



## ASTM International Student Chapter at Florida International University

Throughout ASTM International's 125th anniversary celebration, *Standardization News* is looking at the many individuals who received awards, participated in programs, or otherwise contributed to the next generation of standards. In this issue, we highlight ASTM's Student Chapter at Florida International University (FIU).

In 2020, ASTM International launched its first student chapter at Florida International University (FIU). Sponsored by the nuclear technology and applications committee (E10), the chapter provides an opportunity for student members to learn about the value of standards and participate in ASTM activities. Led by chapter president Mellissa Komninakis and faculty advisor Joseph Sinicrope, the FIU chapter has had great success transitioning members to ASTM committees and has had three members selected for the Emerging Professional Program. These accomplishments have demonstrated the value of involvement in the student chapter and highlights their continued commitment to shaping and advancing standards in their respective fields.



**Back row from left to right:** Joseph Sinicrope (Faculty Advisor), Nicholas Espinal (Membership Secretary), and Bryan Torres (Treasurer). **Front row from left to right:** Yolanda Rodriguez (Vice President) and Mellissa Komninakis (President).



*As the president of the ASTM student chapter at FIU, I am incredibly proud and excited about the opportunities this chapter brings to its members. Being involved in this chapter means being part of a dynamic community that bridges the gap between academia and the standards industry. As a Ph.D. engineering student and researcher, I am involved in*



*standards on a daily basis, and I have even integrated ASTM standards into my dissertation. It's an honor to lead a group of talented individuals who are passionate about making a positive impact on the world through standardization. We are excited to continue collaboration with ASTM, industry professionals, and fellow students to drive innovation, raise awareness about this initiative, and create positive change."*

**Mellissa Komninakis**  
Chapter President



*I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be involved in the ASTM student chapter at FIU. Being a part of this chapter has opened my eyes to the importance that standards have in my research. It has been an incredible learning experience to observe the standards-development process through active participation in chapter meetings and ASTM*



*committee meetings. This involvement has not only enriched my understanding of the standardization process but has also allowed me to network with professionals in the field. I am proud to be a member of the FIU chapter and look forward to contributing to the advancement of standards in the future."*

**Bryan Torres**  
Chapter Treasurer