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NCEES announces winners of 2026 NCEES Surveying Education Award

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and Vincennes University receive \$25,000 grand prizes

NCEES is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2026 NCEES Surveying Education Award. This annual award recognizes surveying programs that best reflect the organization's mission to advance licensure for surveyors in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

NCEES awarded the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Geospatial Science program the \$25,000 grand prize in the four-year program category. The university delivers core geospatial science coursework to high school students via dual enrollment. The award jury praised the program for offering the most transformational and replicable model in the competition.

NCEES awarded the Vincennes University Surveying Technology program the \$25,000 grand prize in the two-year program category. The university has developed a tiered pipeline for bringing students into the surveying profession and providing them with the necessary tools to become professionally licensed. The award jury praised the program for transforming from a narrow, traditional pathway to a comprehensive hub serving a wider student population.

The jury selected four additional winners to receive the following awards:

Four-year programs

\$15,000 awards

East Tennessee State University
Surveying and Mapping Science program

New Jersey Institute of Technology
Surveying Engineering Technology program

\$10,000 awards

Ferris State University
Surveying Engineering program

Oregon Institute of Technology
Geomatics program

The award jury of NCEES members and representatives from surveying societies met virtually June 4, 2026, to select the winners. The prizes were awarded to qualifying programs to assist with each program's continued efforts to promote the importance and value of surveying licensure.

Profiles of the winning programs will be posted as available at ncees.org/surveyingaward.

ABOUT NCEES

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying is a nonprofit organization made up of engineering and surveying licensing boards from all U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Since its founding in 1920, NCEES has been committed to advancing licensure for engineers and surveyors in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the U.S. public.

NCEES helps its member licensing boards carry out their duties to regulate the professions of engineering and surveying. It develops best-practice models for state licensure laws and regulations and promotes uniformity among the states. It develops and administers the exams used for engineering and surveying licensure throughout the country. It also provides services to help licensed engineers and surveyors practice their professions in other U.S. states and territories. For more information, please visit ncees.org.