The K-State Chem-E-Car Student Design Team took first place at the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) Mid-America Student Regional Conference in April in Lawrence, Kansas. The group is now qualified to compete at the national AIChE meeting in November in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The team built and refined its pressure-driven vehicle, the “Bill Snyder Family Chem-E-Car,” over the past school year, and competed against 11 other teams by carrying a predetermined weight and traveling closest to a predetermined distance marker. The K-State car stopped six inches from the set line, full six inches closer than the second-place car.

Teams must also present a Chem-E-Car poster as part of the competition and K-State took first-place honors in this category as well.