ACEC NC JUNIOR BOARD

As we kick off the new term, the ACEC/NC Junior Board is hitting the ground running with an exciting lineup of events and initiatives. We started strong with our first **Lunch and Learn**, featuring Dr. Meagan Kittle-Autry on *Clarity for Your Clients*. Dr. Kittle-Autry shared practical strategies for improving communication in the engineering workplace—from emails to presentations. Nearly 60 participants joined this virtual session, creating a meaningful and productive dialogue. Thank you to everyone who attended!

Our **Peer Connections** program is also off to a fantastic start. This term, approximately 70 participants from over 30 member firms signed up for this unique networking initiative, designed to connect developing professionals, from entry level to 15 years of experience, across North Carolina. The kickoff event, held October 16, was well attended and set the tone for a year of growth and collaboration.

The **Fall ACEC/NC 101 Social** rounded out our early calendar, offering a relaxed setting for members to connect, recharge, and learn more about who ACEC/NC is and what we do. With events at Clouds Brewing in Raleigh and SupperClub SouthEnd in Charlotte, it was another great opportunity for developing professionals to build relationships. If you missed this one, keep an eye out for our next Social early next year!

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to announce the **Future Leaders Small Firm 2026 Future Leader Scholarship**, an initiative to spotlight rising talent in smaller firms and support their professional development through the ACEC/NC Future Leaders Program. Nominations are open now through **October 27, 2025**, so be sure to submit your candidates soon!

We're also planning our **Winter Lunch and Learn** for December 2025, focusing on *AI in the Engineering Workplace*. Stay tuned for speaker announcements and schedule details.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to our **2025–2026 Junior Board Partners**. Your generous support makes these programs possible, helping us host impactful events, offer scholarships, and create opportunities that strengthen our profession. With your help the Junior Board is continually working on new ways to **energize engagement** within ACEC/NC and **celebrate the impact** of engineering across North Carolina. Stay tuned for existing things to come!