STEM Outreach:** The section actively engaged with STEM events, including the Gwinnett County Science Fair, STEM Day, and the Atlanta STEM Academy, showcasing its commitment to promoting transportation education among students.
- 6. New Member Recruitment:** Collaborating with local professional organizations, GAITE introduced ITE to a wider audience, advocating its benefits and fostering cross-industry connections.
- 7. Funding Support and Service Projects:** GAITE's strong financial support, garnered through sponsorships, donations, and networking events, enabled the section to give back to the community, exemplified by their volunteering efforts at the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

8. Technological Innovation: The section embraced technology, developing an AV Committee and enhancing member engagement through its very active YouTube channel and the strategic use of social media.

9. Training and Professional Development: GAITE organized a multitude of technical and professional development opportunities, including monthly meetings, conferences, workshops, and seminars, offering over 32 PDHs throughout the year.

10. Field Trips and Technical Tours: The inaugural Marr Traffic Grand Prix provided an engaging, informative, and fun technical tour that received overwhelming participant support.

The Georgia Section's relentless dedication, innovative initiatives, and commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive transportation community have earned them the Outstanding Section of the Year Award. For further information and engagement with the Georgia Section of ITE, please visit [GAITE's website](#). You can access more details on their efforts [here](#), and you can follow their You Tube channel [@georgiaite8417](#).

Congratulations to the 2022 Leadership of the Georgia Section on a job well done!



Pictured left: Some of GAITE's 2022 Executive Leadership gathered at one of their many events.

President – Christina Barry [2nd from left]

Vice President – Robinson Nicol [far left]

Secretary/Treasurer – Sam Harris [3rd from left]

Past President – Chris Maddox [far right]

Section Representative – Sean Coleman [2nd from right]

Section Representative – Kelly Patrick [3rd from right]

Board Member At-Large – Alan Davis [not pictured]

Past Presidents' Representative – Dwayne Tedder [not pictured]

Board Liaison – Bill Ruhsam [not pictured]