LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1932 on the site where Henry Ford perfected the moving assembly line, Lawrence Technological University offers over 100 undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs in Colleges of Architecture and Design, Arts and Sciences, Business and Information Technology, and Engineering. With a focus on leadership through theory and practice, Lawrence Tech seeks to help students understand not only why something should work, but also how it works in real-life situations. Consequently, many of the University's programs encourage students to participate in professional projects in which they solve real problems facing practicing architects, engineers, managers, and scientists. Through co-ops, part-time work, internships, student projects, and participation in professional organizations, students network with leaders in their chosen fields.

This approach gives LTU students a competitive edge.

92% Students employed or registered for graduate school at

5th
in nation for boosting
graduates' earning
potential
-Brookings Institution

11%

Highest graduate starting salaries among U.S. colleges and universities -PayScale

Lawrence Tech integrates the capstone design project with the competition teams, resulting in an eight-month period to design and build. Not all institutions do this. The benefit of this restricted timeframe is to reflect real-world deadlines and simulate engineering work situations.





BEST STEERING PERFORMANCE **BEST BRAKING PERFORMANCE**

COMPETITION + TEAM

More than 500 engineering students from 20+ Canadian universities compete in the Great Northern Concrete Toboggan Race (GNCTR) each year in January alternating between the Canadian West and East coast. Lawrence Technological University, participating for the 7th year in a row, is the only U.S. team competing. While this is a Civil Engineering competition, all students are welcome to become a part of the team.



Each year, an approved theme must be submitted by each competition team. Students then design and build a toboggan based on the theme. There are strict guidelines regarding how the toboggans are made. This gives students an engineering and design challenge to solve. The toboggans can weigh no more than 300 pounds, must have fully functional steering and mechanical braking systems, must be able to withstand 5Gs of force in case of a crash, have a running surface made entirely of concrete with the toboggan frame made out of metal, and the design should include space for up to five riders. The toboggans are raced and judged on design and technical functions.

Team members gain skills and experience and are able to represent the United States and Lawrence Tech in an international competition. They have the added value of creating memories and meeting other students from across Canada.





TEAM MEMBERS **Allyson Andrews Brittney Bult Austin Curtis Logan Dewan Melissa Ferrier**

Kvle Huisman **Michael Karsten Andra Malburg Ryan Stahovec**

Rebekah Holbrook Adam Stavros Alysha Vipushan **Bradley Woods**

BEST PERFORMING TOBOGGAN 3RD, BEST TECH DISPLAY MOST IMPROVED TEAM

DONOR INVOLVEMENT

The success of Lawrence Tech's Concrete Toboggan team would not be possible without the generous support of donors and sponsors. This year's team has set a fundraising goal of \$10,000. These funds will assist in securing the materials needed to design, build, and test the toboggan. Individuals or companies can provide cash support or donations of materials and equipment.



DONOR BENEFITS

Most donations are 100% tax-deductible. Your donation not only supports hands-on, experiential learning, but it also provides you with valuable promotional opportunities. Your name or your company's name will be displayed at the Great Northern Concrete Toboggan competition and will be included in the team's printed materials and news releases. This exposure promotes your business to the general public and future engineers and designers.

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