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During 2011, the University of Alabama at Birmingham’s Chi Epsilon chapter welcomed 8 new undergraduate and graduate members who participated in the chapter’s initiation ceremony on April 16th. (see photo at right) UAB’s members have continued to be involved in various activities, both on and off campus. A focus of the group during the summer and fall of 2011 has been involvement in the design and production of UAB’s concrete canoe for the 2012 American Society of Civil Engineers’ Southeast Regional Competition. (see photo at left) Members from this year’s initiation class have devised a completely new and innovative concrete mix design in hopes of placing well in the competition. The group also began offering tutoring sessions for undergraduate courses and plans to offer these more regularly in future semesters. Additionally, members participated in various UAB homecoming events this fall and helped the School of Engineering place first in UAB’s building decoration competition.

Talat Salama, Ph.D., P.E. continued to act as the chapter’s faculty advisor and the newly elected officers for the 2011-2012 academic calendar are as follows: Matthew Coe, president; Ashley Varni, vice-president; Ethan Parker, treasurer; Kathleen Rigney, secretary; Joseph Phillips, associate editor; and Brandon Maziarz, marshal.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

The year 2011 was a great one for the Alpha chapter of Chi Epsilon at the University of Arkansas. The spring semester’s officers were Samantha Hovis, president; Katie Dunn, vice-president; Camila Maldonado, secretary; Jesus Martinez, treasurer; Amanda Garbacz, marshal; and Elizabeth Selig, associate editor.

In the spring, 12 new members were initiated. Each initiate was required to construct a Chi Epsilon board and participate in a community service project. Members were invited to help and several were involved in this project as well. The project involved the construction of a wheelchair ramp to allow safe access into a local resident’s home. (see photo at right) Initiates learned to design and build a ramp according to ADA guidelines. The Alpha chapter of Chi Epsilon also partnered with the U of A ASCE chapter to perform a park cleanup as part of the Keep Fayetteville Beautiful campaign. (see photo at left) Members and initiates helped rid a small creek of invasive plant species in order to preserve native wildlife.
In the fall, 11 members were initiated along with a AHTD director, Scott E. Bennett, as our Chapter Honor Member. In addition to constructing a Chi Epsilon board, the initiates were required to complete a service project as part of the University of Arkansas’ Make a Difference Day. Working with the U of A chapter of Engineers Without Borders, the initiates participated a stream restoration project at Clabber Creek. They helped cleanup a natural habitat protected by the City of Fayetteville.

This year, our chapter sold FE review manuals as a fund raiser. General and discipline specific manuals were sold to students of every engineering discipline and the fund raiser was great success.

This fall, the following new officers were elected: Katie Dunn, president; Amanda Crosby, vice-president; Camila Maldonado, secretary; John Ryan, treasurer; Elizabeth Selig, associate editor; and Anna Keogh, marshal. As our chapter has grown, a new position of event chair was created and is held by Maranda Guinn. Dr. Norman Dennis continues to serve as faculty advisor. Overall, the year 2011 was a success. We look forward to seeing what 2012 has in store.

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

The Auburn University chapter of Chi Epsilon had an outstanding year in 2011, growing in number and accomplishment. The new officers elected in April 2011 were Zachary Bullock, president; Jonathan “Grant” Martin, vice-president; Rebecca “Curry” Stevenson, secretary; Thomas “Pete” Glanton, treasurer; Scott Rawls, associate editor; and Ryan Woodson, marshal. These officers welcomed the eighteen members initiated in the fall and spring semesters. Dr. Robert Barnes continued to serve as faculty advisor.

The chapter continued its organization of review sessions for the FE Exam. In 2003, our chapter started these review sessions as a service to Auburn civil engineering students. Since that time, Auburn’s performance on the exam has improved remarkably. These review sessions would not have been possible without the following faculty members: Dr. Barnes, Dr. Barnett, Dr. Elton, Dr. Fang, Dr. Timm, Dr. Turochy, Dr. Deshpande, and graduate student Blake Webster. We look forward to continuing and improving this service.

In February, Chi Epsilon welcomed high school students visiting Auburn on an engineering recruitment day and showed the students some of the engineering facilities and research at Auburn. This served as the required service project for new initiates this year.

In November, the chapter participated in an engineering exhibition at Drake Middle School. This served to introduce the various types of engineering to the middle and elementary school students. The initiates gave a short presentation to explain some basic aspects of civil engineering to the several groups of visiting students.

Without a doubt, the chapter’s commitment to sociability was enjoyed by members. The chapter held two dinners to honor our fall and spring initiates. We look forward to another exciting and successful year in 2012!
Chi Epsilon began a new era when officers were elected in April, 2011. The newly elected officers for the 2011-2012 school year were Chris Bulak, president; Amanda Podbelsek, vice-president; William Bauer, secretary/treasurer; Andrew Pollastrini, associate editor; and Lauren Schuld, marshal. Dr. Robert Fuessel has continued his role as faculty advisor for the third consecutive year. (see photo at right with new initiates)

Our chapter was very active in the engineering community over the past year. Chi Epsilon continued to increase membership, initiating eleven new members on October 3, 2011. Members of our chapter represented the civil engineering department at an engineering career day held on campus. Executive officers coordinated FE review sessions so that senior civil engineering students could collaborate in their studying efforts. Members participated in a gingerbread house contest that helps support CASA, a local charity that provides court advocacy for abused and neglected children. Chi Epsilon also participated in the annual civil engineering department’s Bridge-Pal competition, an event that aims to inspire local students in an engineering career.

Chi Epsilon is looking to be even more active both on and off campus next semester. Our chapter will bring in a guest speaker from the industry to discuss structural engineering as applied to wind energy structures. All civil engineering students will be invited to attend this event, which will help to promote the field and spark interest within underclassmen. Chi Epsilon is also looking to participate in Rebuilding Together, an organization that helps provide construction and maintenance services to the elderly and handicapped citizens of Peoria. Our chapter is very excited to initiate these upcoming events and to make an impact in the community.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY

The spring 2011 semester kept the chapter president, Ronald Ramos, and the officer team busy as they executed a full semester of activities for both members and initiates. Some of the most popular social events included a bowling competition (see photo at left), a marina barbeque (see photo at top of next page), a nighttime capture the flag game against Pi Tau Sigma (Mechanical Eng. Honor Society) and the traditional dinner at Fenton’s Creamery. Members of Chi Epsilon gave back to our Berkeley community by volunteering at a Berkeley Marina clean-up day and hosting a hands-on engineering workshop for elementary students, E4K. In addition, Chi Epsilon hosted midterm review sessions for select lower division Civil Engineering classes, collaborated with ASCE to host a pre-career workshop and hosted info-sessions with industry professionals. Throughout the semester, the 16 initiates worked on a creative
The fall 2011 semester was kicked off with enthusiasm as chapter president Michael Cheng, along with the officer team formulated a packed agenda. While the popular social events were continued, such as a karaoke night, game night and Fenton’s creamery, extra effort was made to involve more members which was done through a members barbeque. Continuing the long standing tradition, Chi Epsilon led a team of volunteers on the Berkeley Project, working for a day on various projects on our community. In addition, Chi Epsilon volunteered at City Slicker Farms, which is an urban farming cooperative that provides healthy food to people in Oakland. In order to have a broader range of poster ideas for conclave, the 16 initiates were also asked to create environmentally sustainable posters, highlighting the pillars of Chi Epsilon. This semester, our chapter website was completely recreated to modernize the style and content. The site became utilized as a resource for communicating events, posting information and sharing photos.

Looking forward, Sabrina Hodali, will serve as the next chapter president. With three semesters of experience serving on our chapter’s officer board, she is equipped for a successful semester and has already spent time preparing for the upcoming conclave in our district. For more detailed information about the Berkeley chapter, please visit our revamped website at xe.berkeley.edu. Many thanks go out to our faculty advisor Michael Riemer, undergraduate advisor Joan Chamberlain, and industry liaison Kevin Cheng for their support.

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY AT POMONA

Fall 2011 was an eventful quarter for the California State Polytechnic University of Pomona chapter. We hosted our annual civil engineering job fair on November 17, 2011. Prior to the job fair, we held a resume/interview workshop to better prepare Chi Epsilon members, initiates, and fellow civil engineering students for the event. We supported the College of Engineering’s Club Fair, required our initiates to attend other civil engineering club meetings, and contributed time giving back to the community.

Our outgoing officers finished off the academic year strong: Anthony Nuñez, president; Jose Borrayo, vice-president; Joel Flaschoen, treasurer; Christian Hainds, secretary; Aida Guido, associate editor; Ricky Luevano, marshal; Nathan Mustafa, job fair chair; Shalia Khovananth and Deborah Tsan, conference co-chairs; and Moises Rivera, webmaster.

On April 17, 2011, we held our initiation banquet at the Kellogg West Restaurant located on California State Polytechnic University Pomona’s campus. At the initiation banquet, 41 new members were initiated, and the 2011-2012 academic year officers were introduced: Sean Silos, president; Bryce Danker, vice-president; Nathan Fishman, treasurer; Eddie Vega, secretary; Mylana Nguyen, associate editor; Nhan Mai, marshal; Chris Stone and Aida Guido, job fair chairs; Thang Nguyen, activities chair; Kevin Prieto, webmaster; and Ian Berkland, national conclave coordinator.
Dr. Ronald Yeung has been a wonderful advisor to our chapter for many years, and he will be stepping down during the 2012-2013 academic school year. As a result, we are transitioning to our new advisor, Dr. Wen Cheng. Dr. Wen Cheng will become our official advisor for the 2012-2013 academic year.

This upcoming year will be quite exciting for our chapter. California State Polytechnic University of Pomona and 12 other chapters of the Pacific District will be hosting the 42nd National Conclave in March 2012. We also look forward to a very productive year as we have planned several events for the year that will reflect the four pillars of Chi Epsilon—Scholarship, Character, Practicality, and Sociability.

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
AT SAN LUIS OBISPO

This year was very productive for Cal Poly’s Chi Epsilon chapter. We gained many new members through our winter recruitment. The pledge class officers were extremely productive and fundraised more money for our chapter than most previous years through a letter writing campaign. We continued with our annual events, one of which is going to Big Bubbas BBQ with a few professors for a delicious meal and an attempt at riding the mechanical bull. Seeing as the Pacific District is in charge of holding the national conclave in March, our conclave coordinator and the rest of our chapter are working hard to plan the Events and Competitions part of the weekend and trying to get other chapters from across the nation to join us at conclave.

We continued with our bi-annual FE review fundraiser and have just added a survey for students to take after they receive their FE results back. From the survey, we know what to change for future review sessions and are aware of the passing rate for students who participated in the review session, which was roughly 98 percent for spring. This is our largest fundraiser and allows our chapter to host events for our members free of charge and take the FE review sessions at a discounted rate.

Our current officers include: Kassy Brunner, president; Morgan Miller, vice-president; Hennessy Miller, secretary; Nick Kennedy, treasurer; Ashley Brooks, associate editor; Minh Tran and Sean Carney, event coordinators; Patrick Bassal and Thomas Wukadinovich, community service officers; Scott LaCava and Erin Carreno, marshals; Travis Low, webmaster; Patrick Haley, Engineering Student Council representative, and Jeannie Tran, conclave coordinator. Six of our new officers were initiated this year, five decided to take a position after a year of being initiated, and three were officers last year. Dr. Charles Chadwell continues to be our faculty advisor.
Chi Epsilon at CSU Fresno has initiated five members this semester. It has been a great semester thus far. These five new initiates have done volunteer work throughout the semester as well as attended social events. Many of them have completed over 8 hours of volunteer service by helping MESA (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement). During this time they helped high school students and junior high students build engineering projects such as wooden bridges, and put together robots.

Along with volunteering the new initiates also attended meetings. Meetings consisted of speeches, discussions on how to improve Chi Epsilon, and what it means to be part of Chi Epsilon. Chi Epsilon also held an open house event at CSUF which consisted of a power point presentation given to high school students who plan to go to college after high school. The power point was presented by cabinet members as well as Chi Epsilon initiates. The idea of the power point was to explain to students what it means to be a civil engineer and what CSUF’s Civil Engineering program has to offer.

The initiation took place on campus with a dinner held afterwards at Picadilly Inn. Many other honor societies participated such as Tau Beta Pi, and Pi Tau Sigma. (see photo at left) As a soon to be graduate of CSUF, I will be an outgoing officer this semester. Daisy Manivong will be the new president and Jared Maddox will be the new vice-president. Fernando Hernandez will continue to be the secretary. Unfortunately, I was not involved with Chi Epsilon in the past and I am unaware of previous events held during the spring of 2011 and fall of 2010. On behalf of the student chapter here at CSUF I’d like to congratulate all the initiates for their hard work.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

This past year for the CSULB chapter of Chi Epsilon has been one of success, revitalization, and growth. This trend was carried over into the selection of our new members. Our spring class initiated 9 talented new members, with 8 more to be initiated this fall semester. On the same day, we elected our new officers, with Jennifer Prause as our president; Robert Fields, vice-president; Jamie Zabel, secretary; Chris Truong, marshal; Sabrina Rivera, associate editor; Maja Milosevic, treasurer; Geoffrey Guillermo, web master; and Anthony Dombrowski, Associated Engineering Student Body representative. (see photo at right) Our chapter is fortunate to continue under the leadership of Dr. Antoinella Sciortino, whose attitude and constant motivation has helped to push our chapter to the next level.
The California State University, Los Angeles chapter of Chi Epsilon has had a successful and exciting academic year. During the fall, the chapter held bi-weekly meetings and conducted several activities. This year was eventful as ten new members were welcomed into the chapter and six new officers were elected. Fall 2011 initiates: Virgina Estrada, Gladys Gallardo, Sam Fusan Guan, George Hernandez, Jiajia Huang, Benjamin Luna, Cynthia Ramero, Marco Antonio Solis, Miguel Soto, and Chapter Honor Member Diego Cadena.

Fall 2011 officers: Gregory Masatani, president; Sarah Manuel, vice-president; Max Morning, secretary; Richard Cerda, treasurer; George Hernandez, marshal; and Thai Nguyen, associate editor.

A major highlight of 2010 for the chapter was attending the Chi Epsilon Pacific District Conference held at the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. There was an amazing turnout of nine members (6 officers, 2 members and an alumni member) that attended the conference, more than we have had in years. Our members displayed great teamwork and character in preparing for the conference. We even had fun winning third place in the conference photo competition, and third place overall in the conference. We would like to thank the Cal Poly Pomona chapter members for hosting such an excellent conference.

This year the chapter also effectively teamed up with several CE campus organizations. The chapter participated in the Engineering Science and Computer Technology Annual Banquet along with the Society of Hispanic Engineers and Science Students (SHESS) and joined forces with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) to work with Habitat for Humanity and Boeing Day on campus.

The CSULA chapter holds progressive goals in further expanding the chapter’s membership and activity, as well as planning future events to rally support.

From the CSULA chapter, congratulations to all of our 2010 graduates! We wish them all the best and all of the officers of Chi Epsilon who look forward to a fresh start in the fall.

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**

The University of Central Florida’s Chi Epsilon chapter participated in several events this year. The Civil, Environmental, and Construction Engineering Department hosted a homecoming event, Builders of the Realm, which Chi Epsilon helped coordinate. It was the chapter’s responsibility to present awards to faculty and fellow students, as well as to provide refreshments for the guests. At the event, past president, Steven Veil, received an award for most influential member in Chi Epsilon.

Another contribution our chapter provides to the university is tutoring in higher level civil, environmental, and construction engineering courses. This is a very important contribution, as this is the only tutoring offered at the university in these upper level courses. We have tutors readily available in our office on campus, Monday through Friday.

Our most recent event took place December 2, 2011 in which eight new under-
undergraduate members were inducted, as well as one faculty member. For this event, Chi Epsilon transits were made by groups, a trust walk was performed, and dinner was provided. We will hold officer elections after the spring initiation for our new officer positions for 2012-2013, as our current president, vice-president, and treasurer will be graduating.

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

2011 was yet another successful year for both the Clemson University chapter of Chi Epsilon and the Civil Engineering Department at Clemson University. The year brought many changes to Clemson and the officers worked to advance the organization throughout the changing times and put in a big effort to gain a larger presence in the newly named Glenn Department of Civil Engineering. This development will continue in 2012 under the supervision of the newly elected officers.

The spring semester welcomed nine new initiates into the organization. The chapter officers included Chris DeClue, president; Jennifer Yenawine, vice-president; Laure Rowe, secretary; Shane Glarrow, treasurer; Bobby Funcik, associate editor; and aptly named Marshall Olson, marshal. Congratulations to the new initiates, Scott Callison, Brent Hanley, Zhe Luo, Talat Mansour, Nathan Overby, Patrick Sanders, Timothy Steinhilber, Trey Wurst, and Wenbin Zhao. Additionally, Dr. Ronnie Chowdhury was initiated as a faculty member.

The fall semester introduced 11 new initiates into the organization. A big congratulations to the new initiates: Meredith Becker, Daniel Briggs, Ying Fang, Daniel Kyser, Jason Jansante, Edgar McIntosh, III, Elizabeth O’Sell, Mason Smith, Frances Timmons, Hunter Truette, and Jeff Zimmerman. The chapter officers during the fall semester were comprised of Chris DeClue, president; Jennifer Yenawine, vice-president; Laure Rowe, secretary; Shane Glarrow, treasurer; Nathan Overby, associate editor; and Marshall Olson, marshal. At our fall initiation, we welcomed Patrick Sanders as our new vice-president, Jeff Zimmerman as our new secretary, and Meredith Becker as the new treasurer.

During the fall initiation ceremony, the Clemson chapter of Chi Epsilon also had the privilege of elevating Gaye Sprague, P.E., as our 35th Chapter Honor Member. Mrs. Sprague is a prototype of the professional that any civil engineer and member of Chi Epsilon should strive to be. Not only is she a great engineer and public figure, but she is also a truly kind person.

This year, the members of Chi Epsilon continued their participation in the Adopt-a-Highway litter pick up program on four different occasions, hosted a booth at Clemson’s Science and Engineering Fair for elementary school students, sponsored a book exchange for civil engineering students at the conclusion of each semester, and initiated 20 new members into the organization. All of the new officers, initiates, and current members look forward to another successful year in 2012.
For the last year Chi Epsilon at Colorado State University has been providing tutoring for basic civil engineering classes every week. Chi Epsilon members provided tutoring to freshman and sophomore students in their chemistry, calculus, physics, statics, dynamics, and intro to civil engineering course work. The Colorado State chapter also put on a book drive to raise money. Colorado State civil engineering professors and faculty graciously donated their old and unused textbooks to be sold to students at cheap and affordable prices.

On December 5, 2011, Chi Epsilon’s Colorado State University chapter inducted 19 new members. (see photo at left) After the induction ceremony, a dinner was held to recognize the new members. Chi Epsilon invited a guest speaker by the name of Dr. Ray Chamberlain to this induction dinner. Chamberlain received his doctoral degree in civil engineering from Colorado State, known then as Colorado A&M, in 1955. He was the first person ever awarded a doctoral degree by the university. Chamberlain was a member of the faculty at Colorado State for 24 years and was president of the university for more than 10 years. He was also the executive director of the Colorado Department of Transportation and was elected president of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. During his speech, Chamberlain spoke of his career and advised members of Chi Epsilon of the need of engineers nationwide. He spoke how America will struggle in the changing economy with the small number of Americans graduating college with an engineering degrees (around 4 percent of all college graduates) when foreign countries such as China are graduating much more (close to 20 percent of all college graduates). Inspired by Chamberlain’s speech, Colorado State Chi Epsilon members plan to visit elementary, middle, and high schools in Fort Collins, Colorado and surrounding areas to promote civil engineering amongst young people.

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

In February 2011, we initiated new members Brendan Feery, Chelsee Parker, Christopher Berthiaume, Christopher Cotulio, Dana Boyer, Isabel Lynch, Jacues Pauleus, Justin Nadolney, Nathaniel Merriman, Nayear Fam, Raymond Chan, and Scott Cipoletti. Our new officers are: Raymond Chan, president; Scott Cipoletti, vice-president; Chelsee Parker, secretary; Isabel Lynch, treasurer; Nathaniel Merriman, associate editor; and Nayear Fam, marshal.

On October 19th we hosted Grad School Night, an annual event to inform prospective students about the graduate school application process and the opportunities available to graduate school. It was lead by civil engineering professor (and Chi Epsilon advisor) Dr. Nicholas Lownes and environmental engineering professor Dr. Joseph Bushey. It was designed to help students interested in graduate school get the information they need to make the right decisions about graduate school and apply on time.
Also in October, the University of Connecticut chapter of Chi Epsilon helped run the annual School of Engineering career fair, a huge success with many local and international engineering firms in attendance. Additionally, throughout the fall semester, we have conducted tutoring each Thursday evening to help the newer civil engineering students with their basic math, science, and engineering coursework. In February 2012, we are inducting incoming members Thomas H. Curry, Margaret Elizabeth Ferguson, Taylor Rae Gladding, Skyler Marinoff, Eric Andrew Moldvay, Vincent Charles Montemurro, Corey Potoniec, Margaret Mary Stuthmann, Matt Carl Tremblay, Katherine Allison, Kelsey Elizabeth Barbella, Margaret Chase, Jillian Rae Condiracci, Robert Frederick Domin, Netania Durogene, Corey Hollmann, Ashley Kocsis, Thomas Albert Tydeman, and Adam Michael Wing. Our numbers are strong and we are doing more than ever around the campus to help our fellow students and the school as a whole.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

In 2011, the Cornell University chapter of Chi Epsilon installed a new group of officers consisting of Jeffrey Hollands, president; Anna Ferry, vice-president; Daniel Lu, marshal; Jordan Dick, secretary; Robert Liptack, treasurer; and Heather Schopper, associate editor. Over the year, we also provided tutoring services for the university’s FE Exam preparation class. We honored Professor Edwin A. Cowen as the Chi Epsilon Professor of the year, an award voted upon by the students of the CEE department. As we move ahead into 2012, we look forward to sharing the ideals of Chi Epsilon and continuing our presence on the Cornell campus.

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

The University of Delaware chapter was excited to initiate 11 new members in May of 2011: Rebecca Aiken, Mara Block, Andrew Connelly, Anthony Durante, Emma Gretina, Alexander Lee, Patrick Lenihan, John Lowe, Patrick Marra, Greg Parks, and Kory Swierczek. (see photo at right) The new initiates join Erin Collins, Matthew Dove, Nicholas Gioia, Jessica Lauenstein, James Meisterich, and Scott Slavens as part of the chapter for the 2011–2012 academic year. After initiation, elections were held. The current executive board consists of Matthew Dove, president; Patrick Lenihan, vice-president; Erin Collins, secretary; Andrew Connelly, treasurer; Kory Swierczek, associate editor; and Jessica Lauenstein, marshal. The elected officers were eager to take on their new responsibilities of running the chapter. (see photo at top of next page)
This fall, the chapter sponsored FE review sessions for the second consecutive year. Faculty from the Civil and Environmental Engineering Departments donated their time on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights throughout the month of October to review topics that were to be covered on the exam. A $50 registration fee was charged for 11 sessions, with the full profit going directly to the chapter. These review sessions raised a total of $1500 which will be used to sponsor service activities in the spring. Our group also had the opportunity to volunteer and spread the word about civil engineering at the University of Delaware by speaking at “Blue and Gold Days”. During these information sessions, prospective students visited the university and our members were able to speak about their experiences in the engineering program at Delaware.

For the spring, the UD chapter is excited to embark on several service trips, including Habitat for Humanity builds and Adopt-A-Highway Road Cleanups. We also plan on participating and hosting activities during Engineering Week in February, and look forward to participating at the conclave in March!

**DUKE UNIVERSITY**

On January 25, 2011, the current class of the Duke University Chi Epsilon chapter was initiated. (see photo at right) The following students from the Class of 2012 were welcomed as Chi Epsilon members: Amy Allen, Christopher Bayliss, Rachel Fleming, Maria Gibbs, Annelise Mesler, Matt Wander, Yaqi (Amber) Su, Ross Taggart, William (Greer) Mackebee, and Craig Wasilewski. From the Class of 2011, Andrew Harris and Tracy Spataro were welcomed into the chapter. On April 25, 2011, new officers were elected as follows: Greer Mackebee, president; Rachel Fleming, vice-president; Maria Gibbs, secretary; Amber Su, marshal; and Amy Allen, treasurer.

After the elections, the group discussed ideas for improving the overall civil engineering experience at Duke University, in particular for freshman students by encouraging them to be more involved in their first year. We also made the decision to confer upon Dr. Jeff Scruggs the Earl Brown Teaching award. Dr. Scruggs was well known for his dedication to his students, and for making learning fun and engaging for his pupils.

Initiation for the newest class of Chi Epsilon is scheduled for January 30, 2011. From the Class of 2013, Grace Cambareri, James Dolan, Hunter Douglas, Robin Farrell, Marietta Johnston, Christine Larson, Cheryl Lee, Laura Oteiza, Perry Simmons, Evan Strother, Gregg Thawley, Lisa Vershel, Kala Viswanathan, Hillary Walker, and Michael Whited will be initiated. From the Class of 2012, Charles Furse, Avni Patel, and Aaron Schroeder will be welcomed into Chi Epsilon. With this new class of society members, we look forward to continuing our effort to promote an atmosphere of cohesive cooperation among civil engineering students, while striving to uphold the principles and values that the Chi Epsilon Honor Society as a whole seeks to instill in the academic community.
The 2011 year was highlighted by many events for the University of Florida Chi Epsilon chapter. We continued giving back to the community in various ways such as helping restore the house of a woman who has been partially disabled with multiple sclerosis, helping out at St. Francis Soup Kitchen, providing GED tutoring throughout the year, and participating in county wide clean ups. We demonstrated our assistance to the local community and its citizens of Gainesville, FL. Also, during the fall and spring, UF chi epsilon organized review sessions for students taking the FE, which were lectured by professors from the university, in April and October. These reviews were a huge success.

For the spring of 2011, the officers were: Antonio Renda, president; Eric Holshouser, vice-president; Carly Davis, secretary; John Keough, treasurer; Aniela Burant, marshal; and Brad Cooney, associate editor. The newly elected officers for the fall of 2011 include: Virginia Goff, president; Elizabeth Radford, vice-president; Allison Lewis, secretary; Brad Davis, treasurer; Xavier Monroe, marshal; and Paola Vargas, associate editor. (see photo at left for fall initiates) Under the fall 2011 cabinet, we had four general body meetings where guest speakers talked about their work experiences. They interacted with our members and initiates during the social events offered after these meetings.

The current members and alumni of Chi Epsilon at the University of Florida strive to uphold the standards and values of Chi Epsilon through our actions within the university as well as the surrounding community.

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Once again the Florida International University chapter of Chi Epsilon succeeds to end the year right with many events and student involvement held throughout the semesters of 2011. Beginning the year with a fresh start, the chapter welcomed new members and elected the new officers. Our 2011 E-board was as follows: Maria Espita, president; Juan Londono, vice-president/treasurer; Workamaw Paulos, secretary; Pedro Infante, marshal; and Dania Castillo, associate editor.

Throughout the year the chapter held several general meetings. In one of the meetings the chapter invited Dr. Atorod Azizinamini, Chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at FIU, to present a special lecture about the current and upcoming bridge design projects being developed today.

On the 21st of May, the chapter participated as volunteers for the annual event, The Wall of Wind Mitigation Challenge held in the Engineering Center at FIU. As volunteers the chapter worked hard to make the event comfortable and as organized as possible for the guests, special speakers, and competitors.
Ending the year, the chapter initiated six new members for the upcoming year of 2012, including our new advisor, Dr. Xia Jin. We were fortunate to have Dr. Girma Bitsuamlak as our advisor for the past years and as gratitude before his departure the Chi Epsilon chapter honored Dr. Girma Bitsuamlak with a plaque for supporting us and laying the foundation to Chi Epsilon’s success here in FIU. Now we have welcomed Dr. Xia Jin as our advisor and are very excited to develop and set our new future goals with her.

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

2011 has been a quiet but exciting year for the University at Hawaii Chapter of Chi Epsilon. We initiated 14 undergraduates (11 in the spring, 3 in the fall) and initiated our 2011 Chapter Honor Member, Dennis Hirota. (see photo at right) He is the CEO of Sam Hirota Inc., an engineering firm based in Honolulu.

The spring 2011 officers were James Aoki, president; Edmund Weidnecht, vice-president; Miles Yama-da, marshal; May Liu, secretary; Todd Kawamoto, treasurer; and Micolas Ogawa, associate editor. Spring initiates are Brandt Kuioka, Emily Gomes, Ernesto Gonzales, Irene Ma, Jerald Pascua, Kyle Liang, Kellen Miyasato, Leo Oshiro, Lin Yan, Regan Kobayashi, and Ryan Kondo.

The initiates, as part of their pledge process, decided to prepare for the upcoming 2012 Conclave. Since the conclave will be hosted by the Pacific District for the first time, the initiates have been doing extra fundraising to allow as many members to go to California to help host this event. We plan to send eight or more delegates to the conclave in 2012. One major fundraising event was our annual basketball tournament. Major engineering firms in Hawaii were invited to come. Some of our other activities included the semi-annual BBQ at Mr. Akiona’s house and a beach picnic.

After the break, activities resumed in August as the whole chapter got together for a beach potluck. (see photo at left) Fall 2011 also emphasized the 2012 Conclave as more fundraising was done throughout the semester. The chapter partnered up with a local restaurant to sell their famous chili to help raise more money for the chapter. Fall 2011 officers included Edmund Weidnecht, president; Kellen Miyasto, vice-president; Jerald Pascua, marshal; Regan Kobayashi, secretary; Irene Ma, treasurer; and Micolas Ogawa, associate editor. The University of Hawaii would also like to welcome our fall initiates: Allison Ako, Jarret Yanagida, and Nickolas Brown.
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The University of Illinois, Alpha chapter of Chi Epsilon, continues to have success year after year. This past spring, our chapter welcomed nineteen new members, and welcomed a new board. (see photo at left) Returning members of the board include now president, Timothy Veldman, who served as marshal last year; now vice-president, Craig Roper, who served as treasurer last year; and now student advisor, Quinton Champer who served as vice-president last year. New faces on the board include Mayank Sirsalewala, treasurer; Megan Wallace, secretary; Andrew Smiles, marshal; Bethany Myelle, service/social chair; Joe Martinez, associate editor; and Joe Zeller, director of information. Professor Jeffrey Roesler is still the faculty advisor. Our Chapter Honor Member of the spring 2011 is Richard Erickson. He is now the CEO of W.E. O’Neil Industries. For the fall 2011, we will be elevating Professor Amr Elnashai to Chapter Honor Member.

The Alpha chapter has three general meetings a semester. Each meeting has a company representative come in and give a presentation about the applications of civil engineering in the real world and use projects they have worked on as case studies. For the fall 2011 semester, we have had the pleasure of having Exxon Mobil, Teng & Associates, and Sargent and Lundy for general meetings.

Our board is working hard on maintaining and improving our society. One project being worked on by Craig Roper and the rest of the board is creating a scholarship fund for the most outstanding member of the semester. The scholarship will be funded by a corporate sponsor. Our chapter is still looking for corporate sponsor for this scholarship. We are continuing to be part of the community with service events and continue to build a bond amongst members with social events. Our members continue to exemplify how to be the well-rounded engineer.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

This year, the Iowa State University chapter of Chi Epsilon has continued its push for greater community service and departmental involvement. Events that we participated in include the Civil Engineering Spring Banquet, representing the organization at a College of Engineering tailgating event, participating in the “Adopt-a-Highway” program through the Iowa Department of Transportation, and service projects for the department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering at Iowa State. This past year, we welcomed a total of 20 new initiates, which continues to represent a significant growth from just a few years back.

On April of 2011, Chi Epsilon hosted the 29th Annual Civil Engineering Spring Banquet. The banquet assembled students, parents, faculty, and civil engineering firms for a dinner that recognized the achievements of civil engineering students, and awarded over 100 undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships. Additionally, the fall 2010 and spring 2011 initiates to Chi Epsilon were congratulated.
New officers were elected in April of 2011. The Iowa State University Chi Epsilon chapter thanked the officers who served for the 2010-2011 school year: Steve Lavrenz, president; Benjamin Hucker, vice-president; Curt Smejkal, secretary and associate editor; Eunee Ong, treasurer; Paul Speed, ESC representative; Lanting Li, marshal; John Hommes, assistant marshal; and Mitchell Kennedy, social and fundraising chair. Officers who served for the fall 2011 semester are Paul Speed, president; Lanting Li, vice-president; Mary Krull, secretary and associate editor; Yundi Huang, treasurer; John Hommes, marshal; Yuxin Hou, assistant marshal; Hao Liu, social and fundraising chair; Kelsey Riesberg, ESC representative; and Patrick Johnson, webmaster.

Chi Epsilon has been extensively involved with community service this past year. The chapter participated in the Iowa Department of Transportation’s Adopt-a-Highway program and cleaned a two-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 30 twice during the year. The cleanup in both the fall and spring gave new initiates of Chi Epsilon the opportunity to meet current members. This marked the 21st year Chi Epsilon has participated in this community service project. Chi Epsilon also organized the Keep Town Beautiful cleanup event in the spring, in which painting, trash pick-up, and other forms of service were provided. Finally, Chi Epsilon continued to participate in the Keep Iowa State Beautiful program, a trash pickup program for which the chapter has adopted the area around Town Engineering. Town Engineering is the civil engineering building at Iowa State University.

The Iowa State chapter also has many plans for the future. One project currently underway is establishing an annual $500 scholarship for a civil engineering undergraduate student provided by various fundraisers. Planning and designing is moving forward for a civil engineering clothing order that will serve as a fundraiser early next semester. A new social event will also be available to Chi Epsilon members next spring.

For the next year, Chi Epsilon plans to pursue many of the same activities and goals as the preceding year. The largest improvements will come from chapter member participation and increased company donations, so that events like the spring banquet and other networking events can become celebrated mainstays within the department and the city of Ames.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

The University of Kansas chapter of Chi Epsilon initiated ten new members on April 28, 2011. (see photo at right) Those initiated include Logan Chamberlin, JD Reitinger, Kevin Kelley, Brandon Komp, Jacob Cox, Adam Lyon, Andrew Toth, Stephanie Sorem, Matthew Pjesky, and Miles McGonigle. New officers were elected at the end of the spring semester: Logan Chamberlin, president; JD Reitinger, vice-president; Kevin Kelley, treasurer; Brandon Komp, secretary; Jacob Cox, marshal; and Miles McGonigle, associate editor. The initiation was held in the Gridiron Room at the Burge Union on the KU campus. Adam Lyon won the award for the most prepared transit, and Miles McGonigle won the award for the transit with most signatures. Dr. David Darwin, our faculty advisor, attended the
This fall on November 18, 2011 six new members were initiated: Jason Vitale, Josh Motti, Grant Polley, Kelly Davis, James Lafikes, and Jun Guo. (see photo at left) The initiation again took place in the Gridiron Room at the Burge Union on the KU campus. Drew Johnston won the award for the most prepared transit, and Adam Olson won the award for the transit with most signatures. Dr. David Darwin, our outstanding faculty advisor, attended the ceremony. Afterwards the new members were invited to dinner at Johnny’s Tavern in Lawrence, KS.

Two informational meeting were held for the new initiates to not only serve as a social event, but to provide potential candidates with information about Chi Epsilon. Pizza and drinks were provided during the meeting. We are excited to see the chapter growing and look forward to the district conclave in the spring.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Another academic year has passed for the Kansas State University chapter of Chi Epsilon and with it we have witnessed new members, new officers, and some other exciting events as well. The following report will touch on some of the exciting things that have happened in the 2010-2011 year in our chapter.

Service Project

As in years past, the Kansas State University chapter of Chi Epsilon continues to maintain a relationship with the Army Corp of Engineers stationed at the Tuttle Creek Reservoir. Just like last spring, on December 4th of 2011, our chapter headed out to the Tuttle Creek Reservoir to help clean up the playgrounds surrounding the Reservoir and lay down new mulch in the playground areas. After a good afternoon of hard work, we left the playgrounds looking new again and ready for another year of use by the families in our community. We then proceeded back to the engineering building on campus for some pizza and hang-out time before the bi-annual election of new officers for the spring of 2012.

Freshmen Mentoring Program

The Kansas State University chapter of Chi Epsilon recently began a freshmen mentoring program through the CE 101 Introduction to Civil Engineering class. This class is meant to introduce different aspects of civil engineering and brings in speakers to talk to the class about different events going on in civil engineering today. Topics range from exciting new projects in civil engineering to engineering ethics. The mentors from the chapter attended the CE 101 classes and helped to facilitate discussions and also answer questions about classes.

Teaching Awards

The Kansas State University chapter of Chi Epsilon gave out two teaching awards at the Annual Civil Engineering Awards Banquet this fall. The Chi Epsilon Undergraduate Excellence in Teaching Award was awarded to Dr. Jacob Najjar. The Student Advocate Award was awarded to Dr. Mustaque Hossain.
Chapter Honor Member

This year, the Kansas State University Chapter of Chi Epsilon was honored to promote Cathy S. Ritter to Chapter Honor Member. Cathy (Carr) Ritter received her BS degree in civil engineering from Kansas State University in 1975. She also holds a master’s degree in administrative science from Johns Hopkins University (1981).

In 1982, Ritter founded Constellation Design Group in Maryland and continues as sole stockholder and president. CDG provides civil engineering design and inspection services, primarily for public agencies in the Mid-Atlantic region. In her role as president, Mrs. Ritter is responsible for project design and management, business development, human resources and all administrative activities. She is a licensed professional engineer in Maryland and Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Ritter has been active in the American Council of Engineering Companies at both the local and national level since 1986. After holding several offices in the Maryland chapter of ACEC, she was elected president in 1992. In addition, she served on the national Planning Cabinet and as chair of the ACEC Small Firm Council where she continues to be active on the SFC steering committee. In 1998, she was elected to serve a two year term as the first female vice-president of the national organization. She currently serves on the ACEC Transportation Committee and is a past chair of the organization’s Business Insurance Trust, which provides business insurance for nearly 1500 ACEC member firms. In 1997, Ms. Ritter was elected as the first female fellow of ACEC. She has testified before several United States Congressional and State of Maryland committees regarding business and transportation issues.

Initiations

The spring of 2011 (see photo at right) brought a couple new members to the Chi Epsilon community. While the numbers were down a bit, as noted later in this report, the new initiates immediately became contributing members of our chapter. New initiates for the spring of 2011 were: Andrew Mishler and Xinchi Zhang.

The fall of 2011 (see photo at left) brought a larger group of new members to our chapter, who like the spring 2011 initiates, also began contributing immediately to the continued success of our chapter. The new initiates for the fall of 2011 are: Josh Riley, Tanner Yost, Tyler Davison, Sara Mann, Dominic LaRocca, Brady Crites, and Colin O’Leary.

Officers

The spring of 2010 saw some new officers as well as other officers moving to new positions. After two successful terms as chapter president, Gus Wertz passed on the baton of president of Chi Epsilon to a brand new initiate for 2011. The officers for the spring 2011 term were as follows: Andrew Mishler, president; Jacob Dull, vice-president; Andrew Shearrer, marshal; Xinchi Zhang, secretary; Sen Yang, treasurer; Aaron Wasko, associate editor; and Liam Reilly, webmaster.
The fall of 2011 brought in a whole new wave of officers for the Kansas State University chapter of Chi Epsilon. One current officer changed roles, but five not only brand new officers, but brand new initiates were elected to officer positions. The chapter continues to be surprised by the excitement and leadership taken by younger members and hopes this will continue in the future. The new officers for the fall of 2011 are: Xinchi Zhang, president; Sara Mann, vice-president; Dominic LaRocca, marshal; Brady Crites, secretary; Colin O’Leary, treasurer; and Tanner Yost, associate editor/webmaster.

LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

The Department of Civil Engineering at Lawrence Technological University (LTU) has continued its success in producing students of high prominence and talent. Chapter 117 of Chi Epsilon holds membership of these students. On April 8, 2011, seven new members: Mr. Grant Beahlen, Mr. Jake Bilinski, Mr. Bryan Clinton, Ms. Ashley Dragan, Mr. Ahmad Hamawi, Ms. Carmelle Tremblay, and Ms. Madison Vanderburg, were introduced to core principles of Conception, Design, and Construction. LTU also honored Mr. Kirk Steudle, Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) as a Chi Epsilon Chapter Honor Member as well. New officers were elected during the ceremony, and the members taking office are as follows: Shasta Gibbs, president; Erik Jongeward, vice-president; Katrin Bosch, secretary; Heather Gendron, treasurer; Jake Bilinski, associate editor; and Alan Killewald, marshal.

Chapter 117 assisted the LTU Engineer’s Ring Ceremony for the Order of the Engineer Link 172 held on April 19, 2011. Members of the chapter understand the importance of pride and responsibility in the civil engineering profession and were proud to assist in this ceremony of upmost prestige.

On December 9, 2011, the chapter welcomed eleven new members into Chi Epsilon. (see photo at right) The ceremony was held in the Engineering Building at LTU’s main campus. Understanding the roles and responsibilities that Chi Epsilon imposes upon its members, the following candidates were inducted: Mr. Biniam K. Aregawi, Mr. Daniel M. Bishoping, Mr. Heath A. Farrelly, Mr. James V. Green, Mr. Benjamin J. Guettler, Ms. Souzan Hanna, Ms. Ashley M. Meade, Mr. Sean M. Pederson, Ms. Marinna A. Plincka, Mr. Adam M. Wayne, and Mr. Daniel V. Ziemba.
In April of 2011, nine new students were inducted into the Lehigh University Chapter of Chi Epsilon under faculty advisor Shamim N. Pakzad. The new officers are Kenneth Sweeney, president; Luciana Trabanino, vice-president; Frank Artmont, secretary; Eliane Kirschbaum, treasurer; and Patrick Burke, marshal. The other four members are Pierre Bick, Mio Matsumura, Brian Monetti, and Natalie Smith.

The Lehigh University chapter of Chi Epsilon participated in a very important process over the spring 2011 semester: helping to select a new department chair for the Lehigh University Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Members were asked to interview the candidates as students in the department in order to help determine the best candidate for the job. Finally, our chapter also attended a reception for newly instated civil engineering majors, welcoming them to the department and acting as mentors to the new students.

LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

The Louisiana Tech University chapter of Chi Epsilon is off to another great school year. The winter quarter new member initiation was held Thursday, December 8, 2011. (see photo at left)

The chapter added one new member, junior David Chatelain, and expects to initiate several more members during the spring initiation. The 2011-2012 school year Chi Epsilon officers are Sean Moore, president; Russell Colvin, vice-president; Christopher Rabalais, secretary; Anamaria Torres, treasurer; Samantha Petersen, associate editor; and Ethan Rhoades, marshal; with Dr. Aziz Saber as faculty advisor. The officers were elected at the end of the 2010-2011 school year in May 2011 and will reside in their positions until May 2012.

Two Louisiana Tech Chi Epsilon officers, Christopher Rabalais and Anamaria Torres, are members of Tau Beta Pi, a distinguished engineering honor society which requires its members to be in the top 1/8th of their junior class. Most of the La Tech chapter members are involved with ASCE and contribute to the concrete canoe and steel bridge teams. Both teams are well underway working towards the ASCE Deep South Regional Conference in March 2012.
Our fall initiation ceremony was performed on November 15th, 2011 in Boardman Hall, the UMaine Civil and Environmental Engineering department building. Eleven new members were welcomed into the University of Maine Chi Epsilon chapter. (see photo at right) The new officers directing the ceremony, who were sworn in during the spring 2011 initiation, include: Alexander Wheelock, president; James Olson, vice-president; Whitney Chamberlain, treasurer; Katy Grime, secretary; Andrew Young, associate editor/marshal. Dr. Thomas Sandford serves as the faculty advisor.

The UMaine Chi Epsilon chapter plans to continue our tradition of hosting a breakfast for the graduating civil engineering seniors on the morning of graduation. At the breakfast, outstanding seniors are recognized for their academic accomplishments and exceptional work over the past year on senior projects or ‘Capstone’ projects. Chi Epsilon group members have also been busy with their involvement in other UMaine engineering groups, including the student ASCE chapter, Engineers Without Borders, and the Concrete Canoe competition.

**MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

In the spring, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) chapter of Chi Epsilon initiated seniors Joshua Hester, Connie Lu, and Ivy Huang, as well as juniors Tzipora Wagner, Michael Chen, Breanna Peterman, and Lorna Ogolla. Due to officer graduations, the following officers have been elected to lead the chapter: Tzipora Wagner, president; Michael Chen, vice-president/associate editor; Breanna Peterman, secretary/treasurer; and Lorna Ogolla, marshal. The chapter has continued its work tutoring both civil and environmental engineering students on campus with great success. In addition, the chapter held a short mid-semester study break for Chi Epsilon members this fall. The current members of Chi Epsilon hope to plan a lecture series featuring prominent and interesting speakers from various sectors of the civil and environmental engineering fields.

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

In 2011, the University of Michigan chapter of Chi Epsilon welcomed 14 new members. In the spring, the chapter initiated nine members: Adam Bichir, Xinsheng Chu, Tianshu Fan, Erica Hoffman, Zili Jia, Jeremiah Masey, Osai Robinson, Xiaojun Yu, and Cheng Zhong. This fall, five new members were initiated: Matthew Hartigan, Erica Rowley, Jonathan Wagenknecht, Benjamin Ward, and Marcia Yockey. In the spring, Jennifer Macks was initiated as the 53rd Chapter Honor Member for her professional accomplishments as well as her involvement in the civil and environmental engineering alumni association at the University of Michigan.
This fall’s formal initiation saw the installation of four new officers: Johanna Grum, Engineering Council representative; Jonathan Wagenknecht, special projects coordinator, Allison Holmes, social chair, and Matthew Hartigan, treasurer. (see photo at left) The outgoing officers are Xinsheng Chu, Engineering Council representative; Osai Robinson, social chair; and Kevin Fielder, treasurer.

In the past year, the chapter continued many of its traditions with high participation in the bi-weekly FE Exam review program, where professors from the College of Engineering give review sessions for the FE Exam. This raises the awareness of Chi Epsilon as an organization because it attracts students from civil engineering and other departments across the college. The chapter held its annual CEE potluck in the winter semester, which is a relaxed social event where students within the department can socialize with faculty as well as inform undeclared engineering students about the department. The chapter was also able to send a representative to the 2011 Great Lakes District Conference at the University of Toledo, where Chi Epsilon leaders from various schools were able to discuss how to improve the regional chapters and make plans for the biennial National Conclave.

In partnership with the ASCE chapter, a weekly CEE Study Jam was started this fall. The study jam is an event where students from the department can meet to work on homework or other problems. Snacks are provided by Chi Epsilon and ASCE on a rotating basis. The event has been well received and will continue in future semesters. The chapter continued its usual social and volunteer events including bowling and laser-tag nights for officers, pledges, and other chapter members. As part of the volunteer efforts of the chapter, members and pledges worked in the biannual North Campus invasive species removal, which included the planting of over 50 native-species trees on the campus this fall.

Special thanks to the faculty advisor of the chapter, Dr. Steven Wright, whose continuing help and guidance has been instrumental to the success of the chapter.

MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

The chapter, under the advisement of Dr. Jacob Hiller, assistant professor of transportation engineering in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, welcomed a class of 11 new members to the chapter in April including: Brian Bellmore, Molly Johnson, Steven Rutkowski, Ryan Laninga, Rachel Brooks, Mathew Edwards, Morgan Hansen, Dan Brugman, Nathan Kindt, Miranda Thompson, Ryan Rintamaki, and Emily Lang. The chapter would like to commend our outgoing 2010-2011 officers for their efforts over the past year: Katie Hallenbeck, president; Bryan Karns, vice-president; Lukas Morse, secretary; Tyler Sutkowi, treasurer; Casey Fritsch, marshal; and Jonathon Crowe, associate editor. We extend our congratulations to our new officers for the 2011-2012 academic year: Ryan Laninga, president; Steven Rutkowski, vice-president; Molly Johnson, secretary; Rachel Brooks, treasurer; Miranda Thompson, marshal; and Ryan Rintamaki, associate editor.
This October, the chapter returned to the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan for guided tours of the Mackinaw Bridge, the International Bridge, and the Soo Locks. History of the bridges and locks and structural information, as well as a behind-the-scene tour of these facilities, was provided to the students by former Michigan Tech graduates. The chapter has also strived to participate in local humanitarian events such as “Make a Difference Day”, where community members are encouraged to go around town picking up trash or raking lawns. Last, but certainly not least, the chapter would like to congratulate our graduating seniors of fall 2011 and spring 2012. Good luck!

MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The Missouri University of Science & Technology chapter of Chi Epsilon inducted 23 new members during the spring semester on April 26, 2011. These members include: Joshua Carter, Andrea Clements, William Davis Jr, Zachary Evans, Ashley Freeking, Jessica Gaines, David George, Daniel Griesenauer, Rachel Guthrie, Lisa Holtmann, Paul Jensen, Jordan Kellerman, Courtney Kindsfather, Mark Locher, Ashley Overschmidt, Veronica Page, Molly Prickett, Ryan Reed, Daniel Tyler Richardson, William Selby, Christopher Tunison, Clinton Wilmes, and Nick Zimmermann.

New officers for the fall semester were elected and transitioned in early May and included: Heather Ferstl, president; Amanda Steele, vice-president; David George, secretary; Kelly Cross, treasurer; Julia Huck, social chair; Rachel Guthrie, marshal; Lucas Laughery, service chair; and Clint Wilmes, associate editor. The chapter also welcomed Chapter Honor Member Dr. Robert Holmes, adding to the longest list of Chapter Honor Members for one chapter across the nation. The chapter also said farewell to one of its key contributing members to graduation, Moncia LeVan. Monica held many officer positions and was the recipient of the Outstanding Senior Award.

As the spring semester went on, many professional visitors came on campus to give presentations to the members during the meetings. Several service projects, such as blood drives and food distributions, were conducted by the chapter that allowed the community to truly see the dedication and character that Chi Epsilon members demonstrate. In addition, the chapter held its annual social at the local park and the members enjoyed a BBQ and games.

It was a very successful semester thanks to all of the members, faculty, and especially advisor Dr. Jerry Bayless.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

In the past year we’ve elevated two Chapter Honor Members. Monty Fredrickson was elevated to Chapter Honor Member in Spring 2011. Mr. Fredrickson is a licensed PE in the state of Nebraska, and he is the current director for the Nebraska Department of Roads. Daryoush Razavian was elevated to Chapter Honor Member on December 8, 2011. Mr. Razavian is an engineer with Olsson Associates in Lincoln Nebraska, and he is the only licensed Professional Hydraulogist in the state.
Our outgoing officers, who served from fall 2010 through spring 2011, are Carrie Mohlman, president; Adam Pelican, vice-president; Kellen Heideman, treasurer; Jonathon Fischer, secretary; Rachel Plessing, associate editor; Eric Reiner, marshal; and David Stuart, social chair. Our previous president, Carrie Mohlman was a Regent’s Scholarship recipient from 2007 through 2011 while attending UNL as an undergraduate student. She is continuing her education here at UNL, and is currently a Graduate Research Assistant.

Our current officers, elected in May 2011, are Sarah McClure, president; Reinaldo Alcalde, vice-president; Caleb Peterson, treasurer; Johnathon Richter, secretary; Noah Pitts, associate editor; Garret Menard, marshal; and Chris Jeffers, social chair. (see photo at right) Our vice-president, Reinaldo Alcalde is currently working on his McNair research project through UCARE involving experimental analysis of water flows through a combined weir and sluice gate structure. He is also the teaching assistant for the Intro to Environmental Engineering course here at UNL.

Our faculty advisor is Anuj Sharma, PhD. He has been in that position since August 2009. Dr. Sharma has been awarded the Pikarsky Award for Outstanding PhD Dissertation in Science and Technology by the Council of University Transportation Centers.

We also had four new initiates on December 8, 2011: Andrew Houchin, Michael Hanover, Brandon Gardels, and Douglas Engle. (see photo at left)
A large transition took place during the spring 2011 semester, as many of the active chapter members graduated, and the chapter was filled with new recruits. Seniors that graduated included Daniel Christensen, James Nervig, Matthew Wieseler, Shane Hanson, Kristi Palik, Michelle King, Anthony Lampert, and Lauren Swadener. New officers were elected to fill the positions. The 2010-2011 officers are as follows: Andric P. Hofrichter, president; Jessica A. Branigan, vice-president; Jeffrey S. Svatora, secretary; Jeffrey C. Bohlken, treasurer; Lauren Swadener, marshal and associate editor.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

The University of New Mexico chapter of Chi Epsilon increased its membership by eleven this past December. (see photo at right) Members and initiates alike participated in a variety of activities this past year. We served lunch for FE and PE examinees and hosted a barbecue lunch/teacher dunk tank event. We also participated in an engineering interdepartmental kickball tournament and hosted FE review sessions for all topics.

Outgoing members/officers are: Michelle Miller, president; Rebecca Miller, vice-president; Jeffrey Samson, treasurer; Ryan Webb, marshal; and Dominique Espat, secretary. Incoming new officers are: Naomi Waterman, president; Magdalena Sims, vice-president; Steven Gomez, marshal; and Catherine Lucerol, secretary.

POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

In the spring of 2011, the Chi Epsilon chapter at the Polytechnic Institute of NYU initiated 12 new student members in an effort to strengthen its presence on campus and especially in the civil engineering community. Along with these students, the Chi Epsilon leadership had the pleasure of initiating the Civil Engineering Department Head, Lawrence Chiarelli. This initiation class brought about three new officers, Johnny Quinn, president; Kimberly Yee, vice-president; Vilius Plavinskas, treasurer; and a new Faculty Advisor, Anne Dudek Ronan.

With the help of these new leaders the Polytechnic Chi Epsilon chapter has made it its mission to be an influential force in the civil engineering community. The first steps have been taken through the new prospective class of bright students who have shown that they are willing to give back to their peers. Chi Epsilon has begun to establish tutoring hours in civil and other courses which underclassmen tend to struggle in. Furthermore, we have increased our presence in the ASCE student competitions of the concrete canoe and steel bridge and have provided hours of service back to our professors and department. Together, we feel that we are establishing good habits for the future leaders of this organization and will continue to assist our community on and off-campus.
At the end of the spring 2011 semester, elections were held to select officers for the 2011-2012 academic year. The newly elected officers were Emily Mauney, president; Melanie Hazeley, vice-president; Stephen Scott, secretary; Paa-Kwesi Prah Ennin, treasurer; Jeffery Becker, marshal; and Bryan Clark, associate editor. Our faculty advisor is Dr. James Bowen, Ph.D.

On October 8th, members of Chi Epsilon participated in a community service event with the YMCA and Kaboom!. We helped to put together a playground at a local YMCA. Our members helped the children of the YMCA to paint individual plaques, and then mounted them around the playground perimeter. Our members had an enjoyable time helping out in the local community.

In the beginning of the fall 2011 semester, members of Chi Epsilon organized and participated in UNC-Charlotte’s first annual Quiz Bowl, held on November 10th. This event was a joint effort with our ASCE group at UNC-Charlotte. The Quiz Bowl served as a study tool for students who intend to take the FE. All questions were FE related. Any engineering student was invited to attend, Civil or not. The Quiz Bowl ran smoothly, and we look forward to participating in the future.

On October 29th and November 19th, members of UNC Charlotte Chi Epsilon attended UNC Charlotte Open House functions, serving as representatives for the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. This event is called Explore, and is an excellent chance for prospective students to get some one-on-one advice from older students who have been where they are headed. Our members set up for the event, attended and spoke with many young high-school students and their parents about Civil Engineering, and broke down after the event was over. For both events, we had a faculty sponsor attend with us.

On December 1st, 2011, the UNC-Charlotte chapter initiated 35 new members. (see photo at left) Undergraduate initiates were Matthew Blackmon, Ryan Bogart, Chad Brown, Alan Collins, Alex Deaton, Timothy Dinsmore, Andrew Dodds, Michael Doyle, Bradford Garrigues, Timothy Goforth, Evan Hinson, Michael Hoff, Christopher Jordan, Travis Jordan, Casey Mashburn, Matthew Mastin, Anthony Mendez, Matthew Messer, Christina Palmer, Austin Prevette, Adam Reynolds, Charles Rice, Neda Salehizadeh, Michael Tedeschi, Karrah Webb, Alyson Yetman, Nina Yordanova, Divya Radhakrishnan, and Alan Browning, Jr. Graduate initiates consisted of Mauricio Garcia-Theran, Bilal Khan, Keerthi Nallabothula, Will Shull, YongHong Tong, and Dwaine Williams. The guest speaker for the initiation ceremony was Dr. Helene Hilger, Ph.D., PE. Dr. Hilger is a member of Chi Epsilon, as well as ASCE among other organizations. She is a retiring professor at UNC Charlotte, and is an inspiration to many students and faculty here.
During the spring 2010 induction ceremony held on May 1, 2011, the following students were initiated: Ingrid Arocho, John Barotti, Ryan Blair, Andrew Greeson, Christopher Herrick, Dominic Libera, Bryant Miller, Thomas Peterson, and Stephanie Vereen.

The following students were initiated at the fall 2011 induction ceremony held on November 13, 2011: Thomas A. Borden, Natasha C. Boger, Matthew D. Nifong, Viking Edeback, Joshua C. Shepherd, Landon K. Talley, Richard M. Jenny, Farrell E. Sikes, Michael C. O’Malley, Victor E. Fraga, Joshua A. Packett, Phillip E. Wilson, Wesley A. Jones, John M. Glover, and Jonathan W. Taylor. (see photo at right)

Overall the North Carolina State University chapter of Chi Epsilon has had another productive year. Under the guidance of Dr. John Baugh, Faculty Advisor; Tyler Pendry, president; Anahid Behrouzi, vice-president; Hannibal Warren, secretary; Jason Simon, treasurer; Cory High, pledge marshal; and Susan Dunn, associate editor; a total of 9 new members were inducted into this chapter in the spring semester.

During the spring ceremony, new officers were elected to take over the duties for Chi Epsilon. These included: Ryan Blair, president; John Barotti, vice-president; Christopher Herrick, secretary; Matthew Ferguson, treasurer; Ingrid Arocho, pledge marshal; and Bryant Miller, associate editor. Under their leadership, a total of 15 new members were inducted into this chapter just in the fall semester alone.

The entire membership would like to thank our faculty advisor, Dr. John Baugh for his support to the NC State chapter of Chi Epsilon. Beginning in 2012, Dr. Tarek Aziz will be the new faculty advisor for the chapter. Under his leadership and guidance, Chi Epsilon is looking forward to welcoming new inductees in this upcoming year and having another productive new year.

The Norwich University Chi Epsilon chapter initiated six new members into the chapter as five members graduated. The officers of the 2010-2011 academic year were as follows: Mr. Kevin Gallagher, president; Mr. Zachery Stanton, vice-president; Ms. Nicola Suren, treasurer; Mr. George Sawyer, secretary; Mr. Seth Pearson, associate editor; Professor Adam Sevi, marshal; and Professor Eugene Sevi, Faculty Advisor. The current officers for the 2011-2012 academic year are as follows: Ms. Amber Ferland, president; Mr. Igor Martinez, vice-president; Mr. Seth Knihtila, treasurer; Mr. Gregory McKenney, secretary; Ms. Felicia Desorcie, associate editor; Mr. Pavlo Kozhokin, marshal; and Professor Adam Sevi, faculty advisor.
On August 28, 2011, Hurricane Irene devastated Central Vermont and the towns around Norwich University, including the neighboring town of Roxbury, Vermont. The members of the Norwich University Chi Epsilon chapter felt it would be appropriate to do a service project to support these suffering communities, so on September 10, 2011, a storm damage assessment was performed on the Roxbury town roads. (see photo at left) This assessment was conducted on a sunny day with a temperature of about 65 degrees at a variety of different locations throughout the town. All measurements were approximate and were taken using survey tape, handheld slope indicator, and pacing techniques.

Estimated volumes of material to rehabilitate these sites include gravel fill as well as stone rip rap to protect from erosion. A total of 6,000 cubic yards of gravel was necessary for filling eroded roads at the sites visited. Additionally, 520 cubic yards of rip rap were required to allow a three foot thick protection layer along erodible slopes.

OHIO UNIVERSITY

The Ohio University chapter of Chi Epsilon initiated the following undergraduate members on June 2, 2011: Ivan Caballero, Sarah El-Dabaja, Jayson Gray, Benjamin Jordan, Andrew Long, Grace Sallar, Matthew Scheer, and John Ubbing. The following officers were installed during the initiation ceremony: Jake Hunter, president; Nicholas Brady, vice-president; Jayson Gray, secretary; John Ubbing, treasurer; Andrew Long, associate editor; and Grace Sallar, marshal. The initiation ceremony was held in the Academic and Research Center at Ohio University and was attended by civil engineering faculty, existing Chi Epsilon members, and friends of the new initiates. After the initiation ceremony, the existing Chi Epsilon members and initiates assembled for refreshments.

The 2011 graduating Chi Epsilon members included 16 students: Erica Amicone, John Bentz, Corey Francis, Robert Mileti, Daniel Niese, Brian Rossi, Kyle Thorpe, Greg Wilhelm, and Justin Wiseman. In the past year, Chi Epsilon has provided guidance for the STEMfest competition for Licking County High School students for the toothpick bridge contest. STEMfest was organized by The Works, a Center for History, Art and Technology, a hands-on learning facility, in order to encourage high school students to explore science, technology, engineering and math. In the upcoming year, Chi Epsilon members will continue to serve in this capacity.
The Ohio State University chapter of Chi Epsilon would like to congratulate the following members on their spring 2011 initiation: David Burchnell, William Cheng, Joshua Cosgrove, Brian Dudley, Hannah Gamm, Charles Grabner, Andrew Helser, Brooke Lowrie, Matthew Malich, Clark Michael, Christopher Miller, Rebecca Moser, Alexander Sichko, Clay Tietjen, Christina Thyen, and Nathan Yencho. (see photo at right) Additionally, the following officers were elected by the members and installed during the ceremony: Andrian Lee, president; Hannah Gamm, vice-president; William Cheng, treasurer; Rebecca Moser, secretary; Andrew Helser, associate editor; and Alexander Sichko, marshal. They replace the leadership and achievements of the departing officers: Angela Nappi, president; Anthony Ewers, vice-president; Nicholas Karlin, treasurer; Cody Beucler, secretary; Matthew Rosebrock, associate editor; and Chris Stanuch, marshal.

The initiation ceremony was held in Stander Community Room, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Geodetic Science, on the campus of The Ohio State University. Supportive civil engineering professors, proud friends and family members of the new initiates, and existing Chi Epsilon members, as well as the initiates, were in attendance. The initiation ceremony was followed by a short reception for the attendees.

Chi Epsilon continues to have students available to conduct tours for prospective civil engineering students whenever the Civil Engineering Department has a need. It is a great opportunity for Chi Epsilon students to inform prospective engineering students about the benefits of Ohio State and the civil engineering profession in general.

Chi Epsilon is currently researching other ways to continue to provide assistance to the civil engineering department and local community in the future. This year Chi Epsilon is planning on working more closely with the ASCE student chapter and to coordinate socials and community service projects. One option Chi Epsilon is pursuing in the greater Columbus area is volunteering time for Habitat for Humanity.

The Ohio State Chi Epsilon student chapter will be sending two delegates to 42nd National Conclave in Los Angles on March 8th-10th, 2012. The Ohio State University chapter would like to wish our fellow chapters much success in the upcoming year!

The University of Oklahoma Chi Epsilon chapter initiated 6 new members at the spring 2011 meeting. The new members initiated were Jacquelyn Baker, Aissata Cisse, Duncan Fugitt, Logan Liles, Jesse Roswurm, and Seth Roswurm. Existing officers led the initiation as well as the selection of the new members. These officers included: Hassan Essaili, president; Zackary Bright, vice-president; Chris Hill, secretary; Amy Hufnagel, treasurer; and Jeremy Christiansen, marshal. The new officers selected for 2010-2011 include: Aissata Cisse, president; Jacquelyn Baker, vice-president; Hassan Essaili, secretary; Logan Liles, treasurer; and Zackary Bright, marshal.
This fall, our chapter members organized and hosted review sessions for students in the CEES department who were taking the FE Exam. Chi Epsilon members were in charge of finding teachers for the review sessions as well as coordinating times and locations for hosting each session. Many students within the CEES department had expressed interest in having review sessions for the FE, primarily since there were not many organized efforts to aid students in their preparation for the exam. The review sessions proved to be a valuable tool in assisting students in their exam preparations.

In the upcoming spring of 2012, the University of Oklahoma chapter will be sending three chapter members as delegates to the 2012 Chi Epsilon National Conclave hosted by the chapters of the Pacific District. Active President Aissata Cisse, Marshal Zackary Bright, and Associate Editor Duncan Fugitt will be attending the conclave and are eager for the opportunity to meet and interact with other Chi Epsilon members from across the country. While at the conclave, the delegates hope to gain a deeper understanding of Chi Epsilon as a whole and to work with other chapters on certain issues involving Chi Epsilon on our individual campuses.

This past winter, Chi Epsilon hosted a service event for students in the CEES department at the University of Oklahoma. Chi Epsilon members participated in the Toys for Tots program hosted by the United States Marine Corps. Students were encouraged to bring a toy for children in need that often do not receive gifts during the holidays. Also, Chi Epsilon will be participating in Big Event next semester hosted by the University of Oklahoma. The Big Event is the University of Oklahoma’s official day of community service. Chi Epsilon members will be assigned a service project, which they will complete on a Saturday afternoon in the Norman or Oklahoma City area.

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

The Oklahoma State University chapter of Chi Epsilon completed another year under Dr. Dee Ann Sanders, faculty advisor. During spring 2011, six members of the Oklahoma State University chapter of Chi Epsilon attended the Central District Conference at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. It was a great conference. The UMKC chapter did a very commendable job with the formal and informal sessions of the conference. We held a pizza party for prospective pledges in January 2011, and a cook-out at the home of Zachary Keith, our vice-president, in the fall. At our spring initiation, Dr. Garry Gregory was initiated as our Chapter Honor Member. Dr. Gregory is a foundations expert who is known around the world.

Officers: (see photo at left) Isabelle Velasco, 2011 secretary and 2012 pledge marshal; Rachel Funkhouser, 2012 CEAT Student Council Representative; Angela Case, 2012 co-secretary; Emily Cloud, 2012 co-secretary; Zach Keith, 2011 vice-president and fall 2012 president; Jared Krittenbrink, 2011 pledge marshal and 2012 spring semester president; Colin Ogilvie, 2011 CEAT Student Council Representative and 2012 associate editor; Blake Shadid, 2011 treasurer and 2012 vice-president; and Kristen Perry, 2012 treasurer. Head showing above Kristen: Evan Dicks.
This year, 30 active chapter members participated in service projects to benefit the engineering college and the community. These service projects included the continuation of weekly tutoring for undergraduate statics and strength of materials classes. The chapter also held numerous review sessions to aid civil engineering students in their preparation for the FE exam. We also volunteered at the Humane Society and on service projects throughout the University and community.

The chapter continued to excel with many new members. Students initiated in the spring 2011 semester included: Ryan Baskin, Jacob Burton, Travis Crowder, Evan Dicks, Daniel Ede, Christopher Harlan, Jacob Hoover, Michael Kropiewnicki, Morgan Perez, Karl Sirmoms, and Tong Zhen. The fall 2011 pledge class included: Saeed Abdollahipour, Emily Cloud, Rachel Funkhouser, Jian (Jim) Li, David Pitcher, Nicholas Prather, and Jun Zhang. (see photo at right)

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

The Old Dominion University chapter initiated nine new members into Chi Epsilon on April 22, 2010 – welcoming Ali Mohammed Al Aloosi, Michelle Berry, Shelley Bogue, Steven Clausen, Taylor Peck, Pusker Regmi, Jonathan Robbins, Alireza Shahvari, Elijah Soto, and Matthew Woolsey into the fold. (see photo at left) Two months later – June 23 – saw the election of new officers: Greg Howell, president; Ali Al Aloosi, vice-president; Brittany Gesner, secretary; Alireza Shahvari, treasurer; and Jonathan Robbins, associate editor/marshal.

The fall semester was quiet for the chapter as many officers and members prepared for a December graduation by studying for the FE and collaborating on senior design projects. However, the chapter held a social at University Pizza in August before the start of the semester and there are plans for another round of initiations on Dec. 16, and officers returning in the spring have been discussing various outreach programs including playground rehabilitation and mentoring underclassmen.
The University of Pittsburgh chapter of Chi Epsilon has been productive during the Fall 2011 term. The chapter’s most important activity during this academic term was the help sessions organized for the students who were taking the FE Exam on October 29, 2011. Chapter president, Stephanie O’Neill, took great care in arranging study sessions, both at seminar and in the evenings, to help prepare our FE examinees for the test. The study sessions addressed every aspect of the exam, and the professors did an excellent job in their presentations. The Pitt Civil Engineering Department is very proud of the excellent success rate of our students on the FE Exam, and this success can be partly attributed to the study sessions provided by Chi Epsilon in the weeks preceding the exam. In addition to the help sessions for the FE Exam, Chi Epsilon at the University of Pittsburgh organizes help sessions to help our fellow students in the department with their course work. Although the sessions are not as well attended as the FE review sessions, our chapter knows that giving back to our fellow students is an essential part of our mission.

The activities of the chapter did not all revolve around academics, as the chapter organized social activities for the members. Two well attended presentations were scheduled by the Pitt Chi Epsilon chapter. The first presentation occurred in October at the O’Hara Student Center Ballroom and involved an open discussion between two professional engineers about the pros and cons of nuclear engineering. This town hall forum was hosted by Engineers for a Sustainable World, but was supported and well attended by members of Chi Epsilon. The second presentation held in November featured Dr. John Oyler from our faculty speaking on his life successes as an engineer. The lecture was well attended, as many students within Pitt’s Civil Engineering Department have had their life touched in some way by Dr. Oyler. The Chi Epsilon chapter also sold ‘civil engineering’ sweatshirts in the department as this term’s fundraiser. The hooded sweatshirts’ sales have been finalized and will be available shortly for those that purchased the fundraising item from Chi Epsilon.

The final and most important part of this term’s activities will occur on Thursday December 1, 2011, at Benedum Engineering Hall when the University of Pittsburgh Chi Epsilon chapter holds their initiation ceremony. Pitt’s Chi Epsilon chapter will be inducting nine new members into the chapter on this evening. A social event will be held after the initiation as the first step towards planning activities for the winter 2012 term, including sending one or two members to the Chi Epsilon National Conclave in Los Angeles on March 8th through the 10th. Finally, the chapter would like to thank the Chi Epsilon National Office for their guidance and President Stephanie O’Neill and faculty advisor Dr. Casson for their leadership in having the most active fall semester in recent years. The other officers who should also be thanked for their efforts this fall include the following: Dan Smilowitz, vice-president; Anthony May, treasurer; Jaren Bailey, secretary; and Erin Dunbar, marshal.
PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

The Portland State University chapter of Chi Epsilon held an initiation ceremony on June 3rd, 2011. The Portland State University chapter of Chi Epsilon is proud to welcome its newest members: Benjamin Berry, John Garth, Chelsea Gerber, Elizabeth Gillard, Gregory Glaze, Jonathan Hangartner, Dana Henshaw, Jerad Hoffman, Anndee Huff, Peter Kahn, Esther Kaplan, Joanne Shields, Marguerite Marks, James Nave, Christine Richey, Josh Roach, John Sullivan, Keri Tegtmeier, Sarah Whitley, and Justin Willard. Officers are as follows: Elizabeth Gillard, president; Peter Kahn, vice-president; Joanne Shields, secretary; Chelsea Gerber, treasurer; Anndee Huff, associate editor; and Gregory Glaze, marshal.

Chi Epsilon officers provided assistance to the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department as student advisors for the Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science for incoming new students to Portland State University. The chapter members and officers are also active at other student groups at Portland State University such as the American Society for Civil Engineers, Engineers Without Borders, and Tau Beta Pi. For the upcoming year the offers are also organizing training sessions for programs that are not taught in the classroom but used for projects and jobs in the future.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

The Purdue University chapter of Chi Epsilon has had a very eventful year. The chapter held graduate school information sessions each semester to inform prospective graduate students about graduate student life and the various steps involved in the application process. Purdue XE also hosted tutoring sessions for students who needed help with their course work. This program is an important part of the Purdue University chapter because members are required to perform three hours of community service per semester to retain active status. In addition, the Purdue chapter organized review sessions for FE examinations. The review sessions were advertised to all engineering students, and sessions were conducted by faculty members from various disciplines in the weeks prior to the test covering all of the subject areas. This was a successful activity and many students benefitted from these reviews. The chapter also sponsored several site tours of new construction on campus so that members could get a chance to see some real world applications of the material they have learned in classes. In the spring, members toured the new addition of Purdue’s Mechanical Engineering building and the recently finished Marriot Hall. In the fall, they toured the renovations of Purdue’s Recreational Sports Facility as well as the addition of Mackey Arena. In the fall, Purdue XE also helped sponsor a bowling event between its members and the members of Purdue’s chapter of Beta Tau to provide an opportunity for students in the two organizations to socialize and get to know one another.

During the spring semester, the chapter was under the leadership of Jeffrey Hunter, president; Ashish Sogani, vice-president; Mitch Wilcox, secretary; Francisco Martin, treasurer; Tim Barrett, co-associate editor; Zed Hott, co-associate editor; Elizabeth Hausheer, marshal; David Sawyer, co-pledge coordinator; Kyle Zak, co-pledge coordinator;
Joseph Hohlier, co-pledge coordinator; Wes Jones, co-social chair; and Ryan Carroll, co-social chair. (see photo at right)

A total of ten new members were added to the Purdue University Chapter of Chi Epsilon in this semester. The pledges took part in various activities, such as the pledge retreat, faculty breakfast, community service, and board signing.

The spring semester activities concluded with an initiation ceremony and banquet. The following people were honored at the banquet: Mr. Harold Force (Chapter Honor Member), David Sawyer (Leonard and Margaret Wood Academic and Leadership Scholarship), and Joe Alexander (Rosemary K. Burke Outstanding Student—the graduating senior with the highest cumulative GPA).

The fall 2011 semester was led by Wes Jones, president; Elizabeth Hausheer, vice-president; Teresa Washeleski, secretary; Jessica Towner, treasurer; Alex Davis, co-marshall; Wei Phang Gan, co-marshall; Chris Coppock, co-associate editor; Emily Hendrickson, co-associate editor; Kyle Zak, co-pledge coordinator; Kendall Troesch, co-pledge coordinator; Eric Louden, co-social chair; and Drew Szabat, co-social chair. (see photo at left with CHM) Professor R.S. Govindaraju, the Christopher B. and Susan S. Burke Professor of Civil Engineering who specializes in Hydraulic and Hydrologic Engineering, has been the Chi Epsilon advisor since fall 2006.

Thirty seven new initiates were honored this semester at the fall initiation banquet and ceremony. The Rosemary K. Burke Outstanding Student award was presented to Basel Awwad, while the Leonard and Margaret Wood Academic and Leadership Scholarship award went to the president of the chapter, Wes Jones. The Chapter Honor Member for the fall 2011 semester was Mr. Stephen P. Wanders.

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) chapter of Chi Epsilon inducted 41 members in April 2011, including: Ronald Adomako, Reginald Askew, Samantha Christine Beaulac, Craig Buechele, Michelle Bustamante, Sarah Chickanosky, Stacy Clark, Peter Crocitto, Dan Cryan, Tamara Desrosiers, Matthew Dixon, Briana Earle, Nate Goodsell, Adam Gutta, Erika Hawsksley, Michelle Hennings, Rina Hoshino, Yoandi Interian, Eddie Knipper, Kelsey Korona, Michael Kukesh, Michael Lyons, Christine Madsen, Brian Maleck, Diana Mazzola, Matthew Michnewich, Sarah Ritter, Kyle Sherman, Christopher Snyder, Thomas Stefanini, Abigail Stein, Stephan Tchorbajain, Egidio Francisco Tentori, Glenn Walton, Rob Sobkowich, Matt Silvain, Erin Underwood, Sarah Wetmore, Kristine Nystrom, Kyle Warren, and Amelia Folkins. (see photo at top of next page) The chapter also elected new officers at this time: Professor Xiaokun (Cara) Wang, faculty advisor; Ronald Adomako, president; Matthew Dixon, vice-president; Briana Earle, secretary; Rina Hoshino, treasurer; Erin Underwood, marshal; and Abigail Stein, associate editor.
On the Rensselaer campus, the Chi Epsilon chapter helps engineering students with registration and preparation for the FE Exam. In September 2011, the chapter hosted the FE Exam registration, aiding with the application process. For the spring 2012 semester, the chapter is organizing review sessions for each of the civil engineering topics presented on the exam. The RPI chapter will also be hosting an Exploring Civil Engineering Day where elementary and middle school students will be exposed to various aspects of civil engineering to spark interest in the field.

Off campus, members of the chapter, along with other RPI engineering students, are advising local students of Doyle Middle School in Troy, NY with the Future City competition to be held in the spring of 2012. The RPI chapter members are mentoring the students with their creation of a city with a “green” energy source, sharing their knowledge on a variety of civil engineering subjects, including structural engineering, transportation engineering, geotechnical engineering, environmental engineering, as well as general engineering topics. (see photo at left)

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

It has been an amazing and enriching experience here at San Jose State University. Chi Epsilon at San Jose State has been involved all sorts of activities ranging from adopting a creek for community service to creating joint lunch and learns with other civil engineering organizations. It has been a thrilling semester to say the least. Our community service events have been the thrill among our members. We recently worked with Rebuilding Together to help remodel various mobile homes in the San Jose community that help out the elderly and disabled. We have also enjoyed great social events such bowling, trampoline dodge ball, movie nights and salsa dancing that has created many close friendships and even relationships. The heart of our organization has been thriving due to creative and interactive events from our event coordinators Jeffrey Chow and Andrew Easterling. Their involvement and the time they have put into Chi Epsilon has contributed a huge part to why our chapter has doubled in recruitment in the past year. What has added to the increase of members has been the returning of officers wanting to improve each following semester. The past year has been a great experience at San Jose State and few look forward to meeting other chapters around the nation during this upcoming conclave in Los Angeles.
The South Dakota State University chapter of Chi Epsilon is proud to announce the initiation of 23 new student members in 2011. The following new members were added to the chapter in the spring of 2011: Benjamin Haecherl, Chris Jeseritz, Chris Kuhl, Ethan Mathern, Jacob Humburg, John Miller, Ross Kuchta, Waylon Blasius, and Francis Ting.

The following new members were added to the chapter in the fall of 2011: Brad Bruggeman, Chase Julson, Jamie Veurink, Kariah Kurtenbach, Logan DeBoer, Matthew Knips, Michael Konrad, Morgan Salo, Nathan Schulte, Paul LeClaire, Trevor Johnson, Tyler Baumbach, Walker Olson, and Brett Tigges.

In the fall semester of 2011, we also elected the new officers for the 2012 academic year. The new officers of 2012 include: Nicole Campbell, president; Ross Kuchta, vice-president; Logan DeBoer, secretary/treasurer; and Jacob Humburg, marshal/associate editor.

The outgoing officers of 2011 include: Karin Kroon, president; Tevis Holzer, vice-president; Missy Tracy, secretary/treasurer; and Nick Bierle, marshal/associate editor.

We would like to thank the outgoing officers for a job well done, and we would like to wish the graduating members the best of luck with their futures. Dr. Nadim Wehbe will act as the new Faculty Advisor for the 2012 spring and fall semesters.

The SDSU chapter organized and provided tutoring sessions for underclassmen in the following disciplines: surveying, statics, mechanics of materials, and physics. The Chi Epsilon chapter also assists the ASCE student chapter with the steel bridge, concrete canoe, community service, and many other projects. In addition, the chapter sends members to take part in Ready, SET, Go! and GEMS - Girls in Engineering, Mathematics, and Science. We also send members to the engineering Phone-a-thon, which is the annual fundraiser for the College of Engineering. The chapter is currently recruiting the new initiates for spring 2012 and planning social activities to get to know them. The South Dakota State University chapter looks forward to another exciting and productive year.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of South Florida is pleased to announce the re-activation of their Chi Epsilon chapter. An initiation ceremony was held on March 11th, 2011, during which 18 new members were initiated. (see photo at right) The new members were able to meet Dr. Olin Dart, National Historian, Southern District Councilor and Past President. Alumni students were also present at the ceremony.

Soon after the initiation ceremony, members of the chapter selected new officers: Maxwell Spencer, president and associated editor, Michael Buyens, vice-president and marshal; and Michael Fortner, secretary and treasurer. The new officers understand that it will take a lot of effort as well as team work to get the chapter off the ground, but they do believe that their enthusiasm will be the key factor for the development of the chapter. The
The Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville chapter of Chi Epsilon is proud to recognize its new members initiated in the spring of 2011: Tyler Bishop, Jared Boeser, Dominique Davinroy, Damien DiVittorio, Judson Fraley, Ryan Hahn, Ryan Holdener, Brock Jones, Austin Luberda, Randolph McEldowney, Josh Nieman, William Peabody, Leslie Stallons, Katrina Theiss, and Sandra Walter. (see photo at right)

The newly elected officers for the 2010-2011 academic year include: Austin Luberda, president; William Peabody, vice-president; Ryan Hahn, treasurer; Dominique Davinroy, secretary; Jared Boeser, associate editor; and Damien DiVittorio, marshal. The chapter is currently in the process of selecting new members to initiate in the spring of 2012. The chapter would also like to thank the 2010-2011 officers for their devotion and smooth transition. The 2010-2011 officers are as follows: Jason Mewes, president; Michael Williamson, vice-president; Skyler Bilbo, treasurer; Gary Whiteside, secretary; Bryan Lee, associate editor; and Michael Fuller, marshal.

During the fall semester of 2011, the SIUE chapter organized FE review sessions. These sessions were open to current SIUE students and outside professionals. The sale of review manuals and other review material served as the primary fundraiser for the chapter. The organization will use the profits from the fundraiser to send delegates to the biennial conclave.

The chapter would like to extend its gratitude to the faculty advisor, Dr. Nader Panahshahi and numerous other engineering faculty at SIUE for all of their assistance and support.
This past year has been very exciting for the Stevens Institute of Technology chapter of Chi Epsilon. December 2010 marked the tenth anniversary of our chapter’s initiation in 2000. In May 2011, the chapter celebrated this milestone by holding a special anniversary celebration at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, NJ. Current members, Chapter Honorary Members, and alumni from all ten years of our existence got together to celebrate this momentous occasion. All had a great time at the celebration and it served as a great networking opportunity for the current undergraduates. An induction ceremony was also held at the anniversary celebration and served as a reminder to all those present of the values and ideals of Chi Epsilon.

In the spring of 2011, the chapter initiated 5 new members, and the chapter just recently initiated 32 new members in the fall of 2011. The fall class was the biggest class that the Stevens Institute of Technology chapter has ever initiated. (see photo at left) These new members represent the most academically successful students of civil engineering at Stevens. The chapter is looking forward to welcoming these new members throughout the following year and is excited to see what they can contribute to our great society. In the future the chapter is looking to hold an event on campus to unify all of the honor societies, such as a bowling night. As many of our new and current members are also members of other honor societies on campus, they will be instrumental in making this happen.

The officers for the past year were: Larry Giannechini, president; Alejandra Guerra, vice-president; Kristine Du, secretary/treasurer; Christopher Dorman, associate editor; and Paul Peskosky, marshal. The chapter would like to thank the officers for all their hard work over the past year. New officers will be elected in the spring of 2012. The chapter would also like to extend is gratitude to our faculty advisor, Professor Hank Dobbelaar, for all of his assistance and support.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

The Syracuse University chapter of Chi Epsilon partook in several exciting activities this year. The installation of the year’s officers was conducted in May 2011. The officers are Steve Herman, president; Eric Gargulia, vice-president; James Olson, treasurer; Erin Zeqja, secretary; Steve Rys, PR/alumni relations; Sean O’Malley, marshal; and Margaret Wrzos, associate editor. On December 4, thirteen new members were initiated to our chapter. Dr Samuel Clemence, a Chapter Honor Member and professor at Syracuse University, was the guest speaker at the dinner for the initiates following the ceremony.

In November, Mr. Abdallah Yabroudi, Chairman and Managing Director of Dubai Contracting Company and founding member of the Syracuse Chi Epsilon chapter, was elevated to Chapter Honor Member. Mr. Yabroudi established a summer internship program for six civil and environmental engineering juniors at his company in Dubai. He has had an immense impact on the Civil and Environmental Engineering department and has been a great mentor to members of our chapter.
In October 2011, Chi Epsilon members visited O’Brien and Gere, a local engineering company in Syracuse. This visit was beneficial to create contacts among local professionals in the civil engineering field and see the daily operations in a leading consulting engineering company. The four hour visit consisted of a meet and greet with O’Brien and Gere employees, a tour of the company’s facilities and an overall great opportunity for networking outside of the Syracuse University campus.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

The University of Tennessee’s Chi Epsilon chapter has seen excellent growth and productivity throughout 2011. In the spring, we initiated the following students: Robert Blackwell, Steven Beaton, Olivia Juneau, Kenneth McNamee, Alex Jacobson, Alexander Merritt, John Scobey, and Patrick Smith. This fall, we held another initiation ceremony and inducted the following students: Ann Beaver, Trey Brown, Lauren Bryant, Shayna Chapman, Nathan Foust, Geoffrey Goodmiller, Jordan Harris, Jordan Hayes, Joseph Rungee, Gabrielle Sobel, and Richard Wheeler.

Additionally, the following members have been elected as officers: Shanna Tubb, president; Alex Jacobson, vice-president; Alex Merrit, treasurer/secretary; Olivia Juneau, marshal; and John Scobey, associate editor. The officers, along with the remainder of our chapter, hope the best for the futures of the outgoing officers: Kyle Walker, president; Marianne Hutson, vice-president; Reese Deblios, treasurer; Harrison Boyd, marshal; Melissa McKenzie, secretary; and Joshua Frerichs, associate editor.

In addition to initiating new members, our chapter has also been productive. The University of Tennessee chapter has taken on the special duty of rekindling the Order of the Engineer for U.T.’s College of Engineering. Also, we have worked alongside our local ASCE chapter on several community service projects and school functions.

The University of Tennessee’s members have attained outstanding achievements and awards over the past year. In the spring, the U.T. A.S.C.E. chapter won 1st place overall at the A.S.C.E. Southeast Regional Conference at Tennessee Technical Institute in Cookeville, Tennessee. Also at conference, our steel bridge team, led by recent initiates Nathan Foust and Alex Merrit, placed third which qualified them for national which was held at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas where they placed 20th out of the nation’s top 44 teams. Also, member John Scobey and recent initiates Ann Beaver and Joseph Rungee traveled to China to compete internationally in a dynamic structures contest. The team won 1st place in the international category.

As we look on to this coming year, we hope and plan to continue growth and productivity.
The Texas Tech University Chi Epsilon Chapter has had another successful and productive fall semester promoting activities among the Civil Engineering student body! Beyond our general meetings, we have partaken in community service events including hosting an “Up Til Dawn” letter drive. This event gave our student members the opportunity to help raise money to support patients at the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. In addition to our community service activities, we have also promoted academic excellence amongst the civil engineering student body by holding weekly tutoring sessions to assist underclassmen in various engineering courses.

This fall semester also proved to be an exciting time for our chapter as we initiated a total of 32 new members! The initiates for the fall of 2011 were: Skyler Evans, John Hood, Alex E. Granados, Dakota L. McDonald, Jenny Sarabia, Daniel Carrera, Wendy S. Acosta Quintero, Seth T. Riddle, Casey M. Neef, Neal A. Blevins, Peter A. Modica, Ashley L. Broughton, Alex C. Amavizca, Seth D. Swaringen, Brian M. Nieckula, Neil Curran, Desirae R. Dalton, Ruben J. De La Fuente Jr., Joseph S. Butler, Kaytlin P. Malkuch, Leah A. Pope, Derek N. Feil, Nathaniel B. White, Travis W. Turner, Daniel Gerrish, Claire M. Martin, Paula A. Monaco, Rebecca E. Hensley, David A. Brown-Dawson, Sung W. Lee, Michael S. Godek, and last but not least Andrew M. Alleman.

We are looking forward to a wonderful semester ahead in which we will continue to promote academic excellence and community service involvement for our chapter!!

The University of Texas at Arlington Chi Epsilon chapter had a good year for 2011. We elevated one chapter honor member and participated in an outreach program for children. The initiation for both the spring and fall semesters went successfully.

One of the activities that our chapter participated in is Engineering Saturday. This is an outreach program for elementary through high school students. The UTA chapter had a great time making edible concrete with the children. This was done for both the spring and fall semesters. For the spring pizza party, we had guest speaker Brian Coltharp from Freese and Nichols, and for the fall semester we had Mike Shiflett from Freese and Nichols.

Dr. Syed Qasim was elevated as a Chapter Honor Member in the spring of 2011. Dr. Qasim is currently Professor Emeritus and was a CE faculty member for 35 years. The officers for the spring 2011 semester were as follows: Rafael Oliveira, president; Sarah Chawang, vice-president; Geoff Scheid, marshal; Crystal Jamaica, treasurer; Ruth Bribesca, secretary; and Mark Reeves, associate editor. For the fall semester, Rafael Oliveira left making Sarah Chawang the new president. The newly elected officers for the spring of 2012 are: Ruth Bribesca, president; Jon Bunner, vice-president; Samer Ghanma, marshal; Geoff Scheid, secretary; and Derek Ogburn, associate editor.

The initiates for the spring of 2011 are: Bibash Bartaula, Subash Gautam, Hani Ghanma, Samer Ghanma, Derek Ogburn, Guillermo Palacios, Brandon Price, and Jarryd Tibbets. The initiates for the fall of 2011 are: Carlos Esparza, Amanda Gentry, Ashley Heid, Matthew Kammerdiener, Andy Pechacek, Kieran Prabhu, and Minda Sanchez.
In the spring of 2011, the Vanderbilt University chapter of Chi Epsilon welcomed the initiation of two new undergraduate members, **Ian R. King** and **William A. Booth**, and Chapter Honorary Member, **Mike Wilson** of the Army Corps of Engineers. In order to welcome and celebrate the initiation of our new members, our Faculty Advisor, **Dr. Gene LeBoeuf**, and the current members of Vanderbilt’s Chi Epsilon gathered in Featheringill Hall on April 26, 2011.

Following the formal initiation ceremony, current members and new initiates celebrated with dinner at a local Mexican restaurant, Chago’s Cantina.

In addition, the Vanderbilt University chapter elected the following officers for the 2011-2012 term: **Jacob Choi**, president; **Annette Fleishman**, vice-president; **Pauline Roteta**, treasurer; **Jillian Goldstein**, secretary; **Kelsey Gerber**, associate editor; and **Melissa Petersilge**, marshal.

The chapter performed a community service event each semester of the past year. On February 26, 2011, members helped build a boardwalk at a local park, Beaman Park. For the fall service event, members participated in a Nashville Habitat for Humanity build on September 25, 2011.

The Vanderbilt chapter again gathered in Featheringill Hall on the evening of December 8, 2011, to initiate the following seven undergraduate students into Chi Epsilon: **Seung-Hwan Chun**, **Jonathan W. Getz**, **Stephen K. Jimenez**, **Lauren N. Johnson**, **Katherine S. Lopez**, **Khairani Iyliani Mohamed Sahari**, and **Amanda M. Worthington**. (see photo at right) Following the ceremony, the chapter socialized with the newly initiated members over dinner at Cantina Laredo to celebrate another successful year of the Vanderbilt University chapter of Chi Epsilon.

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**

The University of Washington chapter of Chi Epsilon is proud to announce that 26 new members were initiated on April 11, 2011. These new members include 9 graduate students: **Donee Alexander**, **Michael Beatty**, **Brietta Carter**, **Jennifer Diercksen**, **Daniel A. Haskell**, **Ben Livneh**, **Christopher Maffucci**, **Ryan McKinney**, and **Thomas S. Satterthwaite**; and 17 undergraduate students: **Tsung Hwa S. Burkhart**, **Christina A. Curtis**, **Alex Fussell**, **Charles Hand**, **Joseph Harmon**, **Shannon Hoban**, **Karstin R. Jacobson**, **Halley K. Kimball**, **Carmen Kwan**, **Marc L. Lamothe**, **Rachel Liberty**, **Brittany Millan**, **Don Nguyen**, **Anthony Poggioli**, **Matias A. Rudback**, **Scott M. Tetzlaff**, and **Kelly A. Toy**. We also initiated a new Chapter Honor Member: **Amy Haugerud**.

The newly elected officers for the 2011–2012 academic year are: **Jennifer Diercksen**, president; **Ben Livneh**, vice-president; **Halley Kimball**, treasurer; **Tsung Hwa S. Burkhart**, secretary; **Christopher Maffucci**, marshal; and **Christina Curtis**, associate editor. **Dr. Alexander Horner-Devine** continues to serve as the chapter faculty advisor.
The 2010–2011 outgoing officers were: Erica Wygonik, president; Lorne Arnold, vice-president; Shrad Shukla, secretary/treasurer; Travis Corigliano, marshal; and Juliette Peyroux, associate editor.

This year we were able to contribute significantly to the annual Engineering Discovery Days held on April 22 and 23. At the event, students and faculty from all UW engineering departments share their work with students, teachers, families and the community. Chi Epsilon members helped set up exhibits and direct visitors to department exhibits and presentations.

Our chapter has also continued the tradition of offering a quarterly Pizza Panel, which is a mentoring session for students in the department to meet with local civil engineering professionals to ask questions and learn more about engineering practice. The most recent panel took place on November 18 and featured engineers working in hydrology and water resources. We are excited to continue this tradition and know that students in the department appreciate the opportunity to network with working civil engineers.

We are optimistic about the direction and future of our chapter. Our chapter has several volunteer activities planned, including redecorating the department Chi Epsilon display case and continuing our volunteer activities with local food banks. Our goal is to make a difference on campus, in our community, and in the civil engineering profession.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - PLATTEVILLE

This year has seen much change at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Chi Epsilon chapter. New officers were installed at the spring initiation. These included: Scott Green, president; Bradley Schmidt, vice-president; Brandon Kaiser, secretary; Russell Weber, treasurer; Alex Dworak, marshal; and Darin Peetz, associate editor. Many new members were also inducted into our group. Spring 2011 initiates include: John Bicard, Ryan Bodendorfer, Peter Crocco, Emily Crowe, Alex Dworak, Greg Flohr, Nathan Helms, Noah Hofrichter, Matthew May, Eric Smit, Cayleigh Snodgrass, Melissa Watson, and Kyle Zastrow. (see photo above) Fall 2011 initiates include: Samuel McDevitt, Devlin Bauer, Dylan Gates, Alexander Popp, Matthew Becklin, Preston Baker, Jakob Gregerson, Kyle Weeks, Matthew Haase, Daniel Grosnick, Alex Passow, Danielle Von Ebers, and Matthew Ahlgrimm. (see photo at right)

As part of our community involvement, our chapter continued to work with the Institute of Transportation Engineers on highway cleanup for a nearby state road. Also Chi-Epsilon’s traditional graduation brunch is still going strong. The graduation brunch treats graduating seniors and their families to a delicious buffet prepared by the members of Chi Epsilon. This spring members also participated in a cookout hosted at the house of one member and organized a brat sale to benefit the Badger Camp Charity. This fall members had another chance to congregate at a pizza outing.