

February 2026 Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates:

- University of Kentucky Pigman College of Engineering E-Day
 - Saturday, Feb 28 at 10 am -2 pm
 - Location: Grehan Hall 505 Library Dr, Lexington, KY, United States
- March Event: Cornhole Tournament
 - Wednesday, Mar 13 at 2 pm
 - Location: West Sixth Brewery
- April Event: Sustainability Seminar
 - Friday, April 17th

2026 Region VII CRC

We're excited to bring together leaders, volunteers, and emerging professionals from across the region for three days of collaboration, technical learning, and ASHRAE community. The 2026 CRC will feature engaging business sessions, high-value workshops, social events, and opportunities to connect with peers who are shaping the future of our industry. Stay tuned for

REGION VII CRC
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JULY 22-24, 2026



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[Kentucky Energy Code Update](#)

with particular emphasis on the **energy code and its HVAC implications**.

The task force has completed its **third meeting dedicated to energy code issues**, focusing on potential **Kentucky-specific amendments to the 2024 IECC**. Rather than adopting the model code outright, DHBC is evaluating how proposed amendments would affect the state's overall energy-code equivalency—specifically where the final package would land relative to prior editions (e.g., 2012, 2015, 2021, or 2024).

To support this analysis, DHBC submitted proposed energy-code concepts to the **U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)** for review. DOE feedback will help determine how amended requirements may impact system efficiency, envelope–HVAC tradeoffs, and compliance pathways commonly used by designers and contractors.

Once DOE input is received, DHBC will:

- Hold another **energy code task force meeting** to review findings.
- Consolidate **all building-code amendments**, including HVAC-related provisions.
- Conduct a final task force review of the complete code package prior to filing.

Timeline and Impact

If consensus is reached, DHBC anticipates a **code filing in early to mid 2026**, followed by public comment and legislative review. Final adoption is projected for **late 2026**, with a delayed mandatory effective date potentially in **early to mid-2027**.

For ASHRAE members, this means:

- **HVAC efficiency requirements may differ from the unamended 2024 IECC**
- System selection, sizing, and compliance documentation could change
- There will be **continued opportunities for technical input**, as task force meetings remain open to the public

While the process is lengthy, DHBC emphasized that the goal is a well-vetted energy code that balances efficiency, constructability, and cost—an outcome directly affecting HVAC design and performance across Kentucky.

Going Forward

Note that this article is based on minutes from September 2025--which were made public in during the December quarterly meeting. To get more current information, be aware that the next meeting of the Kentucky HBC Advisory Committee is March 31st and can be attended in person or virtually. Reach out to your GA Chair, Doug Cage (c128GAC@ashrae.net), or visit https://dhbc.ky.gov/newstatic_Info.aspx?static_ID=409 for further details.

Cornhole Tournament

CORNHOLE *Tournament*



West Sixth Brewery
501 W 6th St
2PM – 6PM



Cost: \$275/two person team, \$425 for x2 teams

Includes: x6 drink tickets/team, x2 meal tickets/team,

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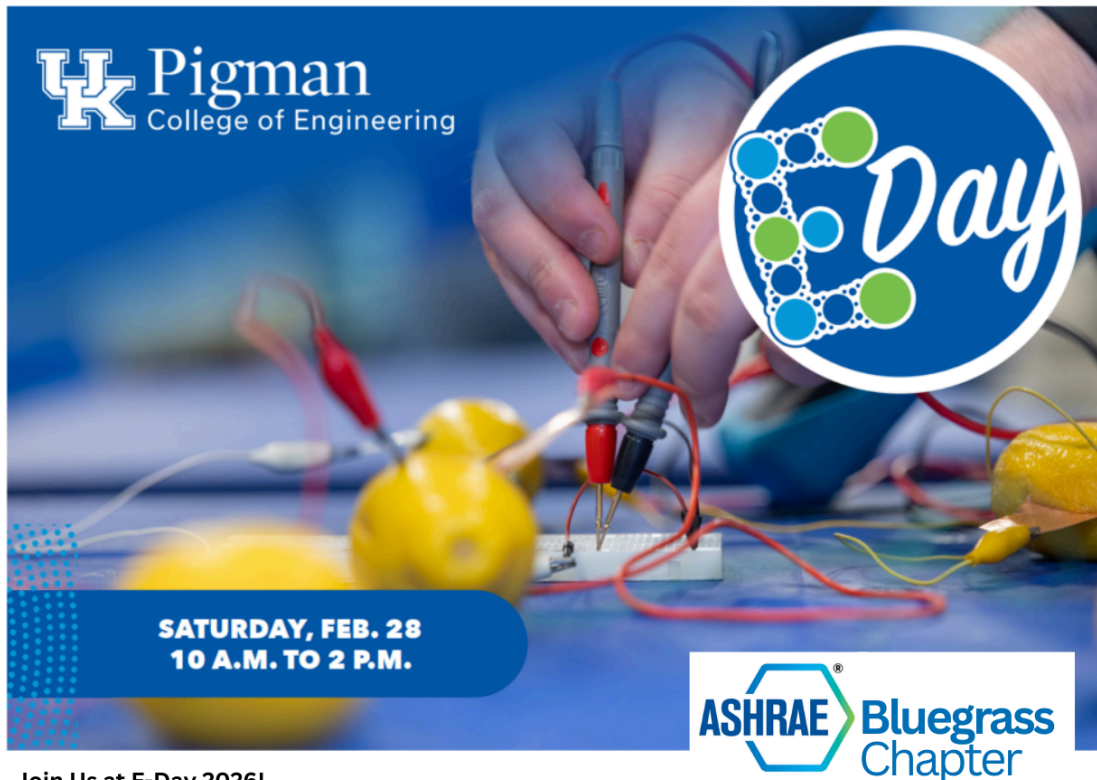
E-Day at the University of Kentucky

We are looking for volunteers for for E-Day at the University of Kentucky on Saturday, February 28, 2026, which will happen from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The idea is to connect with students, introduce them to ASHRAE, and show them what our





engineers while earning PAOE points for our chapter.

To sign up, please reach out to the chapter [Student Activities Chair](#).



Join Us at E-Day 2026!

E-Day, the University of Kentucky Pigman College of Engineering's annual open house, is a celebration of science, technology, and engineering designed to inspire students of all ages. With over 100 interactive exhibits, competitions, and live demonstrations led by engineering companies and societies, researchers, and college students, this event brings STEM to life in exciting and hands-on ways.

-  Saturday, February 28, 2026
-  10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
-  UK Stanley and Karen Pigman College of Engineering
-  **Free and open to the public**

The **ASHRAE Bluegrass Chapter** is proud to participate in this annual event! Stop by our booth to experience HVAC engineering in action. Visitors will explore thermal imaging to see temperature differences in real time, observe how air moves through spaces, and learn how engineers design buildings to be **comfortable, energy-efficient, and safe**.

 Find us in the **Grehan Building – Second Floor**

The event is designed to inspire students of all ages and reflects our chapter's commitment to community outreach and STEM education. We are proud to help spark curiosity in future engineers and showcase the impact of our industry.

We welcome our members to stop by, show their support, and be part of inspiring the next generation of engineers.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, contact our Student Activities Chair: gisele@thermaleq.com
Learn more and register at: eday.engr.uky.edu



ASHRAE Society Announcements

Save the Date: ASHRAE YEA Leadership Weekend Feb 27 - Mar 1



Are you interested in expanding your knowledge, meeting fellow engineers and having some fun along the way? Look no further than YEA Leadership Weekend! YEA Leadership Weekend is an opportunity for you—the future leaders of ASHRAE—to learn more about Society, develop soft skills and network with other young professionals. Over 1,100 YEA members have already taken advantage of this great opportunity...will you be next?

This event will include segments on understanding your own personality as well as other types, leadership development for young professionals, communication techniques and ASHRAE leadership opportunities.

Reach out to our Chapter YEA Chair for funding opportunities.

ASHRAE Jobs Board

Check out the [ASHRAE Jobs Board](#) for useful career tips and tools, relevant job postings in the industry, and to quickly find the right professionals for your open positions.



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3. Under 'Manage Personal Information,' select 'Change Your Address/View or Edit Your Profile.'
4. Select the 'Edu. Pro. Reg' link located in the blue font above your name. Add all of your educational history, relevant professional licenses and work history.
5. Confirm that your contact information is current by clicking on 'Contact Info.'

For information on what experience qualifies for advancement, please see Section 2.7 of the [ASHRAE Bylaws](#).

Bluegrass ASHRAE

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