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**RE: 2016 ASCE and Distinguished Chapter Award for Region 3
2016 Ridgway Finalist**

Dear Prof. Duirk,

It is my pleasure to inform you the University of Akron ASCE Student Chapter has been awarded the 2016 ASCE Distinguished Chapter Award for Region 3 by the ASCE Committee on Student Members. This award is made annually to the most outstanding Student Organization in your Region. Your Student Chapter was recommended for this award by the Committee on Student Members based on activities recorded in the Student Chapter's 2015 annual report.

I am also pleased to note the University of Akron Student Chapter is a Robert Ridgway Award Finalist this year. This is quite an accomplishment, as this distinction was earned by only five out of 339 ASCE Student Chapters. You may wish to contact your Region Director to arrange for these awards to be presented to your Student Chapter.

On behalf of the ASCE Committee on Student Members, congratulations to the Student Chapter officers and members, to the Practitioner Advisors, and to you as Faculty Advisor. In particular, the Society recognizes and sincerely appreciates your personal contribution, enthusiasm, and hard work, which result in outstanding Student Organization programs such as yours.

Sincerely,



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