



ASHRAE

Virtual Roundtable

September 25, 2026

Student Activities Committee

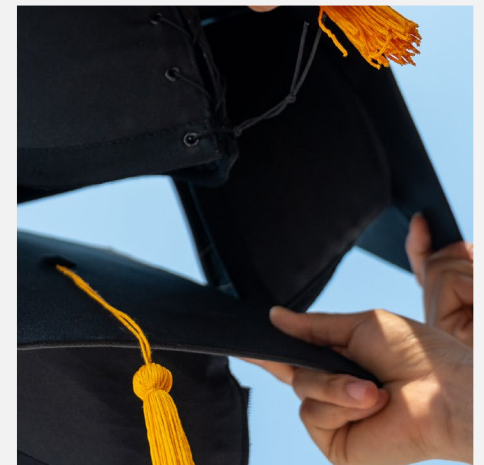
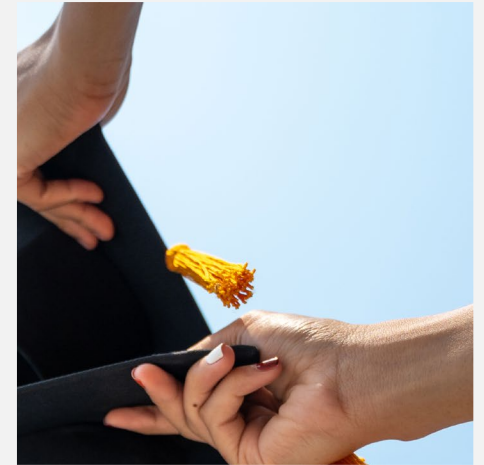
Topics

- Benefits
- Best Practices
- Networking & Fundraising Events
- Important Dates
- HVAC Hero
- Student Spotlight
- Open Discussion/ Questions



Benefits

- Scholarships
- Student Newsletter
- Discounts on publications for your coursework and throughout your professional life.
- 250 active student branches at universities around the world.
- Reduced registration to ASHRAE Winter Conferences.
- Chapter programs hosted by industry leaders
- Undergraduate Program Equipment Grants fund colleges and universities worldwide to promote the study and teaching of HVAC&R, encouraging undergraduate students to pursue related careers.
- Grants-in-Aid allow for graduate students to continue their education in the HVAC&R industry.





Student Branch Best Practices Guide

This schedule is a guideline. Please adjust activities according to your school's academic calendar.

Aug.
Sept.

- Hold planning meeting with SBA and prospective officers to develop the current year's program
- Reach out to local chapter student activities chair and coordinate term plan
- Conduct membership drive
 - Utilize 'Student Member Recruitment' presentation
 - Request supporting materials from ASHRAE (Check Student Zone website or e-mail students@ashrae.org)
- Elect branch officers
- Talk to your SBA or other appropriate faculty about submitting an Undergraduate Senior Grant Project
- Branch officers review Manual for Student Branch Operations and Student Branch Handbook

Oct.
Nov.

- Make plans to attend Student Program at Winter Meeting
 - Book rooms early! (You can always cancel extras.)
 - Hold fundraising events.
- Promote Society (and local where applicable) scholarships
- Promote Graduate Grant-In Aid
- Hold Student Tour (consider campus energy plant)
- Attend local chapter meetings and YEA events
- Apply for scholarships & grants

Dec.

- Scholarships applications due December 1
- Graduate Student Grant-In Aide applications due December 15
- Undergraduate Senior Project Grant applications due December 15

Jan.

- Plan DiscoverE Engineer's Week activities for mid to late February
- Attend Society Winter Meeting Student Program and concurrent AHR Expo
- Become familiarized with and begin working on ASHRAE Student Design Competition
- Check-in with local chapter SA chair

Feb.
Mar.

- Conduct Engineer's Week activities
- Attend local chapter meeting or joint YEA event
- Organize seminars or other study session for topics of local interest, such as the FE exam

April
May

- Student Branch Status Report Due May 31
- Hold ASHRAE School Spirit Event (consider baseball game tailgate, etc.)
- Conduct spring service activity
- Engineering Technology Scholarship application due May 1
- Graduating seniors conduct exit interviews with SBA and/or local chapter SA chair

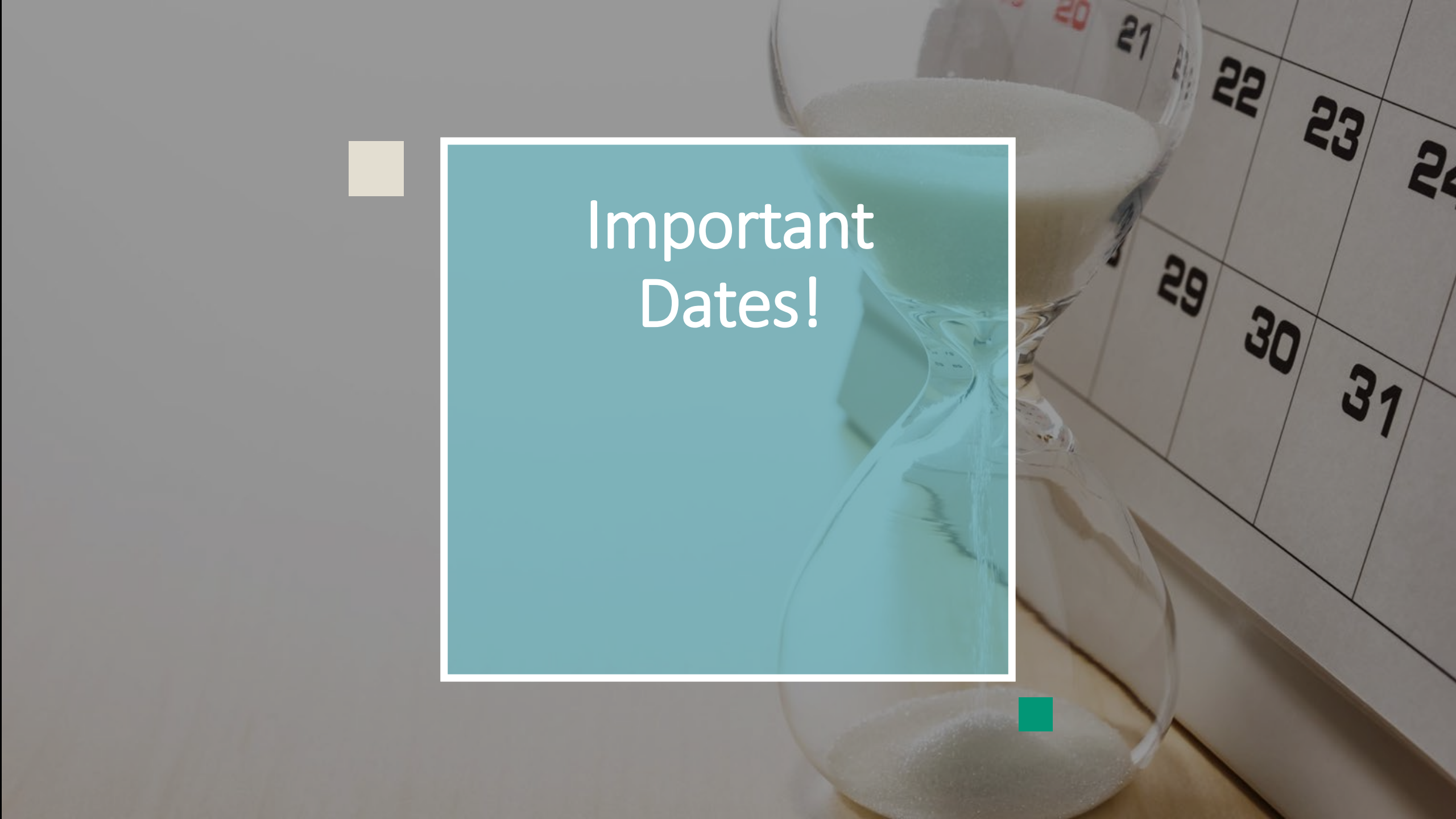
June

- Student Branch Advisor of the Year application due - work with your SBA or the SBA's supervisor to submit
- Consider attending Society Annual Meeting
- Graduating seniors enroll in ASHRAE Smart Start program and matriculate to Associate Member
- Graduating seniors conduct exit interviews with SBA and/or local chapter SA chair



Networking & Fundraising Event Ideas

Share Your Ideas!

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Important
Dates!

STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT

Submit by:

SEPT
30th



ASHRAE WINTER CONFERENCE
Chicago, IL
Jan 23rd - 27th

Travel to ASHRAE Winter Conference and be exposed to:

- Student Activities Committee meetings (non-executive session)
- The Student Program
- Seminars
- AHR Trade Show
- Technical Committees
- Governance

APPLY HERE



Undergraduate Equipment Grant

- Faculty Applies
- Up to \$5,000
- Top Award:\$25,000
- Due December 15th



Scholarships

- Now Due April 1st!





2027 Design Competition

A university in Taipei, Taiwan is looking to retrofit a hotel into a live and learn community. The goal of this project is to transform an existing facility into a center that provides spaces for students to dorm, network, study, and learn. This phase of the project will focus on the 7th- roof levels only.

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2027 Applied Engineering Challenge

The 2027 Setty Family Foundation Applied Engineering Challenge (AEC) centers on designing an HVAC system for an early outpost lunar base. With the successful mission of the Artemis II, the possibility of lunar exploration and habitation is in the near future. Engineers and scientists have already begun conceptualizing building a base on the moon.

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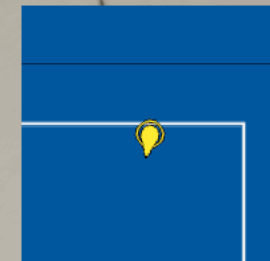


- Register by April 4th
- Submissions due May 4th

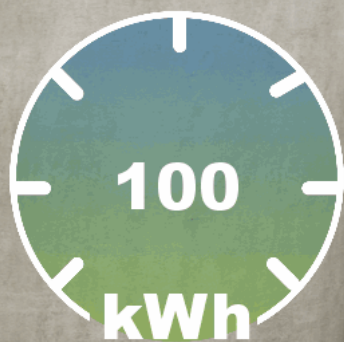


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HVAC HERO



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SPACE BAR

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Student Spotlight!

Send your submissions to
students@ashrae.org



Open
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