



ite GREAT LAKES DISTRICT
STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2026
DETROIT, MI JULY 17-18

Hosted by ITE Student Chapters from Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Western Michigan University, and Wayne State University

[**Register here!**](#)

DAY I

Friday July 17th, 2026

4 – 5:30 PM

Check-in and registration

6 – 8 PM

Social and networking event

Join us for an introductory networking session where you'll meet peers from universities across the ITE Great Lakes District and exchange ideas in a relaxed setting. This opening day sets the stage for collaboration and prepares you for the presentations and student competition on Day 2. The event location will be announced soon.

DAY II

Saturday July 18th, 2026

8 AM

Breakfast and networking

8:30 AM

Introduction to ITE Great Lakes District Student Leadership Summit 2026

9 AM First Session

Student Chapters Organization

Student chapters from across the ITE Great Lakes District will share their experiences and strategies for running successful organizations, highlighting best practices in recruitment, budgeting, officer transitions, and chapter operations, etc.

Coffee Break

10 AM

Student Design Competition

This competition allows student members to tackle a topic as a project team and present their solutions to a panel of professionals during the Great Lakes SLS. The sign-up deadline is April 11, 2026. Read more about it [here](#), and register your team [here](#).

Coffee Break

11:45 AM Second Session

ITE Leadership

This session features experienced ITE leaders sharing practical guidance on networking, organizing events, and strategies for leading a successful student chapter, as well as a group activity for students.

12:45 PM

Lunch and Poster Session

Signups are now open for both undergraduate and graduate students for the poster competition. More details and the registration form can be found [here](#). The deadline to sign up is June 1, 2026.

2:15 PM Third Session

Transportation Career Panel

A panel discussion featuring professionals from the industry with varying levels of experience. Panelists will share insights on career paths, professional growth, and transitioning from school to the transportation workforce.

Coffee Break

3:15 PM

Traffic Bowl

Signups for ITE Great Lakes District Traffic Bowl 2026. Details and registration can be found [here](#). Deadline is April 18, 2026.

6 PM

Social event

Close out the event with a social where students, panelists, presenters, and sponsors can continue conversations, reflect on the day's sessions, and build lasting professional connections. The event location will be announced soon.