

STUDENT GUIDE FOR THE SETAC NORTH AMERICA 46TH ANNUAL MEETING



PORTLAND, OREGON
16-20 NOVEMBER, 2025



The **North America Student Advisory Council**, or NASAC, would like to welcome you Portland!

NASAC is an affinity group for the student members of SETAC North America (SNA). NASAC provides a voice for the students of SETAC North America (SNA), organizes student events at the SNA Annual Meeting, and develops the future scientists of SETAC.

This guide was created to help improve the student experience by providing an overview on:

Student Events
Meeting Tips
Portland Tips
Connect with Students
How to get involved with NASAC



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STUDENT EVENTS

Student-Mentor Mix & Mingle



Monday, 17 November | 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Conference Center (C 123-124)

Enjoy a networking social with SETAC mentors.
Pre-Registration Required (\$10, includes appetizers)

NASAC General Meeting



Tuesday, 18 November | 1-1:30 pm

Conference Center (D 135)

Join us for a brief overview of our group and to learn more about how you can get involved.

Student Lunch Seminar: Eat, Learn, Connect



Wednesday, 19 November | 12:00 – 1:30 PM

Conference Center (C 123-124)

Chris Stransky, GEI Consulting and incoming SETAC North America President | Sold Out

Student Mixer and Trivia



Wednesday, 19 November | 7:00 – 10:00 PM

Spirit of 77 Bar

Join your fellow students for a night of trivia and fun.
Pre-Registration Required (\$20, includes tacos)



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MEETING TIPS

Give a Great Presentation



- Be sure to follow the [presentation guidelines](#).
- Poster or virtual presenters - upload by 10 November!
- Make it your goal for the audience to take away one key message from your presentation.
- If you don't know the answer to a question, it's OK to say you don't know but will look into it later.
- The people in the audience are rooting for you, not against you.
- Practice, practice, practice!

Make Meaningful Connections

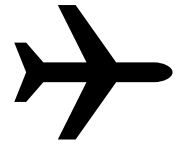


- Don't be afraid to introduce yourself!
- Plan ahead which posters and presentations to attend; use the meeting platform app (Apple Store & Google Play)!
- Talk to the people next to you between presentations. You'll meet some cool people you wouldn't have otherwise!
- Take breaks! Take one session off to explore the city.
- Practice your elevator pitch.
- Follow up with new connections after the conference.



TRANSPORTATION

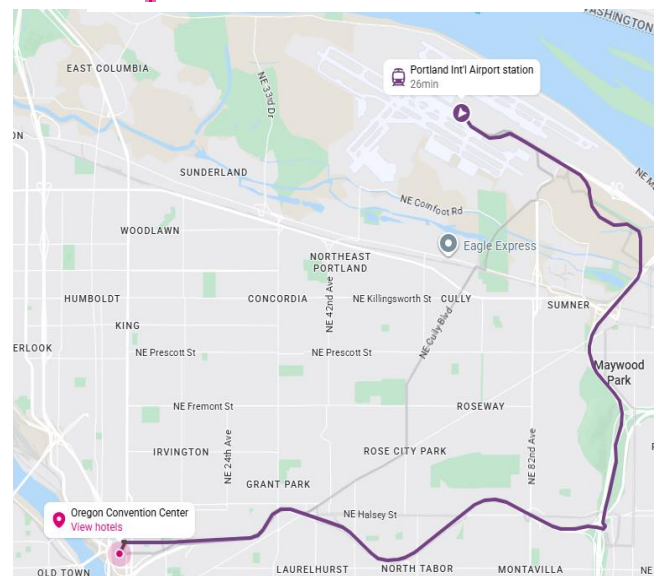
From the PDX Airport



- Ride share apps (Uber, Lyft, etc.) and taxis are available
- [MAX Light Rail](#) (3\$) the MAX Red Line runs from PDX airport to the Convention Center (26 min ride)
- Conference attendees will be provided a complimentary light rail pass available at the registration desk for future travel



Convention Center



Important Addresses



- **Oregon Convention Center:** 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
- **Spirit of 77** (Student Mixer/Trivia): 500 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
 - ~3 minute walk across the street from Convention Center

TRANSPORTATION

Getting Around



- The Portland Convention Center is conveniently located in Northeast Portland with many cafes, restaurants, bars, and shops within walking distance
- Ride share apps (Uber, Lyft, etc.) and taxis are available



Directions to Oregon Convention Center (Portland) with public transportation

The following transit lines have routes that pass near Oregon Convention Center

 Bus: 12, 16, 4, 44, 6.

 Light Rail: BLUE, GREEN, RED, YELLOW.

 Streetcar: 6, A.



- [Electric Scooters](#) available to pick up on the sidewalks

- [Lime](#) (green and white): \$1 to unlock, then \$0.35/ min to ride
- [Biketown](#) (gray and orange): \$1 to unlock, then \$0.39/ min to ride



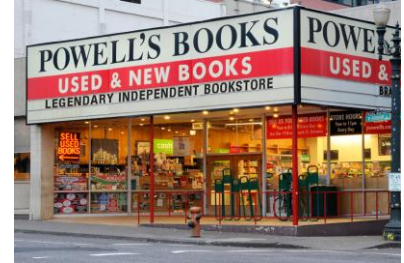


EXPLORE PORTLAND



Read the SETAC Staff Guide to Portland Adventures, below are a few highlights near the Convention Center!

- **Powell's Books** - the world's largest new and used independent bookstore located on 1005 W Burnside St which spans the entire city block ~ 20 min bus ride from the convention center



- **Washington Park** (4033SW Canyon Rd) ~ 20 min bus ride from the convention center with:
 - Oregon Zoo - \$26/adult, hours: 9:30 a.m-3:30 p.m.
 - Japanese Garden – incredible fall colors in November!
 - Forest Park – a great place for a walk or a run

- **Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)** (1945 SE Water Ave) ~20 minute bus ride from the convention center
- **Portland Art Museum** (1219 SW Park Ave) ~ 20 min bus ride from the convention center
- **Multnomah Falls** in the Columbia River Gorge – located ~1 hour from Portland, the Columbia Gorge Express offers roundtrip fare between the waterfall and Portland




CONNECT WITH STUDENTS

Stop by the Student Corner

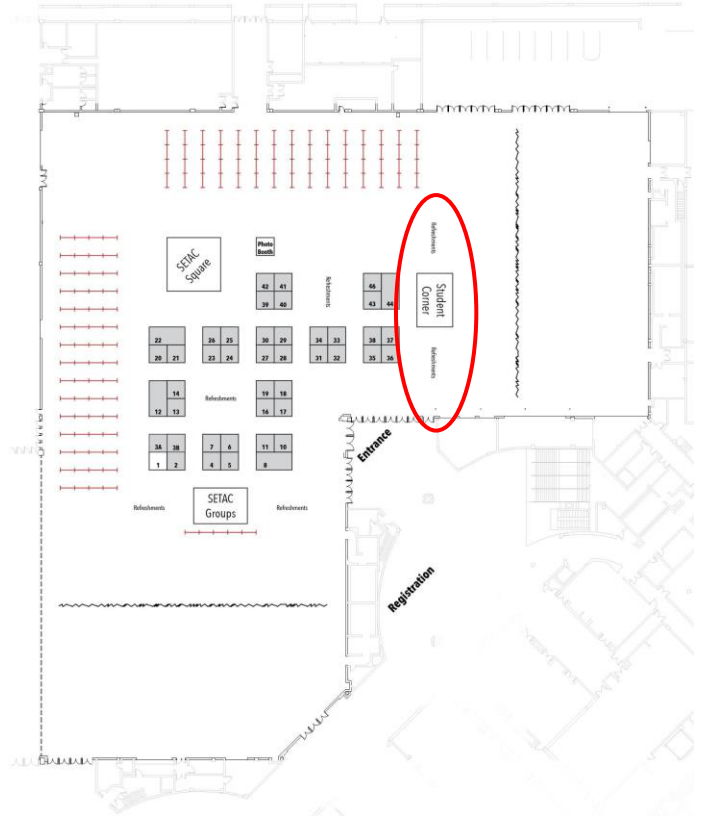
During Poster Socials | Exhibit Hall (see map)

- Charging cords
- Comfortable seating
- SETAC stickers
- SETAC pins
- Friendly faces



Answer the Question of the Day!

We will post a new short-answer question daily. Respond and see how your peers answer.



Join our NASAC Slack Workspace

- To stay connected during (and after) this meeting, please join our [NASAC Slack Workspace](#)
- Use this space to ask questions, make connections, and share when you present so other students can attend!



GET INVOLVED

Join the North America Student Advisory Council (NASAC)

NASAC was created to provide a voice for student members of SETAC and to represent student interests within SNA. NASAC meets monthly to plan events for the annual meeting and to encourage student participation in the society.

All students are welcome to join NASAC! This includes any undergraduate, masters, or doctoral students interested in learning more about SNA, as well as those serving as Regional Chapter Student Representatives.

Join us Next Year

14th SETAC Young Environmental Scientists (YES) Meeting

Uniting Students through Connections

at the University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC, USA



Abstract Call
24 February 2026 –
8 April 2026

Registration Opens
12 May 2026

YES Meetings have no registration costs. All participants are expected to present either a platform or poster to their peers.

All SETAC students and recent graduates (<3 years) are welcome!

**4 – 7 August
2026**



Arnold School of Public Health

Interested in attending, planning, or sponsoring the 14th YES Meeting?
Scan here for more information:

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NASAC Leadership

NASAC Chair



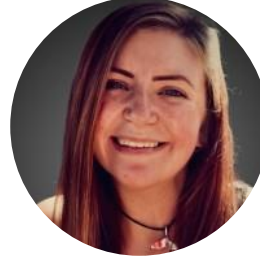
Bonnie Ertel
University of South Carolina

Vice Chair



Katie Irhin
Virginia Tech

Incoming Vice Chair



Jessica Donaldson
University of Florida

Outgoing Chair



Adam Wronski
Baylor University

Annual Meeting Chairs

Outreach Co-Chair



Miranda Jackson
Oregon State University

Outreach Co-Chair



Benjamin Komolafe
University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Trivia Chair



Leenia Mukhopadhyay
Carnegie Mellon University

Seminar Chair



Lola Renauer
University of South Carolina

NASAC would also like to thank the engaged Regional Chapter Representatives, Interest Group Liaisons, and General Members who have volunteered their time and provided input throughout this year.

Join our SETAC
[North America Students Affinity Group Page](#)
or use this QR code



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