

## Mark Your Calendars: MES Winter Meetings



Save the Date: February 26–28, 2020 the Mississippi Engineering Society will hold its annual winter meeting at the Jackson Convention Center in Jackson, MS. Mark your calendars and be sure to attend.

To register please [visit our website and fill out a form](#). Interested Speakers, Exhibitors, Presenters and Sponsors can also fill out forms [online](#).

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## Mississippi State and MGCCC Expand Engineering Partnership

Mississippi State University and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College are expanding their “Engineering on the Coast” partnership. The presidents of the two colleges announced a joint industrial engineering program will be added to the electrical and mechanical engineering majors already available at the Jackson County campus for MGCCC, located in the city of Gautier.

Through these programs, students are offered an affordable option for their education.

They can earn a two year associate's degree from MGCCC before enrolling in MSU for their bachelor's. For more information, visit the [website](#).

You can earn your graduate engineering degree online at Mississippi State's Bagley College of Engineering. [Click here to learn more](#).

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## USM Online Program Ranked Among Nation's Best



## Earn Your Graduate Engineering Degree Online Click Here to Learn More

The Bachelors Degree Center recently named the 15 best online bachelor's engineering programs in the country, and the University of Southern Mississippi's BS in Industrial Engineering Technology came in ranked at number 11. The program was also named one of the ten most affordable online engineering programs. The degree program recognizes that students want to take a front and center position in a company and work directly in the field to accomplish specific goals. That is why the program trains students to take on the responsibilities of high-level planning and leadership. According to the Bachelors Degree Center, "A key way the University of Southern Mississippi stands out is the ABET accreditation. The school is accredited for its online industrial engineering technology program and it allows students to focus on logistics or leadership."

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## Advocacy Campaign a Success—But More Action Needed



 **Trish Hatley** @triciahatley - Aug 7. Met with Senator Inhofe's field rep @BrysonPanas this morning in our @FreeseNichols office to talk about the need to reduce licensure exemptions and how PE's help protect the public health, safety and welfare. #LicensedPEday #PEDayAdvocate

More than 100 NSPE members either met with or called their legislators and staffers on August 7 as part of the Society's Professional Engineers Day advocacy campaign. It was the largest such campaign in remembered NSPE history. PEs joined together to speak up for the importance of licensure and passage of a federal bill that would require PE oversight of utility pipelines, following the 2018 Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts, gas line explosion.

NSPE's Manager of Government Relations and Advocacy Stephanie Hamilton called the day "a strong success" as enthusiastic NSPE members worked to build lasting relationships that will help them be seen as experts on licensure and technical matters now and in the future.

However, the week before the campaign, the Senate version of the bill was added as an amendment to a larger pipeline safety bill and watered down to remove the PE requirement. According to Hamilton, the Society was "disappointed" and "dismayed" about this change to the Leonel Rondon Pipeline Safety Act, named after the teenager killed.

It's not too late to make a difference, however. NSPE members are urged to contact their legislators.

### Read More

- [PE article on the advocacy campaign](#);
- [Hamilton's column on the changes to the bill and how members can take action](#);
- [Popular Mechanics article highlighting the personal impacts of the deadly explosion](#).

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## 2019 Fall Webinar Series Open for Registration



Register now for the [2019 Fall Webinar Series](#) ! Develop your skills and earn continuing education credits this fall. Stay current on a variety of topics from the comfort of your home or office. Don't miss NSPE Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel Arthur Schwartz's Ethics Forum each month—register for individual webinars or [get a special bundle price](#) until **September 17**.

Sign up now for these webinars:

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**September 25**
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**October 2**
- [Ethics Forum: Conflicts of Interest - Vendors and Colleagues](#)  
**October 16**
- [Clients are from Venus, Consultants from Mars: A Guide to Effective Management of Consultants](#)

**November 6**

- [Ethics Forum: Conflicts of Interest - Serving the Public](#)

**November 13**

And don't forget that, as part of your NSPE membership, you also receive access to [15 free online seminars](#) .

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## Find Quality Candidates or a Great New Job



NSPE's online event for employers and job seekers will take place again on **October 2** from 11 am – 3 pm Eastern.

Whether you're an engineer just starting out or an experienced professional looking for a new opportunity, you can connect with employers from the comfort of your home, office, smartphone, or tablet. The event is free for job seekers.

Companies in search of top talent will be able to access professionals representing all engineering sectors around the country.

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