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### **Marquette University wins 2026 NCEES Engineering Education Award**

*Opus College of Engineering receives \$25,000 grand prize for water distribution project*

NCEES is pleased to announce that Marquette University is the grand prize winner of the 2026 NCEES Engineering Education Award. The university received the award for a project completed by the Opus College of Engineering. The award jury met virtually on June 2, 2026, to select the \$25,000 grand prize winner.

For the school's project, *Cruz Chich y Chumisa Water Distribution System, Guatemala*, students prioritized the health, safety, and welfare of the Cruz Chich and Chumisa communities. The students assessed regional needs by considering existing infrastructure, material availability, construction familiarity, and financial constraints. Additionally, students planned for the project's long-term sustainability by appointing a local water committee, providing training in operational maintenance, and teaching important hygiene and public health practices.

The jury selected seven additional winners to receive awards of \$10,000 each:

■ **Arizona State University**

Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering  
*EWB Kenya Solar Chapter*

■ **California State University, Los Angeles**

College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology  
*Design of a 3D-Printed Aircraft*

■ **George Mason University**

Sid and Reva Dewberry Department of Civil, Environmental, and Infrastructure Engineering  
*Chincoteague Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements*

■ **Gonzaga University**

School of Engineering and Applied Science  
*Re-imagining Hillyard*

■ **Howard University**

College of Engineering and Architecture  
*Kenya Water Supply Project*

■ **Saint Francis University**

School of STEAM

*American Eagle Paper Mill Waste Management*

■ **University of Alaska Anchorage**

Civil Engineering Department

*Pre-approved Accessory Dwelling Units*

The NCEES Engineering Education Award recognizes engineering programs that encourage collaboration between students and professional engineers. EAC/ABET-accredited programs from all engineering disciplines were invited to submit projects that integrate professional practice and education.

A jury of NCEES members and representatives from academic institutions and engineering societies selected the winners from 30 entries. The jury members considered the following criteria:

- Successful collaboration of faculty, students, and licensed professional engineers
- Protection of public health, safety, and/or welfare of the public
- Multidiscipline and/or allied profession participation
- Knowledge or skills gained
- Effectiveness of display board, abstract, and project description

Profiles of the winning submissions will be posted as available at [ncees.org/award](http://ncees.org/award).

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