

## About the QCESC

The Quad City Engineering and Science Council (QCESC) is an umbrella organization representing 35 technical societies in the Quad City region with approximately 5,000 associated members. The QCESC is non-profit and is actively seeking new society members, volunteers, sponsors and partners.

The QCESC is in its 49th year of operation and annually sponsors events such as the President's Reception, National Engineers Banquet with seven annual awards including for the Engineer, Scientist and STEM Teacher of the Year. In addition, the QCESC supports STEM education through scholarships to local high school students, sponsoring of students competitions such as the annual bridge building event, QC FIRST LEGO League Regional, provides judges such as for Invent Iowa and speakers on careers.



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## Quad City Engineering and Science Council (QCESC)



## QCESC Mission:

Promote and support engineering, science, and technical professionals and associated societies in the Quad City Region.

Support and encourage students to study in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) related fields.

# What Does The QCESC Do?

## Engineers Week Banquet: Where it Began

The Quad City Engineering and Science Council got its start in 1963. Several program chairmen from various societies met in 1962 to discuss a joint meeting to celebrate National Engineers Week sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE).



A committee was formed, with the intention to focus the public's attention on the importance of the contributions that the engineering and science community make to society. Billboards were purchased. TV and radio shows interviewed prominent engineers from the Quad Cities. A press party was held and the first Quad Cities Engineers Week Banquet took place in 1963, with over 1000 people attending, including the Governors of Iowa and Illinois, state legislators, five mayors, and members for thirteen technical societies participating. The Engineers Week Banquet became an annual event and the newly formed Quad City Engineering and Science Council became its sponsor.



## Scholarships

In 2011, the QCESC supported \$13,000 in scholarships to seven high school seniors studying engineering or science at an accredited four-year college or university with support from Iowa State University Engineering College and the University of Iowa Engineering College. The scholarship recipients are announced at the Annual National Engineers Banquet held in February.



## Awards

In 1966, the QCESC established the awards for Engineer and Scientist of Year to recognize professionals whose exceptional achievements and outstanding contributions have made a lasting impact on technology, society, and their profession.



**Additional awards** have been added as follows by year:

- \* 2000 — Society of the Year
- \* 2008 — Lifetime Achievement
- \* 2010 — STEM Teacher of the Year



## Upcoming Events

All events sponsored or supported by the QCESC

**December 10, 2011**

**8:00 AM—4:00 PM**

3rd Annual Quad Cities FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Regional Qualifier Davenport, Iowa (Putnam)

**January 21, 2012**

**9:00 AM—5:00 PM**

Quad City FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Regional Davenport, Iowa (Putnam)

**February 10 & 11, 2012**

QCESC - 5th Annual Bridge Building Contest (all ages) Davenport, Iowa (Putnam)

**March 1, 2012**

QCESC—50th Annual Engineers Week Banquet Gala Bettendorf, Iowa (Waterfront Convention Center)

**April 13, 2012**

QCESC— 3rd Annual QC High School Tech Challenge - Trebuchet Egg Throw Competition Bettendorf High School (Grades 9-12)

**April 23, 2012**

IMSEP Moms Night Out for STEM A one-night, Iowa statewide celebration of STEM education Multiple Iowa Locations

**May 18, 2012**

QCESC — 3rd Annual QC High School Tech Challenge—Cardboard Boat Regatta Race Bettendorf Middle Park Lagoon (grades 9-12)

**Summer 2012 (Dates To Be Announced)**

QCESC 4th Annual Engineering Kids Camp at the Putnam with Iowa State Engineering College (Grades 4-6)

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