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Ohio Contractors Association Annual Estimating Competition

The Youngstown State University Civil and Construction Engineering Technology Program participated in the 2023 OCA Estimating Competition February 10–11th. The YSU place 2nd this year.



Team Members

Front(left): Sidney Laughner, Aryonna Bowser Back(left) Ryan Bedlion, TJ Danley, Mason Kotanchek, Isaac Smith, Prof. Sanson

COMPETING SCHOOLS

YSU competed in a two day competition against 11 other Ohio Schools: Case Western Reserve, Cleveland State University, Ohio Northern University, Ohio University, The Ohio State University, University of Akron, University of Cincinnati, University of Dayton, University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, and Kent State University.



Competition Rules

The competition takes place at the Nationwide Conference Center. The teams meet at 8:00 am on a Friday morning and are given the construction project they are to estimate. The teams are assigned a conference room to work on their estimate. The estimate is due at 4:30 p.m.

The OCA tries to make the process as real as possible, sub quotes, Addenda, and all required information is provided to the teams.

Once the bids are submitted, the judges open and evaluate the bids to see which bids are responsive and the results are read to the teams.

The team closest to the estimate provided by the actual contractor that constructed the project is given choice of what time they will present their estimate to the judges on Saturday.

Each team is given points in several categories, the main category being the presentation on Saturday.

Each team is given 15 minutes to present to the judges and 15 minutes for the judges to ask the team members questions.

The winner is determined based on a responsive bid on Friday and the points accumulated from the other categories.

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Results

Case Western Reserve 1st Place. Youngstown State University 2nd Place. University of Akron 3rd Place.



