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**President’s Message**

Happy Summer!

I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer. It was great to see so many new and familiar faces at our Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh this past April. Thank you to Brad DiCola and the Annual Meeting Planning Committee for putting together a successful meeting.

The District Board and Committees are looking to offer more to you, our members, for the rest of 2023 including communications and webinars. Be on the lookout for future notifications for elections in the next several weeks as well. We have recently established two committees, the Student Activities Committee and Annual Meeting committee who will be working hard to improve the ITE experience for students and future annual meetings. We are still looking for more volunteers, specifically for the awards committee, if you are interested please let me know at [seth.young@stvinc.com](mailto:seth.young@stvinc.com).

Thanks and have a great rest of your summer!



Seth D. Young, P.E., PTOE  
2023 ITE Mid-Colonial District President

Speaking of volunteers, here is a link to an interview with Past District President, Jeff Bergsten on how he got his start in ITE. It’s about a 5 minute read if you’re interested.

[Hyper Link](#) to interview



**AI Survey**

Hi MCDITE,

I am writing to ask for your help with a study titled “Promoting Equitable AI in Transportation.” We have gathered 230 responses so far (I have attached the survey results that we have got so far in case you are interested in the preliminary findings). We are hoping to get more responses.”

*Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly changing transportation, but the equity and ethical impacts of AI are not yet well understood. The USDOT-funded [STRIDE University Transportation Center](#) is conducting a survey on how transportation professionals perceive AI, the potential impacts of AI, major barriers to AI adoption, and the equity and ethical concerns for AI.*

*As a member of the transportation community and regardless of your level of expertise with AI, your inputs are critical to us. The results of the survey will be used to develop a practical guide to help transportation professionals navigate AI and promote equitable AI applications in transportation. **If you would like to participate in this 10-min survey, please click on the link below:***

[https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9mq3E4Uc3rJMIR0](https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9mq3E4Uc3rJMIR0)

*Also, we would very much appreciate it if you can circulate this email to other transportation professionals such as your colleagues. Thank you so much for your time and help!”*

Thank you so much!

Jacob

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**MASITE News**



**MASITE 2023 Annual Meeting**

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**WDCSITE News**



WDCSITE (CAPSITE) is still diligently working on the name change and brand change over the next few months and will be excited to debut our new name and look in style! Our programming so far has hosted events in Arlington, Fairfax, and Howard Counties with many more on the way. Also be sure to save the date for our Annual Technical Meeting at Audi Field on Wednesday, September 20, jointly hosted with our colleagues at VASITE and YPT! Reaching out to younger members, our STEM team has held virtual events with students in Caroline County, and we had immense attendance at this year’s District Annual Meeting, with four universities representing our section (Catholic University of America, Howard University, Morgan State University, and University of Maryland). It’s been an exciting spring in the region, and if you want to hear more about what’s going on in our area, be sure to catch the latest episode of our podcast, [The Sectional!](#)

- Jon Crisafi, PE, PTOE, President WDCSITE