



NSPS STUDENT COMPETITION RESULTS

February 28, 2018 – Las Vegas, Nevada

The onsite part of the 2018 NSPS Student Competition began on Saturday February 17th with a logistics meeting and reception. The field exercise was done on Sunday on 80 acres of BLM land that was marked off into 12 individual sites (one for each team) upon which the only reference marker was the center point of what was to be a one-acre square parcel. Each team was instructed to lay out a one-acre square parcel and conduct a topographic survey of the parcel. A plat was to be drawn showing the boundary lines/monuments and the contours of the parcel. On Monday the teams moved inside to do their computations and create a boundary/topographic plat, and prepare for presentations to a panel of judges on Tuesday. The Competition concluded with presentation of awards on Wednesday 21st

Regardless of their placement in the results, the teams showed visible relief that this intense time was over. Professional Surveyors who visited the presentation of results were impressed by the high standard of work done by ALL of the teams.

2 year degree program first place went to: Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (Green Bay)

4 year degree program first place to Oregon Institute of Technology (Klamath Falls); second place to Texas A&M- Corpus Christi; third place to Utah Valley University (Orem).

Congratulations to them and the other eight teams who received honorable mentions which are listed below in no particular order:

- University of Akron
- Great Basin College (Elko, NV)
- Northern Illinois University (DeKalb)
- East Tennessee State University (Johnson City)
- Idaho State University (Pocatello)
- California State University (Fresno)
- University of Puerto Rico (Mayaguez)
- New Mexico State University

Video interviews with the teams at their posters, and videos showing each team's oral presentation, are being processed and soon will be available on the [NSPS YouTube channel](#).

In honor of Mike and Anne Besch, University of Akron, the First Place award, in both divisions, has been named after them.



First Place - Oregon Institute of Technology (Klamath Falls)



Second Place - Texas A&M- Corpus Christi



Third Place - Utah Valley University (Orem)



Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (Green Bay)



All 12 teams and their advisors



Judges pictured with Jan Fokens, Past President – NSPS, Kim Leavitt – President – NSPS, Paul Burn (NV), Greg Copeland (ME), JB Guyton (CO), Stephen Gould, NSPS Education Chairman, and Chris Glantz (OR).

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