

Building Your Chapter Roundtable Responses - GFF25 (Salt Lake City)

Topic: Student Chapter Competition

Communicate with industry and get help viewing our RFP.

Have contractors at most, if not every meeting.

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Contractors attend once a week.

How do you use contractors? Build relationships! Ask for help and advice, listen to them speak on their experience.

Contractors - Q&A sessions, presentations, virtual meetings to broaden reach

MCA contractors come in and talk about MCAA during club meetings.

Utilize local contractors to give a walk through and answer questions. Tours are great too.

Present at a local MCA Board Meeting to gather advice.

Use the abundance of courses MCAA has provided on their website.

Keep on track by having everything you need to do written down.

Collaboration - use MS Teams

Move everything into one doc at the end.

Different professors and curricula treat the MCAA competition differently (positive and negative)

Topic: Community Service / Involvement

Habitat for Humanity builds

Adopt a highway clean-up

Work with a non-profit organization to do community clean-up.

ASP (Appalachia Service Project) Race to Build

Heat's On w/ local unions

Block Kids with NAWIC

Have a community service coordinator position. Trash clean ups, tournaments, Habitat for Humanity. Share community service and events on chapter Instagram.

Give back to the community and work with local contractors at the same time.

Education sessions to get involved.

Site tours of campus central plan for students in mechanical classes.

Site tours, golf outings, club involvement

Golf outings with contractors. Also hold jobsite tours and have companies present to students.

Start community involvement in the summer through outreach.

Topic: Mountains of Opportunity
MCAA Networking Night where mechanical contractors are invited to have dinner and speak with students.
Networking! Through local and national connections.
Education sessions with contractors.
Classroom visits to recruit.
Recruit by going into classrooms and talking to students to get them interested.
Utilize sponsoring GCs to make connections with mechanical subcontractors.
Talk about how anything you can learn at a GC you can learn in mechanical as a way to interest others.
Highlight that it's not all field jobs, you can go into the office too.
Making it a requirement to do an internship and attend meetings.
Recruiting with scholarships, internships and travel opportunities
Socialize! Encourage other majors to get involved. Communicating to the next generation of chapter leaders how great opportunities like this conference move the needle for our future careers. Meeting people with great knowledge and mentorship.