# OACETT NEM College Challenge Event Judging

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## Agenda

- Introduction to NEM
- Goals of the Challenge
- Judging
  - Competition Criteria
  - Expectations
- Events (2016 + 2017)
- Time for Q&A



## Intro to NEM: 2016 Overview



### Introduction to NEM OACETT College Student Challenge



• Cash prize + one year OACETT student membership

## The fine print

### • The Challenge:

• Students are invited to host an event during National Engineering Month. The event can be a traditional NEM event (for example: lunch and learn, student conference, showcase of newly built technology...) or a new event. Event organizers are eligible to apply for NEM Funding (up to \$700 for your event). Students hosting new events are also eligible for NEM Innovation Funding. Details on funding are found here.

### • Prize:

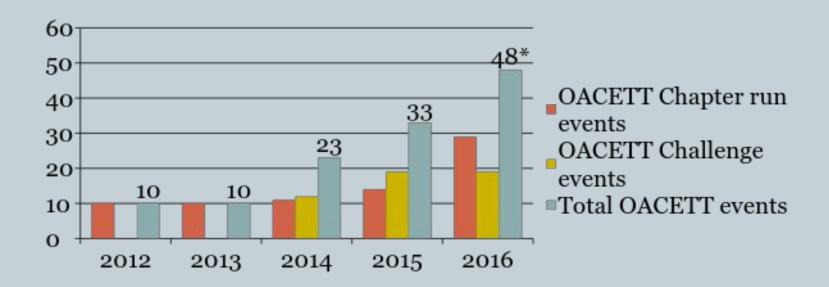
• \$2,500 to the winning team, and a free OACETT student membership. Also as an organizer of a NEM event, you will gain valuable networking opportunities, learn from professionals in industry, receive insight into the world beyond your studies, be a leader in your class and gain valuable experience for your resume.

### • The Rules:

Students can work independently or in a team (up to 5 people per team). Students must have the support of an OACETT chapter in their region. Students may also seek the support of their OACETT college liaison as a sources of ideas and support. Students also are encouraged to have support from a college instructor.

## Goals of the NEM OACETT College Student Challenge

Increase OACETT participation in NEM Ontario



## Goals of the NEM OACETT College Student Challenge

- Increase OACETT's network within Colleges
- Organizers applied on behalf of:
  - Seneca
  - St. Lawrence
  - Mohawk
  - George Brown
  - Centennial
  - Humber
  - Sheridan
  - Conestoga
  - Confederation
  - Niagara







## NEM - the big picture

- Our goal: Bring engineering and technology to life for the next generation and the general public
- Our method: Put on great events to inform and inspire! We want our audience to feel:
  - Interested (so make sure that you can relate to your audience; learn what they know and like)
  - Energized (so keep the level of detail under control, and connect it to something they know)
  - Challenged (so touch on some big interesting questions too!)
  - Confident and proud of themselves (come back!)

# Why do we judge?

- We need to ensure that we are achieving our NEM big picture goals, and...
- We need a standardized process to pick a winner!



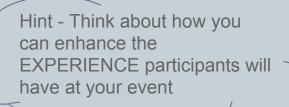
## **Judging Process**

### Teams are evaluated on

- Messaging
- Incorporation of theme
- Participant Engagement
- Collaboration with OACETT chapter
- Event planning

### This is done using data collected from:

- Self evaluation (scorecards)
- Event feedback forms (to be filled out by OACETT members and other event attendees)
- Post event info packages



## Judging Process - Scorecards

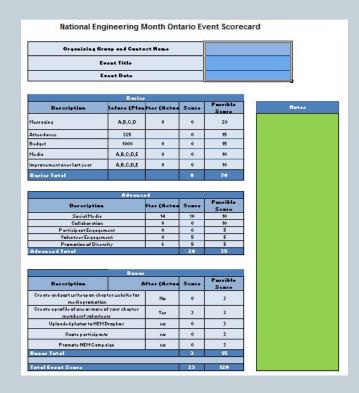
### Scorecards are multipurpose tools!

- Helps you plan your events (checklists)
- Reminder about what elements should carry more weight during your event (eg. messaging)
- Helps us collect data that we use to compile an overall NEM ROA
- Is a way for you to tell us how you think you did on your event



## Judging Process - Scorecards

- For a review of how to fill out scorecards:
  - http://nemontario.ca/engineering-outreach-resources/



## Judging - Event Feedback Form

## NEW requirement

- Used to:
  - assess OACETT engagement (HINT invite lots of OACETT members!)
  - validate scorecard evaluations
  - provide external feedback on key elements
  - helps form a more complete picture of your event

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## Judging - Event Feedback Form



### NEM College Challenge Event Feedback Form

Your name & chapter: OACETT member number (if applicable):

#### 0: Event Description

What did the event include (design competition, speakers, visual displays, scavenger hunt, etc)?

#### 1: Energy Level & Attendance

How would you describe the level of excitement and engagement in the room?

#### 2: Messaging

What were the key messages that audience members took away from the event?

## **Energy Level and Attendance**

- Small volunteer to participant ratio
- Asked/answered lots of questions
- Age-appropriate language



- Hands-on activities and support available
- Engaging all types of learners: event has visual, oral, tactile elements
- Participant discussion encouraged
  - Example: 5 minute discussion before presentation to discuss 'What do you think the future of engineering and technology looks like?' in small groups

## **NEM Ontario Messaging**

- Clear and deliberate messaging based on research
  - Change public perception of engineering and technology
  - Break stereotypes, raise awareness, enhance profile of eng/tech professions
  - Deliver purposeful, positive, and impactful messages

### What are effective messages?

- Engineering and technology solutions to a diverse set of 21st century challenges require a *diversity* of thinkers. There's a *place for you* in engineering and technology!
- 2. Engineering and technology **shape the world** around us: yesterday, today and tomorrow.
- Engineering and technology apply *creativity and imagination* to turn *ideas into reality*.
- Engineering and technology are essential to the **safety**, **health**, **happiness**, comfort, and efficiency of our friends, family and distant neighbors. Locally and globally, **people working for people**. Engineers and technologists **make a world of difference**.

## Judging - Event Feedback Form

#### 3: Theme & Visual Representation

How did event organizers incorporate the theme, 'There is a Place for You' into their event?

#### Consider:

- What were the ways they mentioned and represented NEM?
- How well did event organizers incorporate the theme, 'There is a Place for You' into their event?
- How well did event organizers visually represent National Engineering Month, the <u>NEM</u> logo and the partner and sponsor logos?

#### 4: Strengths of the event

What were you most impressed by? What did the students do outstandingly well?

#### 5: Representing OACETT

Did the event promote an awareness of OACETT? Did students generally understand the organization and its purpose?

## Theme and Visual Representation

### **Examples**

- T-shirts worn by organizers/volunteers
- NEM posters
- Other creative ideas...



# Strengths of the event

#### Best In...:

- Showcasing an array of guest speakers and educators along with survivors who got an opportunity to share their personal stories to emphasize the importance of fire safety.
- Celebrating the industry and providing a platform for meaningful conversations with many substantial stakeholders present.
- Incorporating the NEM messaging into all aspects of their event.

#### What other teams can learn:

- Bring together alumni, community leaders.

visually representing NEM on their Powerpoint presentation and T-shirt.

- The students were highly engaged by the presentation and appreciated the various activities that were run, on a relevant topic for them today and in their futures.

#### Best In...:

- Engaging elementary school students in the classroom.
- Encouraging design and creativity in participants through many activities that allowed for experiential learning.
- Embedding the NEM theme of "There is a

engaged and interested. The organizers had music playing at all the right times along with visual representation during the bridge building competition.

– They kept track of all details visually which allowed the participants to view all details in real time and I found all topics very relevant to students. These students do not have an event planning background yet, they had center pieces at the tables, name badges for all participants, signage and assistance wherever needed.

Best In...:

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What did this group do really well? What surprised you?

## Representing OACETT

Many engineering technology students are not aware of the professional association they will belong to upon graduation.

The College Challenge can help change that!



## Judging Process - Post event info packet

- NEW requirement
- Includes <u>four</u> elements:
  - (1) Recap: A recap of the event, written in a journalistic style, describing your event, 100-200 words minimum.
  - (2) Photos: 2-3 high resolution photos with captions, including full names of all people in the photo (one of which must be a photo of your entire core team bonus points if you are wearing your NEM campaign tshirts!)

## Judging Process - Post event info packet

- (3) Feedback: <u>At least</u> five (5) filled-out <u>participant surveys</u>, event feedback forms and/or testimonials from people who were at your event (bonus points if they are OACETT members!)
- (4) Video: A short video (30 seconds 3 minutes in length) featuring the name and date of your event, the logos of NEM, OACETT and your College, and some of the highlights of your event (Slide shows with photos are acceptable; the point is to tell a good story, not to be technically dazzling!)

## Judging Process - Post event info packet

### Optional:

- Photos of your team preparing for the event, with a 1-2 sentence description of your thoughts, challenges, design process and favourite parts of NEM
- Copies of the speeches or presentations given at the event (bonus points if they align strongly with the NEM theme and messaging guidelines)
- Personal reflections from graduating members of your program(s) about what it means to them to receive their Technology Ring
- Any other elements or stories that tell the story of why you are proud to study Engineering Technology, how you hope to shape the world in the future through your profession, and what you learned by participating in the College Challenge.

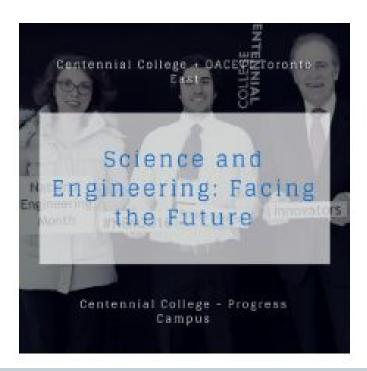
## Judging Process - getting us the info

 All judging information (scorecards, participant surveys, in-person judging forms, and post event info packets) must be uploaded to your Dropbox folder no later than Monday April 3rd.



## 2016 College Challenge Top Rank – Centennial College

## 1st Place



## 2016 College Challenge Results

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## 4th Annual College Student Challenge



The Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) is proud to present the 4th Annual OACETT Student College Challenge.

During NEM 2016, the NEM OACETT College Student Challenge attracted 13 student teams from 9 different colleges. The teams put on a variety of events in conjunction with OACETT chapters in their region during National Engineering Month in March.

For NEM 2017, OACETT is again inviting engineering technology students currently registered in an Ontario College to participate.

2017 COLLEGE CHALLENGE TEAMS

**2016 CHALLENGE WINNERS** 

**CHALLENGE WEBINAR** 

2017 PROMOTIONAL FLYER

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Check here

to find...

Judges' Comments

Best In

What Other Teams Can Learn









## 2017 College Challenge Events

- 18 Teams!
- 10 Colleges!

Find the details for all the events at nemontario.ca



## How to stay in touch

Questions, Comments, Please reach out!

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