

## ITE STUDENT CHAPTER AWARD

### UCLA ITE Student Chapter



ITE—A Community of Transportation Professionals is pleased to announce that the **University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Student Chapter** has been awarded the 2024 [Student Chapter Award](#).

ITE's 150+ chartered Student Chapters offer students a chance to begin to create their networks, develop leadership skills, and launch their careers. The connection between a Student Chapter and local professionals is key to both the experience of the student member and the growth of ITE. The Student Chapter award recognizes a

chapter that has provided an exemplary experience for its members with robust programming and outstanding administration.

**Broad Range of Activities.** Under the leadership of President Elena Le and a dedicated team of 31 elected officers, the UCLA ITE Student Chapter organized 14 meetings over the past year. These meetings featured a diverse array of speakers and topics, from a presentation by Rob Sanders, a popular YouTuber known as Road Guy Rob, to an information session with the California High-Speed Rail Authority. Their events consistently attracted high engagement, fostering a vibrant community of transportation professionals and enthusiasts.

**Innovations and Community Impact.** The UCLA ITE Student Chapter hosted numerous innovative events, including the 6th Annual Transportation Career Fair, which connected 70 students with representatives from 16 companies and agencies. They also organized the 9th Annual Student-Professional Mixer, bringing together students from UCLA, USC, and Cal Poly Pomona with transportation professionals and faculty for networking and collaboration.

In addition to professional development, the chapter placed a strong emphasis on community service. They participated in various local volunteer efforts, such as supporting the CicLAvia open streets events, protecting native plants with TreePeople, and crafting thank-you cards for UCLA BruinBus operators. Their commitment to service underscores the chapter's dedication to giving back to the community that supports them.

**Leadership Development and Outreach.** The chapter's leadership development initiatives included sending members to significant conferences such as the 2023 Joint ITE International and Western District Annual Meeting and the 2024 Student Leadership Summit at Cal Poly SLO. These experiences provided valuable opportunities for students to network, learn, and grow as future leaders in the transportation field.

Moreover, the UCLA ITE Student Chapter actively engaged in K-12 STEM outreach, introducing high school students to transportation engineering through visits and interactive presentations. Collaborating with

organizations such as the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), they inspired younger students to explore careers in transportation.

**Acknowledgements.** This remarkable achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the entire UCLA ITE Student Chapter, including key leaders such as President **Elena Le**, External Vice President **Kelly Chan**, Internal Vice President Brennan Orman, and Treasurer **Ryan Matson**. Special thanks to all members and officers whose efforts have made this recognition possible.



An Evening with Road Guy Rob



2023 Joint ITE International and Western District Annual Meeting



6th Annual Transportation Career Fair



LA28 Olympics Transportation Field Trip



9th Annual Student-Professional Mixer



CicLAvia: Melrose w/ WTS at UCLA

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