Everyone, including students, are cordially invited to attend this annual premier event to celebrate, network and showcase the great Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Professionals and Educators in the Quad Cities region. The event is being held during Engineer Week (E-Week).

The QCESC is excited to partner with John Deere to provide an interactive and innovative event that includes networking time with STEM displays by students, technical societies and educational institutions.

The program will be in the John Deere auditorium and will include awarding an estimated $23,500 in scholarships to 14 top-local high school students who are pursuing post-secondary STEM education and careers.

In addition, the Quad Cities STEM Awards for professionals will be announced including the Engineer, Scientist, STEM Teacher and STEM Volunteer, and Society of the Year.

**Keynote presentation**

*Building a Bridge for the Future: the I-74 Mississippi River Bridge project*

Presenter: George Ryan, I-74 Corridor Manager and Vice President, Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions.

The I-74 Mississippi River Bridge project is part of a regional strategy to improve the I-74 corridor and access across the Mississippi River in the Quad Cities. The work supports a vital east-west link in the nation's transportation network. The $1.2 billion project is one of the largest and most complicated active public projects in the U.S. The new bridge will be more than twice as wide as the existing bridge and includes a multiuse path connecting to existing paths on both sides of the river. Construction began in July 2017 and is anticipated to be completed in 2021.

**SCHEDULE**

5:00—6:25 Networking with Social on the John Deere Display Floor STEM Displays by students, technical societies and educational institutions
  - 5:00-6:15pm Cash Bar
  - 5:30-6:15pm Heavy Appetizers
  - 6:20 Begin moving to the John Deere Auditorium

6:30—8:45 Program in the John Deere Auditorium
  (No food or drink in the auditorium)
  - Welcome and Introductions
  - Presentation of the 2019 STEM Scholarships
  - Presentation of the 2019 QCESC Professional Awards
  - Introduction of the New Order of the Engineer members to Link #271
  - Keynote with Q&A
  - Closing

Pre-Register by Feb. 18th at [www.QCESC.org/annual-qcesc-banquet/](http://www.QCESC.org/annual-qcesc-banquet/)