

State News for NSPE Members

DE Legislature Passes DAPE Backed Bill

The Delaware Legislature has passed legislation ([H.B. 129](#)) that removes barriers to seeking engineering licensure and modifies language in the state code to provide clarity on disciplinary actions that can be taken by the Delaware Association of Professional Engineers. The changes will become effective when signed into law by Governor John Carney.

The legislation adds definitions for negligence, misconduct, and incompetence. These new definitions will provide greater clarity and guidance for DAPE in determining whether a licensee is subject to discipline. Further, Section 2823 has been amended to add "negligence" and "pattern of negligence" as grounds for discipline. These changes will ensure that discipline is imposed for conduct that poses a risk to the public.

Section 2817(a)(7) has been amended by striking the requirement that an applicant who fails the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination four times must go through additional steps before taking the examination another time. Eliminating this requirement will remove unnecessary barriers to licensure. [Read more in the latest DAPE newsletter.](#)

Delaware Legislature Passes EV Infrastructure Bill

Senate Bill 103 would position the state for 2040, when researchers predict electric vehicle sales will outnumber those of traditional, combustion engine vehicles, [WMDT news reports.](#)

The bill ([S.B. 103](#)) would provide county and municipal government enforcement of the electric vehicle charging infrastructure requirements, and apply to the construction of a multi-family residential dwelling for which an application for final site plan approval is submitted on or after January 1, 2025.

The bill also added considerations for single-family residential dwellings without an

attached or detached garage, requiring electric vehicle-capable parking space to be provided in the driveway, assigned parking space for the dwelling, or at an unassigned non-street residential parking space constructed as part of the project. [Read more.](#)

Examining Why the Delaware Climate Change Solutions Act Passed

This time a year ago, state lawmakers backing a bill to give legal force to Delaware's plan to respond to climate change were regrouping after the bill stalled late in that session. This year, those lawmakers are taking a victory lap after the Delaware Climate Change Solutions Act passed.

Delaware Public Media contributor Jon Hurdle reports on why the Delaware Climate Change Solutions Act was successful this time around and what's in the final version of the bill. [Read more.](#)

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Meet the 2023 NSPE Emerging Leaders

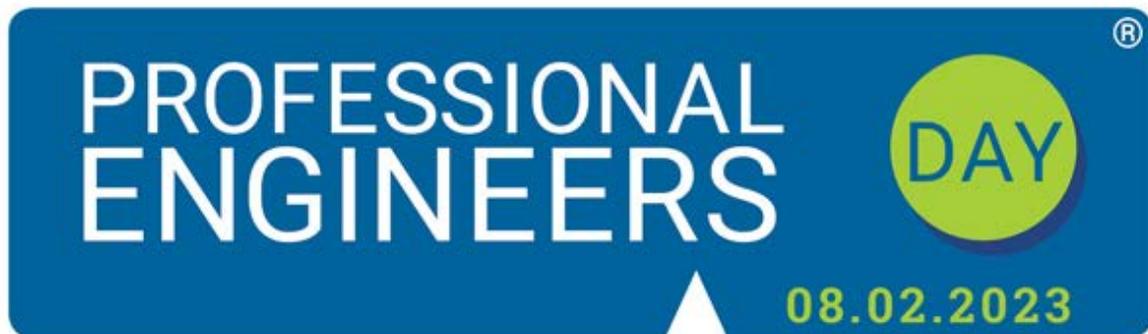


NSPE is pleased to recognize 15 talented professionals who recently completed the Society's [Emerging Leaders Program](#). This diverse group of young professionals was selected from around the country to take part in an intensive, unique enterprise designed to equip them as leaders in the engineering field.

- **Nicholas J. Bailey, P.E.** (Cincinnati, Ohio)
- **Frank Block III, Ph.D., P.E.** (Silver Spring, Maryland)
- **Timothy Choma, P.E.** (Iselin, New Jersey)
- **Courtney Cunningham, P.E.** (Houston, Texas)
- **Steven T. Fox, P.E.** (Nashville, Tennessee)
- **Blane Gee, P.E.** (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)

- **Holly Hartley Guillaume, P.E.** (Katy, Texas)
- **Lingbee Chyna Lim, P.E.** (Charleston, South Carolina)
- **Brianne R. Jole, P.E.** (Lubbock, Texas)
- **Corey Kingsland, P.E.** (Kansas City, Missouri)
- **Carter Lytal, P.E.** (Lubbock, Texas)
- **Rebecca Martinez, P.E.** (Cherry Hill, New Jersey)
- **Alissa Neuhausen, P.E.** (Rockville, Maryland)
- **Victor Odili, P.E.** (Conroe, Texas)
- **Skylar Wierzbicki, P.E.** (Grapevine, Texas)

The program is [accepting applications](#) for the next class of rising leaders until August 31.



The upcoming [Professional Engineers Day](#) (Wednesday, August 2) is an incredible opportunity to showcase the value of NSPE and your PE license. We encourage you to post on your social media accounts a highlight from your community, your work, your impact, your story and include the [#IAMNSPE](#), [#WeareNSPE](#), [#ProudPE](#).

NSPE's [apparel shop](#) features the PE Day logo on a variety of items including many styles of t-shirts and other apparel for men, women, and kids, as well as accessories like mugs, notebooks, tote bags, wall prints, and even phone cases. [Shop now.](#)

Check Out the Latest Issue of *PE*

[The Chatter About AI](#)

OpenAI's ChatGPT came on the scene in November 2022. This type of generative AI has made a noticeable impact in a brief period of time and other versions of chatbots have been released. This emerging technology is sparking discussions about what impact AI could have on the engineering workforce and in engineering practice.



[Reaching Tomorrow's Innovators](#)

DiscoverE has released its latest research on the views of high school students and parents on engineering and engineering careers. The Messages Matter results were encouraging as they reveal that targeted messages and profiles of engineers can spur interest in engineering among the very groups that will ensure a more diverse future for the field.

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