

## REPORT ON THE NASTT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

In the Fall 2017 semester, some of the Construction Management students who are in the Civil concentration communicated their desire to establish an NASTT student chapter at Kent State. These students were enrolled in the Civil Utilities course where they were introduced to trenchless technologies by the chapter advisor, Dr. Lameck Onsarigo. When they communicated their desire to establish the student chapter, Dr. Onsarigo consulted NASTT's Molly Galagher and Michelle Hill who guided the students through the process of getting registered. The students got together and organized themselves then prepared and submitted the application packet

The application was tabled at the NASTT Board of Director's meeting on January 29, 2018. The board voted to incorporate Kent State into the NASTT family.

On December 2, 2017, the NASTT Kent Student chapter organized a visit to the Ohio Canal Interceptor Tunnel (OCIT) Tunneling Project in Akron. The Ohio Canal Interceptor Tunnel (OCIT) is the largest project under the Akron Waterways Renewed! program. This is a 27-ft diameter, 6240-ft long tunneling project being constructed by the Illinois-based Kenny Construction Co. and Tokyo-based Obayashi Corp. and utilizing a Robbins Tunnel Boring Machine.



OCIT Project Visit in Akron

While the NASTT Kent State Student Chapter did not send any student representatives to the 2018 NASTT No Dig Show in Palm Springs CA, the organization intends to be fully represented in the 2019 Show in Chicago, IL.

NASTT Kent State Student Chapter is organizing a visit of the Robbins Company in Solon Ohio. The chapter advisor is organizing the visit in consultation with Tom Fuerst of the Robbins Company. Robbins, one of the leading manufacturers of tunnel boring machines and auger boring machines, is the manufacturer of 'Rosy' the TBM used to complete the OCIT project.

Going forward, the NASTT Kent State Student Chapter seeks to learn from other veteran chapters on ways that the chapter can improve and become more effective in meeting its mission. The chapter also seeks to increase and diversify its activities this year to be better ambassadors of the trenchless industry and NASTT in North East Ohio.