

## **Professional Organizations for Civil Engineering Technology**

Civil Engineering Technology (CET) students are strongly encouraged to belong to professional organizations and/or societies. Engineering is a lifelong learning process. Students must be able to know what to do regarding continuing education before and after finishing college. The CET program is the first step in the learning process. The second step is to stay connected to the field by belonging to a professional organization or society.

Professional organizations are composed of industry officials (engineering practitioners) and academic professionals (engineering scientists) who are actively working towards advancing the field. The goal is to discuss new safety standards, new trends in the field, and modifications to existing policies and procedures, as well as to discuss and implement changes to codes, standards and specifications directly related to the field. In addition, participation in professional organizations allow members to develop networking skills, which are extremely important as a

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20. American Society of Engineering Education ASEE: <https://www.asee.org/>
21. Prestressed Concrete Institute PCI: