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CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY – RECENTLY RANKED #1 (NUMBER ONE)-IN AWARDING BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES IN ENGINEERING TO UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITIES BY PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATES

WILBERFORCE, OH-The Central State University – College of Engineering, Science, Technology, and Agriculture (CESTA), was recently acknowledged by the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) for being ***tied number one*** among the 422 institutions by percentage of bachelor's degrees awarded to underrepresented minorities.

Founded in 1893, the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) is a global society of individual, institutional, and corporate members. ASEE's vision is excellent and broadly accessible education empowering students and engineering professionals to create a better world. Through its efforts, ASEE seeks to advance innovation, excellence, and access at all levels of education for the engineering profession.

ASEE publishes and regularly updates “Engineering and Engineering Technology by the Numbers,” a detailed report and data analysis of engineering and technology trends across educational institutions. *Data is shared with engineering faculty, business leaders, college and high school students, parents, and teachers.

Ramanitharan Kandiah, Ph.D., P.E., and professor of environmental engineering at Central State is a member of the ASEE. He stated that he was excited to learn that CSU CESTA ranked so highly. “As a faculty of Central State University, it was a really exciting moment to discover that the university I am a part of was right up there at the top. It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the professors and students of CSU CESTA.”

“It’s one more bragging right for CSU,” said Dr. Subramania Sritharan, Interim Dean of CESTA. We have one of the most unique water resource programs in the nation and it’s good to know that our engineering programs are receiving acclaim as well.”

The College of Engineering, Science, Technology, and Agriculture (CESTA) at Central State University (CSU) offers degree programs in 10 critical areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). CESTA offers minors in many of these same programs as well as in interdisciplinary fields such as Environmental Science, Forensic Science, Computational Science and Nuclear Engineering. CESTA is the critical hub for computer literacy, mathematics, and science requirements in the General Education component of all CSU programs. Unique to Ohio, and the Nation, CESTA offers an interdisciplinary degree programs in Water Resources Management.

The Environmental Engineering program at Central State University is the only ABET accredited environmental engineering program among all HBCUs). ABET accreditation assures confidence that Central State's program has met standards essential to prepare graduates to enter critical engineering and technology fields in the global workforce.

To learn more about Central State University STEM and Technology programs call 937-376-6672.

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*American Society for Engineering Education. (2020). Engineering and Engineering Technology by the Numbers 2019. Washington, DC.

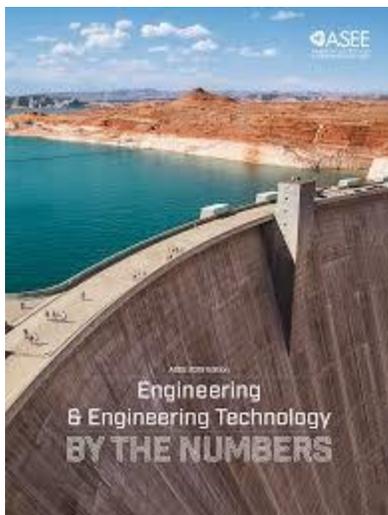


Photo 1: Cover 2020 Engineering by the Numbers



Photo 2: Ramanitharan Kandiah, Ph.D.

About Central State University: Central State University, located in Wilberforce, Ohio, is a regionally accredited 1890 Land-Grant University with a 133-year tradition of preparing students from diverse backgrounds and experiences for leadership, research and service. The University, which has been named HBCU of the Year by HBCU Digest, fosters academic excellence within a nurturing environment and provides a strong liberal arts foundation and STEM-Ag curriculum leading to professional careers and advanced studies globally.

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