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University of Alabama

The University of Alabama chapter of Chi Epsilon is proud to announce that this spring they have inducted their largest class yet of 32 members. The formal induction ceremony took place on March 18, 2014, in which the current officers performed the initiation. The 2013-2014 school year officers are Kristi Bardosi, president; John Flynn, vice-president; LaDonna Perkins, treasurer; Tisha Premraj, secretary; Sarah Howerton, marshal/associate editor; and Dr. Ed Back, faculty advisor. The newly welcomed members include Abdulai Abdul Majeed, Mohammad Al-Zarrad, Samuel Albea, Anna Atchley, Madison Bodiford, Whitfield Broughton, Nathan Champion, Wesley Cooner, Tanner Cutts, Maryin Dos Ramos, Matthew Ernst, Morgan Funderburk, Sara Griffis, Joseph Jacobs, Dylan Kalvin, Andrew Landsdell, Jacob Levins, Abhay Lidbe, Ian MacBeth, William Martin, Anthony McAllister, Joseph Naylor, Holly Poole, Brittany Shake, Tina Sheikhzedefin oddly, Jenna Simandl, Sidney Stratton, Tate Thomas, Joseph Williams, Stephanie Wood, Samwel Zephaniah, and Shanglian Zhou.

Chi Epsilon also hosted the Department of Civil, Construction, & Environmental Engineering’s Annual Spring Banquet on March 31st, where the department recognized award recipients, other student chapters, and honorees. (see photo at left) Chi Epsilon also honored Walter Schoel III Ph.D, P.E. at the banquet as their Industry Mentor of the year. Schoel is president and chief engineer of Walter Schoel Engineering Co. He is also a member of UA’s Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering Advisory Board and takes an active role in the senior design class as well.

University of Alaska

Initiations of new members and officer elections brought the 2013 academic year to a close. Officer installation took place immediately after initiation which resulted in the formation of following executive team: Tux Seims, president; Katrina Monta, vice-president/treasurer; Mary McRae, secretary/marshal/editor. (Photo at right shows the ‘passing of the torch’ between outgoing and incoming presidents.)

Over the spring semester, the most prominent activities undertaken by Chi Epsilon UAF chapter were Engineering Week and planning for the fall semester. Engineering Week, or E-week, is a youth oriented program designed to entice younger generations to learn more about engineering. Kids of all ages participate in various activities throughout the week that show how engineering can be just as exciting as being “an astronaut or fireman.” Chi Epsilon was put in charge of organizing and operating several activities on a particular day of E-week. The most prominent and traditional Chi Epsilon-hosted activity was the gum-drop bridge building activity. Children came to build bridges out of toothpicks and gum-drops to then have them tested to obtain a score. The high scorers got their name up on the board for all to see; but, of course, both high and low scorers got the satisfaction of
eating their yummy creation. This activity put a positive twist on engineering for kids. We had over 175 kids attend this event this year.

Also during the academic year the chapter was able to align itself with the mission of the student government and become involved with the multiple committees that serve the greater student population. Members from the Chi Epsilon chapter were able to add their voices to the decisions and activities within the ASUAF student government. The student chapter was also able to lobby for funds from the student government to help cover the costs of the now developing University of Alaska, Fairbanks (UAF) concrete canoe team. This year was the first year the UAF Engineering Department was able to fund and create a concrete canoe to send to competition.

For the fall semester we are in process of communicating with the professional ASCE chapter of Fairbanks to create an “engineering outreach” program. This program would have professional engineers and engineering students going to high schools and introducing the students to what engineering really looks like. This could include presentations and activities, as well as outings to the various construction sites the professional engineers have access to. We believe that this would be a great preview to both the aspects of the realities of the working field of engineering as well as a glimpse as to what can be expected when one is a college engineering student. (Photo above shows new and current members in front of the latest ice arch.)

Bucknell University

Bucknell Chapter’s Community Service Event:
On April 14, 2014, the Bucknell chapter of Chi Epsilon helped a group of local boy scouts earn their engineering badges by hosting a hands-on workshop for the children. (see photo at right) Andy Ossman gave a presentation to one group of scouts about the mechanics of catapults and trebuchets and explained their historical use. After learning the basics, the scouts were excited to build their own catapult. With help from the chapter members, the scouts built a catapult out of only a milk carton, rubber bands, pencils, a plastic spoon, and tape. The scouts were eager to put their catapults in action. The scouts competed for longest shot and most accurate shot by launching small chocolate candies. Meanwhile, incoming treasurer, Paul Hook delivered a presentation on different types of bridges around the world. Teams of scouts then constructed their own truss bridges along with the guidance of student chapter members using popsicle sticks and hot glue. Trusses were a common theme, and the Chi Epsilon student members provided some comments to the scouts on different types of trusses and their advantages. Bridges were tested using a concentrated point load by using scoops of sand in a bucket. The scouts enjoyed predicting when each bridge was going to break, with one bridge holding over 10kg of sand. At the end of the night, all scouts as well as their siblings in attendance were presented with awards to signify their successful completion of the task. The scouts very much enjoyed learning more about the field of engineering, while the chapter members were inspired by their enthusiasm for learning.
Chapter Initiation Event and Chapter Honor Member Elevation:
On March 18, 2014, the Bucknell University chapter of Chi Epsilon initiated 14 new members and elevated Richard Newman to Chapter Honor Member. (see photo at left) Professor Kelly Salyards was also presented with the Excellence in Teaching Award. Current members, faculty, and several Chapter Honor Members were also in attendance and joined the new initiates for a dinner hosted by the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Other Activities:
During the spring semester, the Chapter coordinated the purchase and distribution of review books for the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam for the entire college of engineering. Rather than using the sale as a fundraiser, the Chapter sold the books at cost so as to provide a service to the college. Over ten review books were purchased by engineering students taking the FE exam in April.

Outgoing Officers:
Will Brennan, president; Luke Lombardi, vice-president; Emily Waksmunski, secretary; Oswaldo Galicia, treasurer; and Brian Wurster, marshal.

New Officers:
Hannah Bonotto, president; Peter Lander, vice-president; Lauren Frei, secretary; Paul Hook, treasurer; Andy Ossman, marshal; and Rafi Enriquez-Hesles, associate editor.

University of California-Davis
The UC Davis Chi Epsilon chapter is one of the newest chapters. Despite being relatively small, the UCD chapter has done many notable accomplishments over the course of the 2013-2014 school year. Many of our general meetings throughout the course of the year held speakers from various backgrounds to share with our Chi Epsilon chapter. The most notable event this year was our school hosting the annual Pacific District Conference.

Pacific District Conference:
The UC Davis chapter of Chi Epsilon hosted the Pacific District Conference this year for all the universities with Chi Epsilon chapters within the Pacific District. (see photo at right) Our chapter focused on making the PDC a conference which ensured all schools were able speak their opinions on an ample amount of different topics, while having fun and creating bonding friendships between university chapters. Many conference rooms were reserved and set up for each event to be held. PDC remains an opportunity for all Chi Epsilon chapters to voice their opinions on many different matters, including budget, alumni, fundraising and others. The UC Davis chapter also came up with games that each school participated in to compete for the Chi Epsilon Chain (Cup). Balloon juggle and candy crush were two of many activities that UC Davis hosted in order for schools to compete. Congratulations again to the University of Hawaii for winning the competition. Even above the conferences and the competition, the UC Davis chapter focused heavily on creating close ties with people across different universities. One of the greatest strengths of Chi Epsilon is its vast network of personal and professional contacts.
Guest Speakers:
Kenneth Loh, Civil and Environmental Engineering Associate Professor at UC Davis:
Our faculty of advisor, Ken Loh, gave two talks over the course of the year. The first talk was about the research he is conducting at UC Davis. His research, focusing on using technology to monitor structures for failure points, was presented to our entire Chi Epsilon chapter. Ken Loh did a second talk later in the year to our Chi Epsilon chapter that focused on preparedness for job hunting after graduation. The talk greatly benefited our chapter by going into detail about resumes, job searching, and interviewing techniques.

Joe Krovoza, Mayor of Davis:
The mayor of Davis was invited to talk for Chi Epsilon. Almost our entire chapter attended the talk, including our faculty advisor Ken Loh, in addition to some undergraduate and graduate students who were interested in the presentation. Mr. Krovoza spoke to our chapter about the many problems Davis was currently undergoing, including droughts and bike lane problems. The presentation was tailored towards civil engineering (specifically transportation engineering) and sustainable land use. Many examples were given during the presentation of how members of the city (including Mr. Krovoza as Mayor) interacted with civil engineers.

Keith Bauer, Senior Structural Engineer, Buehler and Buehler:
Mr. Bauer was invited to speak to our Chi Epsilon chapter about being a structural design engineer, as well as what is being looked for in recent graduates. (see photo at left) Mr. Bauer is also the building design professor this year for UC Davis. Mr. Bauer offered a lot of valuable knowledge for not only the members in Chi Epsilon that hope to pursue a career in structural engineering, but also to those who are looking into other civil engineering disciplines. Mr. Bauer also stayed after the presentation to talk to any member who had questions for him personally.

Andy Chou, Quincy Engineering:
This speaker has accepted the offer to come talk to our chapter next week (May 19, 2014). Andy Chou is a recent graduate and was requested to speak to our chapter about the transition between being a student and joining the workforce.

Seismic Design:
Chi Epsilon hosts the UC Davis seismic design team. The team is tasked with conceptualizing, designing, and constructing a model building from balsa wood. The building will then be tested on a shake table which models three increasingly more destructive earthquakes. Only members of the Chi Epsilon chapter are a part of the UCD seismic design team. So far, the team has received notice that it ranked top 10 (out of over 30 universities) for the submitted proposal of the model building. The competition is hosted in Anchorage, Alaska in July and the Chi Epsilon members are determined to do well.

The University of California, Davis Chi Epsilon chapter is continuing to grow. This year we hosted many events that involved the four pillars of Chi Epsilon including speakers at general meetings, socializing with our civil engineers, and even hosting a large event such as the Pacific District Conference. With more members being initiated into our chapter, the opportunities and events will also increase for all members.
University of California-Irvine

The past year was another great year for the University of California, Irvine chapter. It was a year in which the chapter continued to enrich the academic, professional, and social experience of the civil and environmental engineering student community at UCI.

Our chapter initiated 28 new Chi Epsilon members during the winter 2014 quarter. (see photo at left) In order to continue promoting Chi Epsilon’s Four Pillars of Character, Scholarship, Practicality, and Sociability, initiates undertook participation in various events and tasks representing the Four Pillars during the initiation process. The initiates attended guest speaker events with notable guests such as representatives from GHD and the speechcraft organization on campus. Initiates also had the opportunity of taking tours of engineering-related facilities of the Orange County Water District, Orange County Sanitation District, Irvine Ranch Water District, and RBF Consulting. In addition to industry-focused opportunities, initiates had the chance to explore the world of academia by taking tours of research labs that are run by civil and environmental engineering faculty at UCI, as well as by attending on-campus seminars on advancing research given by civil and environmental engineering faculty from neighboring universities. However, not all initiation events were formal and serious. Some informal and fun events included on-campus fundraising, a beach cleanup, and a bonfire social at the beach, among others. The initiation process finally concluded with the formal initiation ceremony and an enjoyable celebration dinner at BJ’s Restaurant.

Besides initiation, our chapter helped to further enrich the experience at UCI for civil and environmental engineering students through the introduction of a new career fair. In collaboration with the ASCE and AAEES chapters at UCI, our Chi Epsilon chapter helped organize a career fair specifically for civil and environmental engineering students. The career fair, which was open to all civil and environmental engineering students at UCI, was held during the fall 2013 quarter and was a great success. Tetra Tech, RBF Consulting, Stantec, and GHD were among the many important firms that sent representatives.

Our officers for the 2013-2014 year all deserve a big thank you for making this year’s success possible: Norma Galaviz, president; Arthur Chanprakrit, vice-president; Michael Wang, marshal; Samantha Nguyen, secretary; Andy Nguyen, treasurer; Nestor Loza, associate editor; Allison Rodriguez, fundraising; Derek Plaza, corporate affairs; Gavin Grimes, activities; and Adalberto Cuellar, webmaster. (see photo at right)

University of California-Los Angeles

During the fall of 2013, UCLA Chi Epsilon (XE) treasurer Jacquelyn Gentes, events coordinator Evelyn Barkhordarian, and historian Homa Shahpasand graduated from UCLA or resigned from the officer board. This reduced the XE board to four remaining officers: Dennis Cha, president; Davis Thomas, vice-president; Anthony Ambrosio-Meir, secretary; and Michael Tsai, associate editor. Despite these circumstances, fall initiation was successfully carried out by the remaining officers.
Fall candidates were required to submit their resumes, interview professors, attend two professional development events, and participate in a talent show. This fall’s talent show mainly showcased the musical talents of the candidates, and miscellaneous skills such as massaging, pen spinning, and solving integrals. They also got a chance to socialize at a local restaurant (see photo at right) and compete with each other at our first ever spaghetti tower challenge. As for professional developments, every candidate attended XE’s AutoCAD Workshop tutorial taught by one of KPFF’s engineers.

In preparation for the annual Pacific District Conference (PDC), one candidate Elynor Zhou joined on behalf of the UCLA XE chapter along with some officers. During PDC, chapters discussed problems within each chapter, networked with other schools, and brainstormed new ideas for our chapter. PDC inspired new ideas and goals for the upcoming school year. Elynor initiated with the other eleven fall candidates and was elected as vice-president for the next school year. One of these ideas included hosting an E.I.T. Workshop for the Civil Engineering Department. The purpose was to educate students about the test format, registration procedure, and study resources. Furthermore, this workshop provided example problems and solutions from the test. This event was a success for our chapter as determined by number of attendees and survey responses. In addition to the AutoCAD and E.I.T. workshops, our chapter organized other professional development events. Englekirk Structural Engineers and KPFF Consulting Engineers, generously gave us the opportunity to visit their offices and learn about structural engineering through presentations of their employees’ projects. (see photo at left at KPFF) Consequently, Albert Giacomazzi, CEO/President of AMG & Associates, Inc. and construction management instructor at UCLA Extension, presented some of his projects and introduced us to the basics of construction management. These events were highly successful, as students were exposed to the real world of structural engineering and construction management.

The new officer board was elected weeks after the fall initiation ceremony with most officers belonging to that initiation class: Michael Tsai, president; Elynor Zhou, vice-president; Norman Chak, secretary; Mark Duong, treasurer; Yinan Pei, marshal; and Clint Bannout, associate editor. Dennis Cha and Davis Thomas (from the previous officer board) are serving as senior advisors for UCLA XE.

Before the spring initiating quarter, new officers discussed goals and ideas. This year’s goals will focus on increasing acknowledgment within UCLA’s civil engineering department by selling t-shirts to XE members, expanding contacts with industry, and participating in monthly faculty meetings. Additionally, officers wanted to increase candidate interaction during their initiating quarter. As a solution, a chapter exhibit and banner stand project was created to increase sociability, teamwork, and involvement (effective in spring 2014). Officers also discussed the potential Chapter Honor Members to elevate since we did not have one fall of 2013. With these new goals in mind, UCLA XE hopes to expand its presence within the Civil Engineering Department and continue to provide practical high quality tutorials and workshops for UCLA students.
Carnegie Mellon University

This year, the operations of the Carnegie Mellon University chapter of Chi Epsilon can be classified into three categories: member initiations, appointment of officers, and general operations.

During the year, an initiation of Chi Epsilon members occurred in only the spring semester. Eleven new members were welcomed to our chapter during the spring initiation. The previous members of Chi Epsilon are very excited to help facilitate and witness the growth of our chapter. During the last week of spring classes, a new board of officers was elected. The names of the chapter officers and faculty advisor are as follows: Stacie Lackler, president; Remy Behl, vice-president; Yang You, secretary; Varun Kasireddy, treasurer; Megan Leitch, associate editor; Andrew Bakert, marshal; and Dr. Mario Bergés, Faculty Advisor.

The Carnegie Mellon University chapter of Chi Epsilon also participated in additional events to display our society’s values. Our major event consisted of hosting a letter writing campaign to university donors. During this campaign, members of our university’s Civil and Environmental Engineering Departments composed handwritten notes to donors thanking them for their continued support of our institution. Additionally, our chapter possesses and maintains a database of national civil engineering graduate programs. We make this database accessible to our department in order to further scholarship within the civil engineering profession.

Looking forward, our chapter expects to maintain the advancement in member participation, outstanding leadership, and interaction within our community in the coming semesters. We look to expand on our operations in order to serve the purpose of our organization at a greater level.

University of Cincinnati

The University of Cincinnati Chi Epsilon chapter had a very active 2013-2014 year. It began with a volunteer event on Saturday, October 12th. Chi Epsilon members got up early to head down to Latonia Lakes, KY and help with a Habitat for Humanity build. In total twelve members helped volunteer. The house was in the early stages of construction. The foundation and basement walls had been poured, but the wall had not yet been back-filled. Our group helped to nail down the floor joists and the belt board around the top of the basement wall. This was a great opportunity for our group to use our gifts to better the local community. The group again volunteered with Habitat for Humanity during the spring semester. This build was a restoration project in a neighborhood in Cincinnati. Hanging drywall was the main construction process for our part of the build.

The group did a fundraising project during the spring semester that helped fund the chapter. An event called “Shine The Shoe”, which involved cleaning up the basketball arena after a game, allowed the group to work together, build group pride, and raise money.

The University of Cincinnati chapter held two initiations, one in the spring and one in the fall. The ceremonies were held, and socials followed the special evenings. Sociability was stressed during the socials.
All in all, this year was very productive and fun. The University of Cincinnati chapter is striving and looking to do big things in the coming school year of 2014-2015.

City College of New York

This past semester has been one of the rigorous activity for Chi Epsilon members of The City College of New York chapter. The spring 2014 Chi Epsilon initiation took place on May 14th (see photo at right) where a record high of 24 new members were initiated: Salman Zafar, Xue Bing Yeap, Anna Swiercz-Szkutnik, Korab Strikcani, Jamin Sien, Christopher Shipman, Mohammed Wasil Shams, Sandy Rampaul, Sophia Palumbo, Patrick O’Brien-Gorman, Justin Mouchayad, Yehuda Holzer, Nablul Haseeb, Timur Adbullin, Rowan Bado, Theresa Bebber, Ricky Bhola, Zineb Bouizy, Percy Casani, Maurice Diong, Tilket Feyesa, Laura Gomez, and Ehren Gresehover. The outgoing officers, which consists of mostly students graduating this June, include Nazana Weeks, president; Johnny Nunez, vice-president; Tal Azulay, treasurer; Jonathan Rosen, secretary; Yanil Rosario, associate editor; and Tara Saber-Khiabani, marshal. The incoming officers for the 2014 academic year include Nablul Haseeb, president; Salman Zafar, vice-president; Laura Gomez, treasurer; Justin Mouchayad, secretary; Ehren Gresehover, associate editor; and Sophia Palumbo, marshal.

Chi Epsilon, along with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) student chapter and the Civil Engineering Alumni Group (CEAG), organized six workshops and seminars focused on civil engineering career paths, finding a job, interview skills, and scholarship opportunities. The alumni group also coordinated two field trips to the on-going construction on the Brooklyn Bridge and on-going construction of a six-story multi-use building in downtown Manhattan. In collaboration with the MOLES organizations, over thirty students visited the on-going construction of the Second Avenue Subway line between 86th Street and 96th Street. In cooperation with New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) student chapter, a trip was organized to visit the Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. (see photo at left)

We took the initiative to hold course boot camps at Hostos Community College and City College of New York over the summer to prepare students, who are taking the more difficult courses in the civil engineering curriculum. In the fall semester, we held bi-weekly course review sessions for two civil engineering courses and continued the sessions in the spring as demanded. We congratulate the CCNY Concrete Canoe Club for taking first place at Metropolitan regionals and moving on to the national competition in June. Similarly, we recognize the CCNY United Steel Bridge Club which was revived from a three year hiatus. And finally, we recognize the CCNY New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) that was revived from a hiatus of over 10 years. We look forward in the next year to improving our Peer Mentoring Program by involving the professors from our first year civil engineering courses and improving scholarship application volume from the civil engineering students.
Clarkson University

The 2013-2014 academic year proved productive for the Clarkson University chapter of Chi Epsilon. One initiation ceremony was held in the spring for the eligible candidates who chose to join. (see photo at right) After the ceremony, new officers were elected from the initiates: Olivia Dawson, president; Julia Dockum, vice-president; Brandon Warner, secretary; Josh Bunce, treasurer; Tim Beninati, marshal; and Alec Gordey, associate editor. These officers replace Audrey Degnan, president; Like Christiantelli, vice-president; Kaitlyn Diehsner, secretary; Natalie Worley, marshal; Evan Douglas, treasurer; and Thomas Haynes, associate editor.

Clarkson’s chapter members participated in numerous service projects including an Adopt-a-Highway roadside cleanup, (see photo at left) volunteering in local community events, and earning chapter service hours. One of the hallmark events to which the chapter contributed was Clarkson’s North Country Science and Engineering Festival. The purpose of this event was to showcase science and engineering to area high school students in hopes of sparking an interest and causing the students to get involved with these areas of study in their respective schools.

In addition to community outreach, the outgoing chapter officers have been working to organize the records of the chapter. Previous administrations had left few notes and records behind for the new officers. With the help of university staff, the records have been organized and instruction sheets have been made for the new chapter officers to ensure a smooth operation for the years to come.

University of Colorado

Chapter Goals
From May 2013 to May 2014, the University of Colorado Boulder chapter made it a goal to expand chapter membership and the visibility of Chi Epsilon in the College of Engineering and Applied Science. Ten new initiates entered the chapter between the fall and spring semesters, as well as one Chapter Honor Member and one Faculty Member. Chi Epsilon members were involved in various community outreach and service projects through the year as well, including Engineers Without Borders, Boulder Flood clean-up, ASCE service activities, and more. Chi Epsilon also updated its display cabinet in the engineering lobby with new chapter officers and photos.

Initiation Dinner with Industry Sponsors
After the initiation ceremony (see photo above right), new initiates and current officers attended a banquet dinner at the Boulder Chophouse. (see photo at left) Engineering firms both sponsored and sent representatives to the dinner, including Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction Company and J.R. Harris and Company.
Jonathon E. Jones and his wife (also a Chi Epsilon Member) attended, representing Wright Water Engineers, Inc.

New Members
This past fall, our chapter initiated 7 new members: Casey Lugger, James Wilkinson, Josh Hill, Ryan Haagenson, Spencer Lacy, Jonathon E. Jones (Honor Member), and Keith Porter (Faculty Member)

This past spring, we initiated 5 new members: Donnie Sparks, Rebecca Scheetz, Chase Neises, Torin McCue, and Jason Schmidt.

Chapter Officers
The current chapter officers were elected on January 24, 2014. They are as follows: Casey Lugger, marshal; James Wilkinson, secretary; Jordan Burns, associate editor; Josh Hill, vice-president; Ryan Haagenson, treasurer; Spencer Lacy, president; and Ross Corotis, Faculty Advisor.

Conclave
Two students from the University of Colorado Boulder chapter, Josh Hill and Spencer Lacy, had the opportunity to attend the 43rd Chi Epsilon National Conclave. Josh Hill recounts the experience:

“This year’s conclave was held in beautiful Salt Lake City, Utah. The weekend started out with a welcome reception where we had the chance to meet many of the students that were in other chapters from across the nation. That same night, all of the districts met to discuss miscellaneous agenda like elections of district officers, district caucuses’ locations, and things that each district could improve. The next morning was the first general session, where the national council members were introduced and roll call taken. Then we got to work. The next event was the committee meetings, where each committee was assigned to a particular set of tasks it needed to get accomplished. There were 8 committees that covered everything from the Budget to the Jewelry and Merchandise. The committee that we served on was the Nominations and Resolutions committee, where we interviewed and made nominations for the Vice-President and President National Council positions, discussed redistricting, and reviewed some wording in Article XIII of the PAROP. But after we finished up, we had the chance to have a little fun on our choice of one of 3 field trips around Salt Lake City. We had the opportunity to get a tour of the Utah State Capital Building from one of the head structural engineers that worked on the Seismic Retrofit and Restoration of the historic building. The capital building was built on a major fault line in 1916, and geologists estimated that the probability of an earthquake happening in the near future was high, so they began work in 1988. He took us down to the foundation of the building, where they had installed a base isolation system, to separate the building from the ground so that they would move independently during an earthquake. This was a very cool combination of a normal artsy tour of the building with the engineering components of the building itself. The last day of the conclave consisted of two general sessions and a banquet at the Grand American Hotel. In these general sessions, each committee and district announced what they accomplished during this conclave and what they plan to continue to work on until the next conclave. During the conclave, we learned a great deal about Chi Epsilon, and we are very excited
about the changes and improvements made during the conclave and the ideas we got on how to change our chapter here at the University of Colorado.”

The Cooper Union

This year, the members The Cooper Union chapter of Chi Epsilon were heavily involved in the ASCE Steel Bridge Competition, in which they placed 3rd in the Metropolitan Region. In the spring they welcomed 7 new members to their ranks who were elected to the following positions: Linn Mercier, president; Min Kong, vice-president; Eugene Wong, treasurer; Raymond Fu, secretary; Karmen Chong, historian/associate editor; and Eitan Selter, marshal.

Outgoing Officers are: Ilan Griboff, president; Kevin Lee, vice-president; Sarah Grand, treasurer; Chaimaa Makoudi, secretary; Sheldon Klein, historian/associate editor; and Michael Luke, marshal.

Drexel University

During the 2013-2014 academic year, the Drexel University chapter was asked to team up with the Drexel Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering faculty and staff to provide mentors and host events for the Chester A. Arthur middle school civil engineering club. These students were given the opportunity to meet with Drexel faculty, staff, and students and participate in workshops where they explored things such as laboratory testing of soil and concrete samples and were introduced to bridge design through a friendly design competition. The laboratory visits were a great success and allowed the students to get hands on experience about what they learned in class. The Drexel chapter looks forward to partnering with the school in the future.

The Drexel University chapter of Chi Epsilon desires to continue increasing campus involvement, as well as strengthening its participation in Chi Epsilon. Some examples of initiatives promoting these goals include: hosting the Order of the Engineer ceremony for Drexel University in June of 2014, hosting fellowship workshops for civil engineering students, partnering with ASCE or AEI to initiate student-run review sessions for the FE Exam, and promoting the attendance of Conclave 2014 for some Chi Epsilon members.

University of Evansville

During each academic year, the University of Evansville is proud to uphold the great tradition of initiating new members to its local chapter of the prestigious National Civil Engineering Honor Society, Chi Epsilon. On December 6, 2011, four juniors, Abby Browder, Jeramy Elrod, Josh Hood, and Brain Meunier were quietly led into a dark room in the UE’s library for their initiation. New members were asked to uphold their responsibilities, and all agreed respectfully. By the end of the ceremony, the new members expressed their gratitude toward their old mentors and peers for the opportunity to be a part of Chi Epsilon.

On April 24, 2014, the chapter met to elect new officers. The old officers, Chris Kuester, president; Kilian Sweet, vice-president/associate editor; Heather Passey, treasurer; and Jamie Johnson, secretary/marshal; passed their positions on to the new junior members.
Jeramy Elrod was named the new president; Brian Meunier was named the new vice-president and associate editor; Abby Browder was named the new treasurer; and Josh Hood was named the new secretary and marshal. During the academic year of 2013-2014, members of the Chi Epsilon University of Evansville chapter were active in both national and local activities. (see photo at right with the canoe team) Our chapter members took leadership roles in our local chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Kilian Sweet was ASCE vice-president until the spring 2014 semester. Abby Browder was elected to the community outreach position in our ASCE chapter. Kilian Sweet also helped to write the 2013 ASCE Report that resulted in a Certificate of Commendation for our school. In March of 2014, Abby Browder attended the National Conclave in Los Angeles, bringing back valuable information to the chapter back home.

Florida Institute of Technology

In the past year the Florida Institute of Technology Chi Epsilon chapter had some very busy members. President Joshua Michalski served an internship during the 2013 summer for the construction company Skanska and is currently considering returning to Florida Tech for graduate school. Marshal Charlie French served an internship during the 2013 summer for the construction company Bechtel. Recently, associate editor Lindsey Dugan accepted an internship at the Port of Seattle and will be serving it during the 2014 summer. Ms. Dugan is also pursuing graduate school at the Florida Institute of Technology.

In the past year as an organization, the Florida Institute of Technology Chi Epsilon chapter was able to successfully organize Fundamental of Engineering Exam Review Sessions. The FE Review sessions were organized by President Joshua Michalski and were held twice a week to prepare graduating seniors for the rigorous FE Exam. As an organization Chi Epsilon was able to successfully apply for and receive approximately $1800 from the Student Activities Funding Committee. With these SAFC funds our organization was able to buy 20 review manuals which were then utilized in these review sessions. The review sessions were made possible through the help of the chapter’s officers as well as through the cooperation of the Florida Institute of Technology professors who unselfishly gave up some of their time to host these review sessions.

In the spring of 2014, the Florida Institute of Technology Chi Epsilon chapter added 14 new members. Initiation occurred on April 4, 2014, under the supervision of faculty advisor Dr. Ashok Pandit, P.E.. The new members are as follows: Edina Ambaye, Antonio Berber, Brian Boro, Jacob Jansen, Nicolas Lescouet, Tatenda Makwiranzou, Alexis Miller, Nicholas Miller, Thaddeus Misilo III, Zachary Moser, Dan Perez, Marco Ramos, Benjamin Smith, and Tu Tran. (see photo at left) As a welcome the new members were all treated to dinner at a local restaurant. In the following days the new officers were determined to be: Antonio Berber, president, Alexis Miller, vice-president; Jacob Jansen, treasurer; Nicholas Miller, secretary; Brian Boro, associate editor; and Joshua Michalski, marshal. The Florida Tech chapter congratulates all of the new initiates and encourages them to continue the hard work which has helped them receive this distinguished honor as they continue their careers as students and later on in life as engineers.
George Mason University

The George Mason University chapter of Chi Epsilon has completed another exciting year, which included the induction of new members. The initiation ceremony was held on December 7, 2013. (see photo at right) The ceremony consisted of member pledges, the giving of the symbolic transit pins, a banquet reception, and the bestowing of Chi Epsilon certificates. The initiates have demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement, academic integrity, and leadership. The new members will exemplify the four pillars of Chi Epsilon of scholarship, character, practicality, and sociability. The new GMU officers for the 2014-2015 academic year are: Ines Alaoui Ismaili, Neha Seth, Adam Evans, and Kelsey Ryan.

Sathya Mathavan, the 2012-2013 president of the GMU chapter of Chi Epsilon, was awarded the John A. Focht National Chi Epsilon Scholarship for her outstanding academic achievement and significant involvement in extracurricular activities. (see photo at left) Sathya is double majoring in Civil Engineering and Economics, and she is named the 2014 Volgenau School of Engineering Convocation Speaker at George Mason University.

Georgia Tech University

The Georgia Tech chapter of Chi Epsilon has fulfilled its duties and expanded its responsibilities throughout the past year. Chapter meetings were held biweekly and guest speakers were invited to connect with the members. These meetings also updated members with the chapter’s current activities and helped them branch out with different companies and academic faculty. This past year, students were able to connect with companies such as CH2M Hill, Kimley-Horn and Associates, and Enercon. Resumes of Chi Epsilon members were compiled and presented to visiting companies to help members find job opportunities and to form business connections. Also, each semester, the Chi Epsilon officers organize FE review sessions led by faculty for the civil engineering sections to better prepare the students.

This year Chi Epsilon has revamped their website, which includes a more modern and functional interface to better communicate with the members and provide information to the public about the Georgia Tech Chi Epsilon chapter. Furthermore, a new Facebook website was created to collect opinions and comments from members to cater to their desires. T-shirts, designed by Steven Slaughter who is our current marshal, were created and distributed to the chapter to foster more spirit within the organization and to promote other potential members to join our chapter.

Officers this past year were Samuel Harris, president; John Jung, vice-president; Angela Phung, secretary; Luis Hasbun-Zamora, treasurer; Winnie Long, associate editor; and Steven Slaughter, marshal. One of the incumbent officers, Luis Hasbun-Zamora, was elected and installed to be president for the upcoming year which helps the chapter experience a smooth transition for the new installment of officers. The new officers are Kyle Ahrens, vice-president; Nicolas Ruiz, secretary; Justin Lai, treasurer;
Kevin Zhu, associate editor; and Jacqueline Rodgers, marshal. After initiation the officers treated the new initiates out to dinner. (see photo at bottom of previous page)

University of Houston

New members initiated April 18, 2014: Steven Ray Haney, David Ricardo Ibague Gil, Sara Karouni, David H. Le, Rodolfo Mendoza Garana, Seth Stephen Pedersen, and Leonel Jesus Prieto Urribarri. Outgoing officers are: John Sanchez, president and Evan White, associate editor. Incoming officers are: William Regner, president and Kenneth Fuentes, associate editor. Members volunteered their time by helping out with building a canoe for the concrete canoe competition.

University of Iowa

The University of Iowa Chi Epsilon chapter has been active and successfully growing over the past year. Seven new members were initiated in fall 2013, including: AJ Stork, Andrew Zelinskas, Jack Eckert, Kevin Garrone, Kristina Craft, Clint Matthews, and Matthew Gazdziak. In the spring of 2014, five additional members were initiated including: Meghan O’Connor, Isaac Schrock, Sarah Gutowski, John Kintz, and Jin Tan. This year’s activities included several pizza socials with our faculty advisor, Dr. Richard Valentine, and organizing review sessions for those students taking the FE Exam. In order to fund the social activities held, Chi Epsilon participated in an arena clean-up at Carver-Hawkeye arena after a men’s basketball game. Volunteer activities included helping with a road-side cleanup of a two-mile stretch of highway. (see photo at left) Several of the University of Iowa Chi Epsilon members also participated in an organized Clean-Up of the Iowa River. This shows an increase in local volunteer activities for this chapter as we strive towards more community involvement. Future goals include increasing membership and awareness, sponsoring or co-sponsoring events within the college, and potentially starting K-12 outreach activities. There has also been an increased effort towards tradition and brotherhood following the 2014 National Conclave attended by the chapter president, Andrew Constant.

Outgoing officers from 2013-2014 include: Andrew Constant, president; Emery Waterhouse, vice-president; Daniel Watson, treasurer; Gregory Annis, secretary; Heidi Ranschau, associate editor, and Michael Hepner, marshal. Incoming officers for 2014-2015 include: Isaac Schrock, president; Matthew Gazdziak, vice-president; Clint Matthews, treasurer; Kevin Garrone, secretary; Meghan O’Connor, marshal, and John Kintz, associate editor.

Illinois Tech

Our chapter has been very busy since last May 15, 2013. In the fall of 2013, we initiated 12 new members including five incoming executive board members: Glen Eberts, president; Nicole Press, vice-president; Brian Eick, treasurer; Andi Mele, secretary; and Gina Byczynski, associate editor/marshal. While getting adjusted to life as executive board members, both
Nicole Press and Glen Eberts attended the national conclave in Utah in order to help update bylaws and standing rules. They participated in the Scholarship and Awards Committee at said conclave and were excited to get to share the things they learned with the rest of the chapter.

University of Kentucky

The Chi Epsilon chapter at the University of Kentucky has had impressive growth within the last year. Along with our growth we focused on fellowship. We were happy to welcome many new quality members, who quickly took the responsibility of leadership. During the year officers meet multiple times to help plan future events and send out member invitations. We enjoyed sponsoring and running the Lego Bridge Building Contest at the UK Engineers Day, where young minds could appreciate and learn about engineering. The Lego bridges were tested to see how much weight they could hold until failure. Some of our members participated in university club tournaments alongside other engineering clubs.

During our initiation in the fall of 2013, we welcomed six new members. They were: Alex Houk, Johnathan Rehner, Travis Greenwell, Evan Willet, Jordan Haney, and Tyler Jones. New officers for the fall were Leann Gottuso, president; Rachel Adams, vice-president; Meredith Renz, secretary; Macy Purcell, treasurer; Jordan Miller, associate editor; and Allen Combs, marshal.

In the spring of 2014, we initiated an impressive eighteen new members. (see photo at right) They were: Jeremy Puckett, Admin Husic, Cameron Ruddell, Desiree Staton, John Magner, David Mahoney, Nabil Al-Aamery, Alexa Deep, Dominic Michels, Cameron Dalton, Emily Walburg, William Staats, Tyler Means, Christopher Noel, Todd McDaniel Jr., Robert Peterson, Richard Shook, and Bryan Robbins. We also welcomed new officers Macy Purcell, president; Johnathan Rehner, secretary; Evan Willet, treasurer; and Jordan Haney, marshal. After both the fall and spring ceremonies, we had a meet and greet dinner to welcome new members. For next year, we look forward to continuing our growth and participating in more future events.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette Chi Epsilon chapter has participated in various university projects. In the fall 2013 and spring 2014 semesters, Chi Epsilon members were responsible for hosting high school seniors and their families through an event called Preview Day. The members gave a presentation about the Civil Engineering Department at UL, as well as a tour through the various labs.

The fall 2013 Chi Epsilon initiation ceremony occurred on Friday, November 22, 2013, at the Auditorium of Madison Hall on the UL campus, with five members initiated: Callie Baker, Paige Bouquard, Katie Dore, Ross Prejean, and Algy Semien. A reception followed the initiation.
initiation in the civil engineering student lounge. The fall 2013 officers were: Aimee Duhon, president; Bradley Morein, vice-president; Michelle Campbell, secretary; Nicholas Helminger, treasurer; Charles LeBoeuf, associate editor; and Jacob Benton, marshal. (see photo at left)

The spring 2014 Chi Epsilon initiation ceremony occurred on Friday, May 3, 2014, with seven new members: Monica Aleshire, Shanna Kelone, Claire Lavergne, Aaron Miller, Jordan Simon, Jeanne Switzer, and Jonathan Trahan. The spring 2014 officers, elected on February 5, 2014, are: Callie Baker, president; Algy Semien, secretary; Lauren Carlino, treasurer; and Charles LeBoeuf, associate editor/marshall. (see photo at right)

Chi Epsilon and ASCE joined together in organizing the 2014 Civil Engineering Banquet, which was held on Friday, May 2, 2014, immediately following the spring 2014 initiation, at the Petroleum Club in Lafayette. Over seventy students, faculty, and staff from the Civil Engineering Department, as well as professionals from the area, attended the event. In addition, the chapter sent Charles LeBoeuf to the 43rd bi-annual Chi Epsilon Conclave held on March 13-15, 2014 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

University of Louisville

The approval of new members is still in progress at the University of Louisville. Dr. J. P. Mohsen will be serving his second term as faculty advisor. The current officers are as follows: Kevin McKeel, president; Stephanie Coffey, vice-president; Marcella Kennedy, secretary and associate editor; Tom Hebbeler, treasurer; and Matthew Rhoads, marshal.

The Louisville chapter of Chi Epsilon was represented at the National Conclave by vice-president Stephanie Coffey. The UofL Chi Epsilon chapter is very involved with the local ASCE student and professional chapters, often participating in joint presentations, outreach programs, and socials. Many UofL Chi Epsilon members volunteer to host a Balsa Wood Bridge Competition for local K through 12 students.

UofL Chi Epsilon members are represented in not only ASCE, but also in the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), Engineers without Borders (EWB), the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), the Speed School Student Council (SSSC), and numerous other organizations.

Manhattan College

This year’s Manhattan College Chi Epsilon chapter was a very spirited group led by Robert Tassey, president; Kaitlyn Parlow, vice-president; Vincenzo Gerbino, secretary; Anthony Gallo, treasurer; Laiara Cerri, marshal; Brian Krieger, associate editor; with Dr. Moujalli Hourani as acting faculty advisor. This year, our activity focus was on giving back to the community; organizing and participating in several community service activities.
In the fall, our chapter participated in an activity called Safe Halloween on the college’s campus. This event provides a safe alternative for inner-city families to enjoy the tradition of trick-or-treating on Halloween. Each participating organization is given a different room on campus that acts as their “house” that the children can visit. Our chapter decorated our room in a construction theme; using this opportunity to not only entertain the children, but also educate them on what civil engineering is about. All initiates were required to participate as part of their induction into Chi Epsilon.

Continuing with the community service theme, our chapter officers organized an educational program inspired by engineering week. Partnering with local area high schools, a handful of members would go to the school and give a short presentation to the students to explain the differences and applications of the many engineering disciplines. The hope was to increase awareness of the importance of engineering and possibly influencing some of the students to pursue a path in civil engineering. This program has a lot of promise that we hope future members continue.

The incoming office core is comprised of Billy Holevas, president; Katharine Pulido, vice-president; Dylan Kirwan, secretary; Colette Fritzlen, treasurer; Alexis Sanchez, marshal; Kerrianne Westphal, associate editor. They are a very talented group that we believe will be very successful.

Marquette University

Throughout the past year, the Marquette University chapter of Chi Epsilon conducted two initiation ceremonies and initiated ten new members. (see photo at left-spring) The chapter was very active this past year. Last semester, members helped conduct a hands-on mini-course called Introduction to Structural Engineering and Bridge Design, which was part of a program sponsored by the College of Engineering Outreach Team. To celebrate the initiation of new members, the chapter enjoyed dinner at an on campus burger joint. The chapter also took the opportunity to promote our organization at our organization festival at the beginning of the semester. This semester our involvement around campus continued with participating in the Civil Engineering Team for a campus-wide service event and sending two representatives to attend conclave. Our celebration for initiation this semester included dinner and bowling on campus the weekend before finals.

Two of our graduating members stood out this semester. Elyse O’Callaghan was named one of the 10 New Faces in Civil Engineering by the American Society of Civil Engineers and awarded the Association of Marquette University Women Ignatian Leadership Award. Andrea Dunn, also graduating this spring, was awarded the Outstanding Co-op and Top Scholar in Curriculum awards this semester as she excelled in the workplace and the classroom.

The outgoing officers for this year include Kelsey Welch, president; JavierPorras, vice-president; Pat Owens, treasurer; Mike Pirlott, secretary; Laura Switzer, associate editor; and Kurt Wagner, marshal. For the upcoming year, Dr. Baolin Wan will continue to serve as the faculty advisor with the following officers: Kelsey Welch, president; Kurt Wagner, vice-president; Terry Harris, treasurer/secretary; Laura Switzer, associate editor; and Pat Owens, marshal. (see photo at right)
University of Maryland

The University of Maryland held two initiating ceremonies this year. In December, 21 people joined our chapter, and in May, another 9 members were initiated. In the May initiation, our chapter elevated Janie Tiedeman (see photo at left) to Chapter Honor Member, the Manager of URS in the Hunt Valley, MD office. At the initiation, the executive board positions of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, marshal, and associate editor changed from Zoe Ledbetter, Emily Kriz, Caite Barr, Haley Carpenter, and Catherine Birney to Emily Kriz, John Groeger, Caitlin Meyers, Craig Lampmann, Brian Moserowitz, and Adam Healey, respectively.

UMD encouraged active participation from its members by hosting a number of events. Throughout the year, the chapter held general body meetings and invited different employers to speak with and network with students. In the fall semester, the chapter held a successful Civil Engineering career fair and in the spring, competed in the ASCE Mid-Atlantic Student Conference yet again. UMD’s Concrete Canoe team came in second place.

University of Massachusetts Amherst

This year as a student chapter of Chi Epsilon Honor Society, we participated in many events in the community and for the university. This included setting up a team for Relay for Life, various trivia events, and hosting guest speakers to speak with students about various topics of what to expect after graduation. At one of the guest speaker events, Dr. Laura Chadwick, PharmD, discussed the vast possibilities of careers with an engineering degree. Also, many of the members of the University of Massachusetts chapter participated in events like the Concrete Canoe competition. Each semester, members of Chi Epsilon were responsible for course evaluations that are required for the civil and environmental engineering program at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Along with the course evaluations, the Chi Epsilon Honor Society is also responsible for arranging review sessions for students preparing to take the Fundamental Engineering (FE) Exam. As the outgoing officers, Stephanie Benoit, John Jermyn, Lisa Kristiansen, Jessica Boakye, Matthew Caracciolo, and Angela Berthaume, pursue careers in the field and continue onto higher education, the new officers, Marissa Shea, Xuyen Mai, Ryan Mcnerney, Mason Saleeba, Eric Meunch, and Frederick Kipper III, are prepared with some great new ideas for the upcoming year.

University of Massachusetts Lowell

Pizza Social (October 2, 2013)
Students initiated to the University of Massachusetts Lowell Chi Epsilon chapter in the spring of 2013 were presented with their certificates, membership cards, and engraved pins.

Fall Open House Day (October 27, 2013)
Fall Open House Day is an annual opportunity for high school juniors, seniors, and transfer students who are considering attending the University of Massachusetts Lowell to tour the
campus and meet the university community. Chi Epsilon members assisted in welcoming these prospective students to the institution.

Habitat for Humanity (November 15, 2013)
The University of Massachusetts Lowell Chi Epsilon chapter recruited some of its members to lend a hand at a Habitat for Humanity Build Day in Lowell, MA. Students applied some of the finishing touches to a home for a low income family. (see photo at right)

Fall Preview Day (November 23, 2013)
Fall Preview Day serves as a tour for those prospective University of Massachusetts Lowell students who were unable to attend Fall Open House Day. Again, members of the Chi Epsilon chapter volunteered to welcome these students and share information about the Francis College of Engineering.

Transportation Guest Lecture (December 5, 2013)
Michael Costa, Director of the Transportation Technology Group at Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. discussed the I-95 Express Project for a group of University of Massachusetts Lowell students and faculty. The event was sponsored by both the Chi Epsilon and the ASCE student chapters.

Peer Pre-Advising (April 3, 2014)
Chi Epsilon members volunteered at the Peer Pre-Advising day to help undergraduate students make decisions about their academic careers in regards to class schedules, choice of professors, core courses, and electives. (see photo at left)

University of Miami

The 2013-2014 academic year saw the University of Miami chapter continue towards its goal of becoming the most recognized and prestigious honor society at the University. We were honored to initiate into the society: Ghala Alhunaidi, Hector Castaneda, Mackenzie Cerjan, Sergio Claure, Daniel Dupre, Codi Funakoshi, and Sathvika Ramaji. We eagerly anticipate facilitating these exceptional students’ growth in the civil engineering profession and are excited about the contributions they will surely make to our chapter. This year we were also privileged to initiate Steven Wiesner as our Chapter Honor Member for his distinguished accomplishments and contributions to the field of civil engineering.

As another school year winds down we sadly bid adieu to our graduating seniors. As for our graduates, Reem Abdullah, Brendan Brzoska, Victor Chavez, Ana Cohen, Yading Dai, Kyle Gater, Elena Gonzalez, Caitlin Lundell, Kimberley Mac Donald, Caroline Swartz, Jannelle Chaviano, Matthew Kowalski, Wyatt Krapf, Henry Kreh, Hannah McKool, Pedro Schnell, Zachary Seed, Melissa Barona, Sabina Rakhimbekova, Yifan Zhang, Diana Arboleda, and Gavin Good, we would like to wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors and thank them greatly for the way they have helped shape our chapter and make it what it is today. We would also like to recognize our officers who served us faithfully this year: Kimbereley
Mac Donald, president; Sabina Rakhimbekova, vice-president; Melissa Barona, treasurer; Hannah Mckool, secretary; Reem Abdullah, associate editor; and Kyle Gater, marshal. Our installed officers for 2014-2015 will be: Zachary Otten, president; Codi Funakoshi, vice-president; Daniel Dupre, treasurer; Sathvika Ramaji, secretary; Mackenzie Cerjan, associate editor; and Hector Castaneda, marshal.

This year the chapter once again served the College of Engineering community in new and valuable ways. We reached out to freshmen to provide tutoring services, and the department privileged our society by choosing to hire Chi Epsilon members as homework-graders for selected department classes. This is a mutually beneficial partnership that we hope to see continue for semesters to come. Our chapter also participated in this year's National Conclave, student members Eric Antmann and Hector Castaneda represented our chapter, while Sergio Claure attended the conclave as a proxy for The Georgia Institute of Technology. Furthermore our chapter participated in the annually held E-Week (National Engineers’ Week) at the College of Engineering. We provided a GumDrop Dome Competition, in which teams or individuals had to build a dome out of gumdrops and toothpicks while also being able to hold a certain amount of weight. (see photo at right) As a chapter we continue to look to serve our college and our university as a whole in new and innovative ways.

Michigan State University

The Chi Epsilon chapter at Michigan State University was pleased to initiate 15 new members on November 17, 2013, (see photo at left) and 7 new members on April 6, 2014. All initiates possess the esteemed qualities necessary for Chi Epsilon membership. Newly initiated members for the 2013-2014 academic year include: Fatima Abdelwahd, Thomas Bonney, Anthony Brehmer, Dennis Chase, Daniel Domino, Brandon Forsythe, Mackenzie Johnson, Georgiy Kariagin, Joshua Langenderfer, Suihan Liu, Gopikrishna Musunuru, Hu Nan, Linzy Pedersen, Michael Prohaska, Pegah Rajael, Christopher Rothhaar, Victor Ruiz, Nicholas Soumis, Anna Strong, Neal Squibbs, Caroline Williams, and Matthew Wilson. During fall and spring semester initiations, Mr. Steven Bower and Mr. Michael Niederquell were promoted to Chapter Honor Members, respectively. The current members and officers extend congratulations to the new initiates and elevated Chapter Honor Members.

In the fall semester, members volunteered at the Giving Tree in East Lansing for the winter holidays and also the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing. In the spring semester, the chapter provided maintenance of the Civil and Environmental Engineering trophy case and participated in a Laser Tag event with ASCE and EESS. Members also volunteered at a variety of career fairs, serving as student ambassadors for employers. The MSU chapter of Chi Epsilon held its bi-annual book sale as a fundraiser in both the fall and spring semesters. The chapter members would like to thank the MSU faculty and staff who donated books.

The following members will serve as chapter officers for the 2014-2015 academic year:
Morgan Hoxsie, president; Matthew Wilson, vice-president; Linzy Pedersen, secretary; Dennis Chase, treasurer; Anna Strong, marshal; Daniel Domino, associate editor; and Victor Ruiz, SEC Representative. The chapter bids farewell to outgoing officers including: James Rice, Hisham Nasr, James Smith, Tyler Jones, and Catherine Nyombe and wishes them success for the future.

This year, Caroline Williams won the 2014 Brother Austin Barry National Chi Epsilon Scholarship. The annual Conrad Award was proudly awarded to James Smith, the NTH Consultants Scholarship was awarded to Morgan Hoxsie, and the annual Chi Epsilon Chapter Scholarship was awarded to Tyler Jones. The chapter wishes congratulations to all scholarship winners for their dedication to Chi Epsilon and their outstanding scholastic and professional achievements. (see photo at right) The chapter would like to thank our faculty advisor, Dr. Gilbert Y. Baladi, for another year of service and guidance.

University of Mississippi

First and foremost the University of Mississippi chapter would like to thank Chi Epsilon and the University of Utah for their hospitality at the Salt Lake City conclave in March 2014. On December 4, 2013, we initiated 9 new members to our chapter, and on May 2, 2014, we initiated one new member. Since May 15, 2013, the chapter has implemented a student peer-advising program for civil engineering students in the fall and spring semesters. This entails giving advice to younger civil engineering students on courses in the engineering school. In the fall of 2013, Dr. Robert Henry, former Southwest District Councillor, paid the chapter a visit where multiple chapter members were able to eat lunch and get to know him. In March 2014, four of the chapter’s members had the privilege to go to the conclave in Salt Lake City and had the honor of being awarded the Susan C. Brown Outstanding Chapter Performance Award. (see photo at left)

Officer elections were held on April 15, 2014. Outgoing officers were: Diana Kapanzhi, president; Gary Bell, vice-president; Rachel Tutor, secretary; Joseph White, treasurer; Madeline Costelli, marshal; and William Rogers, associate editor. Incoming officers are: Haley Sims, president; Hannah Prater, vice-president; Shaden Clark, secretary; Alexandra Richards, treasurer; William Rogers, marshal; and Courtney-Marie Laureys, associate editor.

Mississippi State University

It has been a successful year for the Mississippi State University chapter of Chi Epsilon. The residing officers for the 2013-2014 year were: Jameson Shannon, president; Case Fulcher, vice-president; Michael Littrell, secretary; Sara Fast, associate editor; and Cassidy Burton, marshal. Dr. Tom White was the acting faculty advisor and treasurer. A total of 24 undergraduates were
initiated as new members at the fall and spring initiation ceremonies. (see photo at bottom of previous page-spring) Matthew Agostinelli, Robert Burle, Chandler Evans, Samantha Frederick, Justin Giles, Parker Livingston, Cody Peacock, and Carly Rae Ann Otts, were initiated at our fall initiation on December 4, 2013. The spring initiation ceremony took place on April 16, 2014. New members include: Adam Stalnaker, Charles Stocks, Gene Spencer, John Dodds, Joshua Hancock, Justin Hill, Levi Weeks, Matthew Blair, Nicholas Ryan, Preston Williamson, Robert Bingham, Samuel Bragg, Sara McGowan, Stephen Turner, William James, and Wilson Crockett. Elections also took place on April 16th, and new officers were chosen. The elected officers for the 2014-2015 year are: Case Fulcher, president; Sara Fast, vice-president; Sarah McGowan, secretary; Gordon Lee, associate editor; and Preston Williamson, marshal. (see photo at right) Outgoing officers include Jameson Shannon, Michael Littrell, and Cassidy Burton.

The Mississippi State University chapter is proud to congratulate member Samantha Frederick on receiving the National Brother B. Austin Barry Scholarship, which is one of ten national scholarships awarded by Chi Epsilon annually. Chapter members Case Fulcher and Samantha Frederick represented Mississippi State University at the 43rd Conclave held in Salt Lake City, Utah in March 2014. Our chapter is also excited to announce that we are planning to host new activities such as an alumni dinner, science olympics/physics circus, team building activities, and homework tutoring during the upcoming semesters.

University of Missouri-Columbia

In fall of 2013, the University of Missouri chapter of Chi Epsilon initiated three new members. The new members were as follows: Jacob Fulks, James Dawson, and Matthew Jackson. All three members were initiated and immediately ran in elections. All three were elected in their respected races: Jacob Fulks, associate editor; James Dawson, marshal; and Matthew Jackson, vice-president. (see photo at left)

This spring, on May 1st, the chapter welcomed another three initiates: James Clynes, Virginia Trauth, and Javier Blandon. All three members replaced officers from the fall cabinet. Their roles are as follows: James Clynes, vice-president; Virginia Trauth, associate editor; and Javier Blandon, secretary. (see photo at right)

Every semester, chapter 12 members have taken new initiates to a 2-mile strip of highway in southern Columbia, Missouri for a highway clean-up project. This gives members a chance to serve the community we live in.
University of Missouri-Kansas City

The fall 2013 initiation ceremony took place on November 20, 2013. Six juniors were initiated. These juniors included Alexander Bittel, Jose Lopez, Sean Micheal, Tomas Patino, Treasure Sidebottom, and Marco Toapanta. A Chapter Honor Member was elected during this semester as well. Mr. Steven T. Hague, P.E., S.E., a bridge engineer at HNTB, was elected as the UMKC chapter’s fourth honor member. He was to be initiated in the spring 2014.

The spring 2014 initiation ceremony took place on May 2, 2014. One junior and one honor member were initiated. The junior was Jessica Lowe and the honor member was Mr. Steven T. Hague, P.E., S.E.. With the all of the officers graduating on May 16, 2014, the UMKC chapter held elections to replace previous officers: Brock Worthley, president; Alberto Kang, vice-president; Philip Ziegler, secretary; Dirk Hudson, treasurer; Ashlee Warnke, marshal; and Jonathan Lamanes, associate editor. The initiation ceremony concluded with the swearing in of the following new officers who will serve until May 6, 2015: Jose Lopez, president; Treasure Sidebottom, vice-president; Marco Toapanta, secretary; Tomas Patino, treasurer; Sean Micheal, marshal; and Alexander Bittel, associate editor. The chapter is looking forward to new adventures in the coming year and to those who are fortunate enough to be new initiates in this year’s Chi Epsilon class.

Montana State University

During the 2013/2014 academic year, the Montana State University chapter (MSU chapter) of Chi Epsilon continued to play an active in the MSU Civil Engineering Department and the Bozeman community.

Throughout the year, our chapter continued the tradition of offering weekly tutoring sessions for lower-division engineering courses. We encouraged member activity in the local community, and this year brought volunteers to the local Science Olympiad, Engineer-a-thon, Shadow an Engineer Day, and Math Counts events. These are all programs run to get local elementary and middle school students interested in engineering and other sciences. As always, we continued to foster sociability through multiple social gatherings after our semi-annual chapter meetings.

Our chapter welcomed nine new members during our spring initiation. These new members are Yasmin Chaudhry, Adam Fetherston, Jacqueline Frank, Bonnie Gilbery, Joseph Hauck, Yao Lin, David McKay, Anita Ratcliff, and Torey Seward.

All of our activities were coordinated by a strong officer team led by our president, Patrick McGunagle. The rest of the team consisted of Kelcie Nice, vice-president; Brian Zirbel, secretary; Kevin Marsh, treasurer; Lindsey Bosworth, associate editor; and Andrew Benson, marshal. This year also saw a new faculty advisor, Dr. Joe Fedock. The upcoming 2014-2015 year will have a change in leadership. Anita Ratcliff will take over as president with the following crew: David McKay, vice-president; Joseph Hauck will fill the roles of both secretary and treasurer; Bonnie Gilbery, associate editor; and Adam Fetherston, marshal. Dr. Fedock will continue as the faculty advisor.
The 2013-2014 academic year for the New Mexico State University Chi Epsilon chapter has seen continuous efforts among its members to support our local community, especially in support of STEM programs at the middle and high school levels. It was exciting to see graduating members continuing on to graduate school or to fulfilling jobs, while current members and new initiates have continued to build the society and keep its foundation strong. Through various community service events, participation in the annual conclave, and plans to strengthen student involvement in the civil engineering department, the chapter has continued to grow.

Community service projects emphasized the promotion of STEM fields to younger students with members participating in the setup and judging of the Southwest New Mexico Regional Science Fair and assisting in the annual MATHCOUNTS mathematics competition. Volunteering in local community events such as the Whole Enchilada Festival and New Mexico State’s annual campus cleanup allowed the chapter to further its support of the local community.

Fundraising for the year has included selling Civil Engineering Department t-shirts, as well as bumper stickers. The designs for both came from students and have been a great promotion for the department. Bake sales and Frito pie fundraisers proved to be very successful, helping the chapter maintain its financial assets for future semesters.

Four chapter members were selected to attend the 43rd National Conclave in Utah this spring with faculty advisor Dr. Brad Weldon. During the conclave, valuable insight was gained to help create a stronger chapter. Through discussions with other chapters, great ideas for fundraising were developed, as well as ideas to promote Chi Epsilon to new students and existing students who may not be familiar with the organization. (see photo at left)

The NMSU chapter initiated nine new members during the fall 2013 semester and an additional four members in the spring 2014 semester. It is exciting to have them as new initiates, as they will be fundamental to the future success of the chapter.

Dr. Rola Idriss, PE, professor of civil engineering at New Mexico State University, was elevated to Chapter Honor Member during the fall 2013 initiation ceremony. Dr. Idriss’s research encompasses bridge safety and inspection. Her “smart bridge” technology monitors bridges from the inside, which allows for increased analysis of newly constructed bridges where visual inspection may fall short. Her excellence in teaching in the department is also noteworthy, as her students respect and appreciate her knowledge of the subject matter.

At the spring 2014 initiation, Dr. Dean C. Alberson, PE, was elevated to Chapter Honor Member. Dr. Alberson graduated from New Mexico State University in 1984 with a B.S. in civil engineering and soon after received his master’s degree in 1985. In 2000, Dr. Alberson earned his Ph.D. in civil engineering at Texas A&M University and now serves as an Assistant Agency Director at the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI). During his time with TTI, Dr. Alberson has been involved in the research and development of numerous highway safety features, in which he is actively involved in the full scale testing and evaluation of new technologies.

The outgoing officers for spring 2014 are Erica Garcia, president; Vyacheslav Prakhov, vice-
president; Andrew Wong, secretary; Claire Thomson, marshal; and Nicholas Ratzer; associate editor. Officers for the fall 2014 semester were voted on and will include Vyacheslav Prakhov, president; Daniel Delgado Camacho, vice-president; Jessica Rahimi, treasurer; Casey McElroy, marshal; and Carly Porter; associate editor.

New Jersey Institute of Technology

In spring 2014, the NJIT Chi Epsilon chapter held their initiation for new members. (see photo at right) The members initiated included: Kelvin Alvernaz, Walid Bouabid, Joseph Ferrer, Jason Goncalves, Mena Grace, Eric Halper, David Heber, Gregory Matlosz, Kevin O’Keeffe, Milton Padron Jr., Roy Polednik, Michael Pugliese, Vatsal Shah, and Erica Vigliorolo.

Officers for the 2014-2015 academic year were also elected. The officers elected include: Erica Vigliorolo, president; Kevin O’Keeffe, vice-president; Mena Grace, treasurer; David Heber, secretary; Gregory Matlosz, associate editor; and Jason Goncalves, marshal. The outgoing officers for 2013-2014 included: Silvia Santos, president; Victoria Scala, vice-president; Jorge Garcia, treasurer; Daniel Rondon, secretary; and Michael Felicetta, marshal.

Northeastern University

The Northeastern University chapter of Chi Epsilon has continued its strong presence during the 2013-2014 academic year with an increase in membership and active involvement of its members. This year also marks the third year with Dr. Luca Caracoglia as Faculty Advisor.

Chi Epsilon offered a tutoring service to undergraduate peers in civil engineering at Northeastern covering Statics and Strength of Materials in both the fall and spring semesters. This service greatly benefited many students in our program and was well received by both the students who frequented it and the department faculty.

During the fall, Chi Epsilon organized and hosted free review sessions for any students taking the FE exam. In order to prepare for the October exam, chapter members coordinated with civil engineering professors who were willing to donate their time and instruct evening review sessions on exam topics. Students said they found the review sessions helpful and accommodating and we plan to continue them next year.

Chi Epsilon held Graduate School Information Sessions in both the fall and spring semesters, featuring a presentation and Q&A with our Department Chair, Dr. Jerome Hajjar. The turnout for the sessions was strong, with both seniors and eager juniors & underclassmen in attendance. Pizza was served, and Dr. Hajjar described the process of applying to Graduate School, how to be competitive, and why to go. There was a lively discussion afterward, and students seemed to have a much better understanding of their future actions upon leaving.

On October 12, 2013 the Northeastern University Chi Epsilon chapter was very excited to give back to the local community to help fight hunger by participating in the 18th annual CANstruction competition at the BSA space at 290 Congress Street. Twenty-six teams made up of civil engineering and architecture firms from the Greater Boston area came together to build creative structures under the theme “Cinema and Movies”. The students of Chi Epsilon
teamed up with Wiss, Janney and Elstner Associates to come up with a creative structure. The final design, titled “Defeating Despicable Hunger” consisted of two minions from the animated movie “Despicable Me” and was built using 3,132 non-perishable food cans. (see photo at left) The cans were supplied by Stop’n’ Shop and were paid for with the help of generous donations by Simpson Gumpertz and Heger, Wiss, Janney and Elstner Associates, NUCEAO and the Northeastern University Scranton Fund.

Planning for the CANstruction event took about three months from designing the structure, ordering cans and cutting leveling materials. The team was able to build their CANstructure in five hours making build day a success! After being on display at the BSA space for about three weeks, the cans were donated to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank. Although the structure didn’t win any awards this year, the experience gained from attending the event will aid the team in their endeavors next year.

This year, Northeastern University Chi Epsilon sent two representatives to the 2014 Conclave in Salt Lake City, Utah – Kayla Arruda (junior) and Mary Penny (junior). Both actively participated in their Northeast District caucus, with Kayla serving as Chair and Mary as Secretary. Both also attended the Awards and Scholarship committee to discuss changes to this section of PAROP. There were several discussions throughout including criteria for the Teaching award and the names of the different awards. Kayla was also awarded a national scholarship, which was an excellent way to wrap up the 2014 conclave. The duo also presented Boston as the next location for conclave, which was selected by the National Council. Northeastern University’s Chi Epsilon chapter is already meeting to start planning the 2016 conclave. We are excited and honored to be the hosts for this wonderful event.

On Saturday, April 6, 2014, Northeastern University’s Chi Epsilon held the annual initiation ceremony in front of parents, faculty, and current XE members and alumni. A total of 26 new members were initiated. The newly initiated members were accompanied by invited faculty including the former Dean of the College of Engineering, Dean Richard Scranton. The ceremony was followed by a barbecue on a beautiful sunny day. The event was a success, well organized by 2013-2014 officers and very well attended. The newly initiated members are Charlie Audi, Kathryn Berger, Ryan Carr, Hao Chen, Kyle Deshon, Robert Donelan, Maria George, John Gottlieb, Matthew Grote, Benjamin Harmon, Ellis Hecht, Lisa Hofgesang, Logan Jackson, Ravindra Kadam, Elisa Livingston, Morgan Lyew, Julieta Moradei, Casey Mullane, Alston Potts, James Quine, Andrew Rohrman, Joel Shaffer, Alexander Thamel, Madeline Wax, Tanya Welch, and Xia Xin.

In May, the chapter also saw the graduation of 28 of its members: Charlotte Alger, Rosibel Blandin, Haig Bogossian, Stephanie Burger, Caitlin Candee, Domenic Capulli, Elizabeth Cherchia, Robert Donelan, Mohamad El Sayed, Patrick Finnell, John Gottlieb, Daniel Gray, Saif Jassam, Jennifer Judge, Michael Littman, Elisa Livingston, Jessica Lizza, Matthew McLachlan, Rafic Mushantaf, Jessica Olkowsi, Kevin Rathbun, Erin Regan, Andrew Rohrman, Spencer Roth, Brendan Shannon, Frank Xia, QingQing You, Camile Youngberg, Kwon Lok Yu, and Zhiyong Zhao. The chapter thanks them and all the other graduating members of Chi Epsilon, as they now become alumni, for their commitment to the chapter and wishes them the best of luck in future endeavors. The new officers installed for the 2014-2015 academic year are as follows: Kayla Arruda, president; Mary Penny, vice-president; Meghan Debski, secretary; Danielle DiDomizio, treasurer; Julieta Moradei, associate editor; Morgan A. Lyew, marshal; Joel Shaffer, program coordinator; Lina Juozelskis, CANstruction coordinator; and Edwin Mejia, fundraising committee chair.

In the upcoming year, the Northeastern chapter intends to continue all activities and looks to explore additional activities to reach out and support the community and encourage engineering as a profession. The chapter looks forward to planning and hosting the 2016 conclave.
The Notre Dame chapter of Chi Epsilon had a successful year, enhanced by the impressive achievements of its members, including Past President Elizabeth Andruszkiewicz’s receipt of the Chi Epsilon Great Lakes District scholarship. The chapter was excited to encourage academic success of its members and all civil engineers in the department. This year, in both the fall and spring semesters, study breaks were sponsored by the chapter before important tests. Furthermore, the members of Chi Epsilon hoped to offer opportunities for civil engineers at Notre Dame to socialize and build strong relationships within their major. As such, the chapter planned a handful of bowling nights for senior civil engineers. Civil engineering merchandise was also sold so that students could proudly display their major. This spring, the chapter organized a merchandise sale of commemorative graduation glasses. We also participated in the fundraising efforts of the Notre Dame chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, as well as fundraisers for the Notre Dame Students Empowering through Engineering Development (NDSEED) project.

On April 27, the Notre Dame chapter of Chi Epsilon proudly initiated 16 new members in a ceremony at Stinson-Remick Hall. (see photo at right) New officers were also installed in front of an audience of current members, officers, and parents. The new members are as follows: Kevin Camacho, Teresa Ciambrone, Dan Courtney, Robert Devine, Elizabeth Holzenthal, Broderick Kelley, Christian Knight, Allison Lee, Jenny Loconsole, Chase Mlnarik, Quinn O’Heeney, Carolyn Quigley, Caleigh Ruether, Amanda Schockling, Kevin Stewart, and Timothy Woodcock. This initiation ceremony also marked the official transition of power from outgoing officers and graduating seniors Elizabeth Andruszkiewicz, president; Kevin Fink, vice-president; Emily Palmer, treasurer; Claire Sieradzki, secretary; Paul Wojtal, associate editor; and Jack Reilly, marshal. Newly installed officers are: Robert Devine, marshal; Broderick Kelley, vice-president; Christian Knight, president; Allison Lee, secretary; Carolyn Quigley, treasurer; and Amanda Schockling, associate editor.

The spring was an eventful time for service among the members of the Notre Dame chapter of Chi Epsilon. During the weekend of April 11, Chi Epsilon students helped the ASCE ND chapter achieve its highest finish at the regional competitions held at the University of Illinois. Then from April 21 to April 25, Chi Epsilon members led the Engineering2Empower Expo: Urban Housing Solutions for the Developing World, in constructing two full-scale prototypes on Notre Dame’s campus. (see photo at left) These students worked with various faculty and professional engineers to develop plans for low-cost housing that can be implemented in Haiti and is designed against the loading sustained during earthquakes and hurricanes, in an effort to facilitate safe, affordable reconstruction.
Pennsylvania State University

The Pennsylvania State University chapter of Chi Epsilon continued to pass along the importance of Chi Epsilon pillars, which are scholarship, character, practicality, and sociability, to new members this year. The chapter initiated 20 new members on December 3, 2013. (see photo at right) Following the initiation, the chapter had the opportunity to learn about engineering ethics and LEED from one of the faculty members in the Civil Engineering Department, Dr. Rachel Brennan. This initiation was led by the officers elected in spring 2013. These officers are as follows: Tom Ross, president; James Dell, vice-president; Chris Connelly, treasurer; Stephen Dillon, marshal; Sean Brennan, associate editor; and Jen Kearney, secretary.

This spring semester, the chapter initiated 8 new members. (see photo at left) At the banquet, the chapter had the opportunity to hear from Dr. Chris Duffy, who shared some information about his research on water usage in Mayan culture. The new officers who were elected at this meeting are as follows: Dane DeWire, president; Joel Becker, vice-president; Andrew Stoops, treasurer; John Harlow, marshal; Anthony Deprator, associate editor; and Yulissa Guerrero, secretary.

In addition to teaching the new members about Chi Epsilon ideals, one of the chapter’s members was awarded a Chi Epsilon scholarship. Jen Kearney received the Joseph L. Brandes National Chi Epsilon Scholarship. Members also helped current students prepare for the FE exam. The associate editor met with high school visitors during their campus visits to discuss civil engineering with potential Penn State students. A presentation of the chapter’s activities was given to the Civil Engineering Department’s Industrial and Professional Advisory Committee during the spring semester.

The new officers are enthusiastically planning for events during the 2014-2015 school year.

Rice University

Over the last year, the Rice University chapter of Chi Epsilon strove to become a stronger presence within our Civil Engineering Department and the Rice community. Within this goal, we hoped to: provide sound academic advice to our undergraduates, give feedback to the department faculty regarding coursework and degree program on behalf of all students, and promote volunteerism amongst our organization.

Our first meeting of the fall semester was a great brainstorming session for our organization on plans for the year, to discuss the process for selecting new members, and other administrative tasks that could be delegated to various members. During this semester, we assisted faculty with their academic advising session, helping to facilitate small breakout sessions for undergraduate students with respect to their focus area within the civil and environmental engineering degree. As a follow-up, Chi Epsilon teamed up with our chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) to host another academic planning session shortly thereafter. In late October 2013, we hosted our annual Chi Epsilon initiation ceremony and were thrilled
to welcome the following students into the Rice University chapter: Elizabeth Piña, Erica Chen, Ethan Ardern, Mariam Junaid, Michelle Bowen, Shayak Sengupta, Walter Chang, and Zoe Wu.

During the spring semester, our chapter really kicked things into high gear. In order to hold ourselves accountable to being an active chapter, we decided to host bi-monthly meetings, allowing us to continually check in and brainstorm ways to continuously engage with the Rice and Houston community. Throughout this semester, we volunteered with various organizations within the greater city of Houston. Some notable events were the Hermann Park Art Installation Construction with Project Row Houses and DREAM Day, which focuses on outreach to underserved high schools to promote STEM fields.

Within the department itself, our major milestone was conducting a Civil Engineering Undergraduate Survey, which was given to students to provide feedback on the degree coursework, faculty teaching, and any other concerns they may have about the department. This data was then compiled and presented to the entire department during a Town Hall meeting on March 13, 2014. In addition, we collaborated with faculty members to host various review sessions for the FE Exam for our outgoing senior students. We hosted another academic planning session for students in early April to help students with the selection of their fall courses. And finally, we collaborated again with ASCE to host the department honors banquet. (see photo at right)

Rutgers University

On September 26, 2013, Chi Epsilon members attended the Honors Council General Body Meeting. The meeting included a Rutgers Engineering Honors Council Presentation, and a keynote address from Dr. Terry Hart, a Rutgers University Alumni and former NASA astronaut. On September 30, Chi Epsilon hosted an information session to generate interest among eligible students. On October 29, Hatch Mott McDonald visited for an information session co-hosted by Chi Epsilon, the Society of Women Engineers, and the American Society of Civil Engineers. On November 11, Dr. George Guo addressed Chi Epsilon members about a research opportunity in the field of fluid mechanics and environmental engineering. On December 4, members visited Fords Middle School to make a presentation to the engineering club and assist with an engineering project competition. This relationship with the local school will continue to future years. On December 6, a representative from Skanska visited for an information session hosted by Chi Epsilon. Civil Engineers showed a great turnout for the event. Also on December 6, Rutgers Chi Epsilon initiated eleven new members. Christopher Cerchio was elected as the new internal vice-president, and Christopher Monopolis was elected as the new webmaster. Congratulations to both of them.

Throughout February and March 2014, Chi Epsilon hosted various review sessions, in subjects including Structural Analysis and Design, Geotechnical Engineering, and Environmental Engineering. On April 10, Chi Epsilon held a meeting where the chapter agreed to accept Dr. Nicole Fahrenfeld as our new faculty advisor, and induct her into Chi Epsilon. Congratulations and thank you to Dr. Fahrenfeld. On April 27, Rutgers Chi Epsilon initiated three new members. (see photo at left) On April 29, we elected the new executive board. Congratulations to the new chapter officers.
San Diego State University

As a chapter of Chi Epsilon, we at San Diego State University are also trying to better ourselves. Each year we try to focus on initiating a large number of new members as well as keeping our member retention up and maintaining a good relationship with the San Diego Chi Epsilon Alumni Association. This year we accomplished all of those goals and hope to continue making our chapter stronger in the future.

This year our chapter initiated a total of twenty-six new members: eleven in fall 2013 and fifteen in spring 2014. In fall 2013, led by Anthony Salvani, president; Kevin Anub, vice-president; Raul Sierra, secretary; William O’Gorman, treasurer; David Rodriguez, marshal; and Janine Khrista Andres, associate editor; we took twenty-seven initiates, members, and alumni from our chapter to the 2013 Pacific District Conference (PDC) held at UC Davis. (see photo at right) We were awarded second place overall and although we were very excited about that, it made us want to try just that much harder to win that first place chain at the 2014 PDC. This weekend helped us grow closer as a chapter and made the initiates really feel like a part of Chi Epsilon. Thanks to this weekend of bonding, five initiates went on to become officers in spring 2014. Also, as our major fundraising event of the semester, Chi Epsilon SDSU held EIT tutoring sessions with the help of Phillip Patague, alumni. These sessions were open to all engineering students in the San Diego area and covered all topics necessary to pass the exam.

The spring 2014 officers: Luis Cantabrana, president; Janine Khrista Andres, vice-president; Daniel Conner, secretary; Jecelyn Carranza, treasurer; Christopher Stafford, marshal; Jaylee Williamson, associate editor; and Joshua Woodruff, webmaster; organized 13 social and scholarship events and continued our EIT tutoring sessions to build the bond between members and initiates. (see photo at left-spring initiation) We maintained our connection with the alumni by inviting them to all our events which was very effective as they came out to most of them. This semester we kicked off our first annual XE Olympics, organized by Janine, where members compete against initiates in a variety of competitive events such as ultimate Frisbee and XE game night. This year the initiates were victorious, but this event really helped with our member retention, and we hope it continues to have that effect. We also continued our EIT tutoring sessions this semester. While we were nervous that the new FE format would be a difficult transition, one of our members, Ryan Stull, took over the sessions, and we hope to get all the kinks worked out and get this fundraiser back to the level it has been at in the past. As always we were able to bring in professionals from the San Diego to speak at our bi-monthly general body meetings with the help of Jeremy Clemmons, our 2012 Chapter Honor Member. One of the biggest events for Chi Epsilon, nationally, was the 2014 National Conclave in Salt Lake City, Utah. We sent two members to Conclave this time, Janine and Daniel, and they thoroughly enjoyed it and said they learned a lot about Chi Epsilon and were very glad to be able to represent SDSU. We hope to continue growing as a chapter and representing Chi Epsilon in the best way possible.
University of South Carolina

The Chi Epsilon chapter at the University of South Carolina had two meetings this year, one per semester, and held several events. The events that were held by the chapter include New Student Day, where Chi Epsilon members introduced and toured new students around the Civil Engineering school, and a group lunch at Moe’s in order to form a stronger sense of community within the honors society. The chapter also continued its tradition of tutoring civil engineering students. Students were tutored in both Statics and Numerical Methods and these sessions were held free of charge. This year three new members were initiated into the chapter. These members were: Timothy Sabins, Marcella Castaldi, and Lewis Rowles. Officer voting takes place at the beginning of the school year so officers have not yet been decided on.

University of Southern California

The Chi Epsilon chapter of the University of Southern California had a busy 2013-2014 school year. In the fall, fifteen new members were initiated into the chapter: Mohammed Bala, Yanwen Cai, Noah Cherner, Kenya Collins, Darren Draper, Emily Edelstone, Nick Halsey, Nathan Ho, Alejandra Lizarzaburu, Nicole Ludena, Jessica Maass, Natasha Nazarian, Benjamin Richardson, Tedman Tran, and Erin Yamashita. This is our largest initiate class in recent history, so the chapter is looking forward to continued growth in the near future. After completing initiation requirements, such as having personal interviews with current active members of the chapter and faculty members and participating in a scavenger hunt around the USC campus, these new initiates as well as active members of the chapter celebrated with a dinner at El Cholo.

In the spring, USC Chi Epsilon welcomed six new initiates: Ethan Davidson, Elizabeth Gu, Chae Lee, Keith Leonard, Avery McEvoy, and Luyue Zhang. Over twenty active chapter members came together for a special dinner at the O Dae San Korean BBQ restaurant in Los Angeles to celebrate the accomplishments of these new initiates.

The current officers of USC Chi Epsilon chapter were elected in December 2013, and will serve throughout the 2014 calendar year. They are: Benjamin Liu, president; Nicole Ludena, vice-president; Nathan Ho, treasurer; Sylvia Tran, secretary; Kenya Collins, marshal; and Nick Halsey, associate editor and webmaster.

In April and May 2014, the USC Chi Epsilon chapter proudly worked with the USC Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering to offer free review sessions for the FE Exam for juniors and seniors. These reviews were led by USC faculty members who teach courses related to the subjects covered on the exam.

In both the fall and spring semesters, USC Chi Epsilon organized its biannual on-campus events on the sunny California days of 10/14/2013 and 3/28/2014. The goal of these events is for civil and environmental engineering students to meet each other and our friendly faculty members at USC in an informal setting. Students and staff enjoyed a barbecue with grilled hot dogs and hamburgers in the fall and a refreshing ice cream social in the spring!
ditional event during study days for final exams provided free food for all engineering students in order to increase our presence on campus.

On 11/30/2013, our fall initiate class organized a boba fundraiser, and on 4/23/2014, our spring initiate class organized a fundraiser in conjunction with Yogurtland for USC Chi Epsilon. Both events were successful, and our officers plan to utilize these funds to host new events for active members in the coming fall semester.

Southern Methodist University

The Southern Methodist University chapter of Chi Epsilon had a successful academic year. Our chapter’s activities showed our members’ scholarship, character, practicality, and sociability throughout the year. The highlights of our year included providing academic mentorship and professional development between older and younger members.

In the spring, we initiated 12 new members: Shwetha Bhat, Christopher Carrillo, Gwen Carris, Kaylee Dusek, Joseph Hutchinson, Tim Johnson, Abigail Klaus, Allison Leopold, John Lujano, Kaitlyn Thomas, Rachel Turner, and Myra Wilson. Additionally, we elected new officers to lead us through the next school year: Lucy Richardson, president; Kaylee Dusek, vice-president; Shwetha Bhat, treasurer; Abigail Klaus, secretary; John Lujano, associate editor; and Joseph Hutchinson, marshal. These officers replace the outgoing officers: Michael Ussery, president; Holly Baird, vice-president; Lucy Richardson, treasurer; Leslie Hurley, secretary; Hannah McGary, associate editor; and Nancy Lundie, marshal.

We are very excited for the growth of our chapter, and we believe that Chi Epsilon is becoming more widely recognized throughout the Lyle School of Engineering and the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. We are looking forward to the next year, in which we hope to strengthen the bonds between our members by providing more formal social and professional development activities. We also plan to reach out to the Dallas community and encourage children to pursue civil engineering. SMU is enthusiastic for the future of Chi Epsilon!

State University of New York - Buffalo

The University at Buffalo chapter of Chi Epsilon experienced significant growth when 15 new members were initiated in the fall of 2013, the greatest number of members ever initiated. New officers were also elected, they include: Mulima Coletha, president; Yeoh Seng Koh, vice-president; Kristin Seel, secretary; Sean Morris, treasurer; Kimberly Bashualdo, associate editor, and Caitlin O’Leary, marshal.

Community service was a major focus of the UB chapter this past year. On April 30, 2013, the chapter participated in the University at Buffalo’s Pride and Service Day. This day encompasses UB’s commitment to community service as well as its school spirit. Chapter members were involved in activities that ranged from fixing up community gardens to working with senior citizens. In the fall of 2013, UB Chi Epsilon worked with the university’s ASCE
chapter to volunteer with Re-Tree Western New York. The chapter members, along with the ASCE student members, helped plant trees in downtown Buffalo. (see photo at left)

Students Vanessa Lee and Tricia Cairns were recognized for their three years of service as officials at UB Chi Epsilon, by faculty advisor Professor Satish Mohan at the fall initiation. Both students, along with the current president Mulima Coletha, attended conclave in Salt Lake City, Utah from the 13-15th of March 2014. Although unable to attend the national conclave, Professor Mohan was recognized as the 2014 National Arthur N.L. Chiu Outstanding Faculty Advisor award winner and the 2014 Northeast District Excellence in Teaching award winner.

UB Chi Epsilon most recently held a seminar on the power of communication skills. This lecture was conducted by Dr. Julia Williams, professor of English at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and president of IEEE Professional Communication Society (a technical society dedicated to effective communication in engineering). Dr. Williams spoke to students about the importance of conducting persuasive, informative, and memorable presentations. This event was open to all undergraduate students in the engineering department.

The UB chapter ended the academic year by attending an annual dinner hosted by Professor Mohan, at his home. Members enjoyed games, dinner, and socializing between current and graduating members.

Tennessee Technological University

During the 2013-2014 school year, the Chi Epsilon chapter at Tennessee Technological University focused on three things: initiation of new members, election of new officers, and service events. The TTU chapter is proud to announce its new members: Ashley Goddard, Traci Cooper, Wyatt Sherry, Philip Griggs, Eric Sloan, Emily Humphreys, Chelsea Kennedy, Andrew Wehrly, Josh Sholly, and Rachel Crouch.

The chapter election went as follows: Kevin Casler, president; Josh Sholly, vice-president; Eric Sloan, secretary; Wyatt Sherry, treasurer; Ashley Goddard, associate editor; and Dillon Bane, marshal. Retiring officers included James Locum, Andrew Wilson, Brittany Murphy, Blakeslee Eagen, Dillon Bane, and Jordan Cleek. The chapter held two major service events throughout the year. Each semester we did lab clean-ups in the engineering buildings on campus. Students were complaining about the condition of the labs. Janitors normally do not have the opportunity to clean the labs since there are nearly always students occupying them. Members met at school at 6:30 in the morning to clean all the engineering labs.

During the spring of 2014, one of TTU’s chapter members was awarded a distinguished honor in the engineering department. Brittany Murphy was awarded the title of “Most Outstanding Senior” at TTU’s 2014 Eminence in Engineering Banquet.
43rd Chi Epsilon Conclave: Southwest District Caucus
Organizing a district conference (yr. 2015) was an item of top priority during the caucus meeting. A committee for this event has been assembled, and is headed by Mr. William Fulcher (Mississippi State University). Activities for the district conference will include team-building exercises and competitions, discussions on chapter issues, a job fair and socials. In an effort to encourage district-wide participation, fees for attending the conference was agreed upon to be kept minimal. Elections for the Southwest District: Councillor, President, and Secretary were also held during this assembly. Shown below are the elected officials for the Southwest District Caucus.

43rd Chi Epsilon Conclave – Salt Lake City, Utah “Moments in the Mountains”
Dr. Carlos Chang, Faculty Advisor for chapter #86, and Danniel Rodriguez, president of the chapter, were sent as delegates to the 43rd Chi Epsilon Conclave. (see photo at right) Mr. Danniel Rodriguez joined the Government and PAROP Committee as an official voting delegate towards amendments and extensive changes and adjustments to the PAROP and other official documents. Participation in the Conclave also included the election of Dr. Carlos Chang as the Secretary to the Faculty Advisor Committee. Shown below are Mr. Danniel Rodriguez and Mr. Randall Akiona, National President of Chi Epsilon. Formal assemblies of the Chi Epsilon body, sightseeing, and Chi Epsilon awards were also a part of this wonderful conference.

Interview and Resume Workshop
On April 11, 2014, our chapter held a professional development workshop for Chi Epsilon members, and the entire civil engineering student body. This workshop was facilitated by a trained representative from The University of Texas at El Paso: University Career Center. This workshop focused on presenting formal guides on drafting effective resumes and preparing for internship/job interviews. A light breakfast was provided in an effort to encourage attendance from students.

Fundamentals of Engineering Exam Prep and Tutoring
A requirement for the civil engineering degree completion at this university requires undergraduates to pass the FE Exam. In order to assist all undergraduates, Chi Epsilon presented several FE review sessions throughout the 2013-2014 school year. Review session topics consisted of Hydraulics, Pavement/Foundation/Retaining Wall Design, and Steel Design. These events were successful given the high attendance from the civil engineering student body. The sessions were facilitated by Chi Epsilon graduate students and by Dr. Cesar Tirado, a lecturer in our civil engineering department.

On April 24, 2014, Chi Epsilon invited a distinguished contractor, Omar Veliz, P.E. of Veliz Construction, for lunch with Chi Epsilon students. Mr. Veliz’s company is built on the platform of continuous improvement in the construction enterprise while maintaining the highest of standards of the construction team structure and work performance. Mr. Veliz’s professional vision and extensive experience in the construction world served as a wealth of knowledge to our members. For this event, Chi Epsilon teamed-up with the ASCE student chapter in order to increase student attendance while strengthening ties and relationships between our student organizations.

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Civil Engineering Luncheons and Prestigious Dinners
Chi Epsilon members and officers are often invited to join faculty, and high-ranking university personnel for prestigious luncheons and dinners. For example, Mr. Danniel Rodriguez attended a formal luncheon with faculty and university visitors in fall 2013 to discuss his experience as an undergraduate and graduate student at our university. Last fall 2013, Mr. Danniel Rodriguez also attended a formal leadership assembly dinner with The University of Texas at El Paso President, Dr. Diana Natalicio. These prestigious dinners and luncheons are great opportunities for members to network while practicing proper dinner etiquette.

Chi Epsilon Initiation
Our Chi Epsilon chapter will welcome a new cohort of initiates this spring, 2014. New initiates are excited for this event and will be welcomed in the chapter with the Chi Epsilon Ritual, followed by a formal lunch.

TxDOT and Chi Epsilon Adopt-a-Highway
Our Chi Epsilon Chapter formally “adopted” a 2-mile road segment from the Texas Department of Transportation in an effort to keep Texas roads beautiful. (see photo at left) A staple event of Chi Epsilon here at The University of Texas at El Paso, the Adopt-a-Highway event allows members to work in a team environment while performing community service. Chi Epsilon members clean this road segment twice a year and not only get treated to a delicious lunch after a hard day’s work, but also get to add this community service event to their CV/resume.

Fundraising Activities
In an effort to raise funds for initiations, luncheons, and refreshments, our Chi Epsilon chapter sells refreshment mugs and holds cookouts. Both of these fundraisers have proven to be very successful.

Texas A&M University
In the 2013-2014 academic year, Texas A&M University’s chapter of Chi Epsilon proudly initiated fifteen new members in the fall and thirteen in the spring. Initiates participated in several social and service events including a barbeque held at a local park and The Big Event, which is held every year for Texas A&M students to give their thanks to the Bryan-College Station community. Chi Epsilon members were split into groups to help out two different families with yard work and home improvement. Members also participated in the Chi Epsilon Professional Night (held in both the fall and spring semesters), where they are able to engage with civil engineering professionals in a dinner setting that is both informative and friendly. (see photo at right) Professionals arrive to the dinner with presentations that detail the work and aims of their firms or companies, which gives members more insight into professional work. In addition to these events, members were also able to help out the community through street clean-ups while also finding a break from their school life to play laser tag.

Officers elected in the fall of 2013 were Kelly Ha, president and Rebecca Conrad, secretary.
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University of Toledo

The University of Toledo chapter of Chi Epsilon (114th) has grown steadily over the last year, both in members and involvement. Although some members have gone on to graduate, many new initiates took their place and stepped up into officer positions. We also made an impact on the local community through service events and aiding the college of engineering department. Our chapter was represented at the 2014 National Conclave in Salt Lake City, by Christine Hoholski and David Szymanski.

UT Chi Epsilon held a fall new member initiation ceremony on Thursday, Nov 14, 2013, at which 9 students were initiated. The new members include: Mitch Pitsenbarger, Emma Boff, Ross Wuebker, William Hebble, David Szymanski, Audrey Bowen, Jessica Ezzie, Corbin Schwiebert, and Carly Huston. In the spring, another new member initiation ceremony was held on Friday, April 25, 2014. The new members include: Bryce Haase, Josh McElderry, Chris Kuzma, Ben Schilling, Alex Alt, Tom Strasko, Chen Shen, Jenny Collier, Liz Florian, and David Martin. Members lost to graduation include: Karl Hartline, Dale Shiefer, Emma Boff, Corbin Schwiebert. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors!

Our organization also held a new officer induction during the spring semester on Monday, April 15, 2014. The current officers include: Christine Hohoski, president; Wesley Foor, vice-president; Mitch Pitsenbarger, secretary; Ross Wuebker, treasurer; Carly Huston, marshal; and Charles O’Donnell, associate editor.

The members have participated in several social and volunteer events. The largest annual event is Clean Your Streams. This event was held on Saturday, September 21, 2013. The students met at the main UT campus alongside several hundred other students from various campus organizations to help pick up litter around the local rivers and streams. Another service event our members participated in was at the local park, Wildwood. (see photo at left) Our members cleaned and painted a storage room while others picked up litter. Also to help the engineering department out, some members volunteered for the Timberstone JHS visit, where 180 junior high school children took a trip to UToldeo college of engineering. Our chapter of Chi Epsilon has also continued to run the “University of Toledo College of Engineering” graph paper sales to raise money.

Trine University

During the past year in the Trine University chapter of Chi Epsilon, new members were initiated in the fall of 2013. The chapter welcomed Tanner Hill, Charles McKenzie, Craig Smallegan, Eric Smith, and Zach Taranto in the fall 2013 semester. The officers for the spring 2014 semester were as follows: Melissa Smiles, president; Chrissy Uphaus, vice-
president; Eric Smith, secretary; Piotr Szczepanski, treasurer; Craig Smallegan, associate editor; and Ryan Schultz, marshal. The newly elected officers for the fall 2014 semester are: Melissa Smiles, president; Brandon Cunningham, vice-president; Eric Smith, secretary; Zach Taranto, treasurer; Craig Smallegan, associate editor; and Charles McKenzie, marshal.

Melissa Smiles attended the National Conclave in Salt Lake City. She and several members of the other Great Lakes District chapters formed ideas for improved recruitment and awareness of Chi Epsilon. They came up with a “Buddy System” where Chi Epsilon members are paired with freshmen to help them get better adjusted to college life, as well as host events and activities for them. At the conclave, they also discussed the Chi Epsilon ritual and proposed changes to the ritual including a new handshake.

Chrissy Uphaus lead a project for a local “Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day” event at Trine University. Chrissy and some other students helped the attendees to design and construct bridges out of Popsicle sticks and have an all-around good time as well!

University of Utah

Over the past academic year the University of Utah chapter of Chi Epsilon strived to demonstrate the four pillars of Chi Epsilon - Scholarship, Character, Practicality, and Sociability - to contribute to the community of civil engineering students at the university. The University of Utah chapter of Chi Epsilon has participated in and held many exciting activities over the past year. The chapter held several social events, including a fall and spring social, but the biggest event was hosting the National Conclave, which took place in March of 2014.

Planning efforts for the conclave began in 2012 and heavily increased throughout the past year. Part of these planning efforts included a district conference held at Oregon State University in October of 2013. The planning efforts were organized into eleven subcommittees; eight of these committees were chaired by members of the University of Utah chapter. The three-day conclave consisted of district caucuses, general assembly meetings, live entertainment, distinguished speakers, an awards banquet, and five field trips to notable Salt Lake City attractions and engineering feats. The initiation ceremony, held as part of the conclave, consisted of the initiation of seven new members and the elevation of Christian Hofheins to Chapter Honor Member. Hosting the conclave was a great learning experience for our members. Our chapter is grateful for all those that participated and helped in making the conclave a success.

The chapter also continued its tutoring program for freshmen and sophomore civil engineering courses. The University of Utah chapter appreciates the services of the following outgoing officers for the past school year: Andrew Van Hook, president; Mike Eixenberger, vice-president; Jem Locquiao, treasurer; Spencer Ogden, secretary; Fan Zhou, associate editor; and Yang Li, marshal. The new officers for the upcoming year are still to be determined. Chi Epsilon continues to grow; both students and local professionals are becoming aware of our chapter. Chi Epsilon hopes to continue to contribute to the civil engineering community at the University of Utah during the 2014-2015 academic year.
University of Vermont

The University of Vermont chapter of Chi Epsilon has continued to make great strides over the past year. At the 2014 initiation ceremony we initiated the following people: Hannah Anderson, Jordan Duffy, Jack Dugdale, Christopher Hale-Sills, Kori Krichko, Andrew Lemieux, Hannah Mathews, Baxter Miatke, John Olsen, Alexander Sampson, Flora Su, and Anna Waldron. (see photo at left)

In addition to intiations, our chapter organized several representatives to talk with prospective students for admitted student visitation days. The club also hosted FE reviews and detailed the new FE examination. The reviews focused on the general sections of all engineering, along with focused reviews for the environmental and civil engineering disciplines.

Leading us into the 2014-2015 school year, we have the following officers: Andrew Lemieux, president; Jack Dugdale, vice-president; Christopher Hale-Sills, treasurer; Anna Waldron, secretary; Jordan Duffy, marshal; Flora Su, associate editor. Dr. Brian Lee continues to serve as faculty advisor.

Villanova University

The Villanova University chapter of Chi Epsilon had a very successful 2013-2014 academic year under the leadership of faculty advisor Dr. Edward Glynn. In the form of both individual and group sessions, the chapter continued its tutoring services to the underclassmen in civil engineering. On February 2, 2014, the chapter proudly initiated eight new members (see photo at right). The chapter has also appointed new officers. The new officers include: Courtney Brown, president, Dana Flood, vice-president, George Zimmer, marshal, Aaron Williams, treasurer, Katharine Jennings, secretary, and Samantha Butwill as associate editor. Other new initiates included Paige Simmons and Mary Helen DeMarco. The newly inducted board and members are excited about the future of Chi Epsilon at Villanova University.

University of Virginia

On 11-13-2013, seven new members were initiated to the UVA Chapter, and new officers were elected as follows: Grace O. Zammiti, president; Carli S. Sapir Jr., vice-president; Emily O. Seay, treasurer; Rebecca R. Stoner, secretary; Thomas R. Williams, associate editor, and Samuel W. Rossiello, marshal. Other new members include: Ian Gottheim.

The UVA chapter also sent a representative, Thomas Williams, to the 2014 Conclave in Salt Lake City. Thomas served on the Communications and Technology committee, which suggested improvements to Chi Epsilon’s website and recommended increased social media presence.

Six of our members graduated in May 2014 and started their careers: Eric Smith is working in real estate investment banking in New York City. Zakary Goldberg is working for Amazon.
com in Seattle, WA as a brand specialist. Megan Oleynik is working in Virginia Beach as a transportation engineer at Kimley Horn. Richard Farella is working as a water resources engineer for Dewberry in Gainesville, VA. Ryan Abalos is working with Dewberry as a civil engineer in Glen Allen, VA, and Kenny Lohr is working as a research assistant in paleohydrology in Peru.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute

The Virginia Tech chapter of Chi Epsilon had a very successful year. Nine students were inducted in the fall and twenty students again in the spring, including both undergraduate and graduate students. The chapter was pleased to elevate Mr. A. Ross Meyers and Mr. Kelso Baker as Chapter Honor Members.

Both current members and new initiates arranged local elementary school outreach programs and participated in weekly tutoring sessions for undergraduate students in need of further academic guidance. At the elementary school outreach programs, Chi Epsilon members and initiates set up straw bridge building competitions in fourth grade classrooms; the students were enthusiastic and intrigued by engineering! The chapter also organized the Fourth Annual CEE Research Day at Virginia Tech, allowing many undergraduate and graduate students to display posters summarizing their research. Certificate awards were awarded to each of the top three undergraduate and graduate students.

The 2013-2014 officers were: Maya Chehab, president; Ramez Hajj, vice-president; Alex Sarant, secretary; Catherine Grey, treasurer; Dan Coleman, marshal/associate editor, Evan May, service project coordinator; and Andrew Garrison, tutoring coordinator. The incoming officers selected are: Evan May, president; Catherine Grey, vice-president; Mia Jimenez, secretary; Ben Fowler, treasurer, Ye Won Han, marshal/associate editor; and Timothy Shaw, tutoring coordinator. In keeping with tradition, past officers were commended for their service at a reception following the spring initiation ceremony and shared their experiences with the incoming officers. The new executive board hopes to further the community outreach of the chapter and build stronger campus awareness of the society. In particular, the officers would love to expand the elementary school outreach program to additional local schools.

Wayne State University

During the spring semester 2014, the Wayne State University chapter of Chi Epsilon initiated five undergraduate students: Alex Andrew, Stephanie Boileau, Katherine Kelley, Trevor Kirsch, and Drew Easton, and three graduate students: Mohsen Abkenar, Bachir Hamadeh, and John Watkins. (see photo at left)

The officers installed for the 2014-2015 academic year were: Emma Bisonnette, president; Stephanie Boileau, vice-president/associate editor; Emira Rista, secretary/treasurer; and Alex Andrew, marshal. Dr. Timothy Gates will continue to serve as our chapter faculty advisor.
After the initiation ceremony the chapter members, their families, and the faculty of the civil engineering department attended our annual banquet to celebrate the event. Approximately 40 persons were in attendance at the banquet. All of our new members look forward to continuing to exemplify the principles that define this exceptional honor society: practicality, sociability, character, and scholarship.

Our chapter also had several members who participated in the 2014 Concrete Canoe Competition and Steel Bridge Competition with the Wayne State University chapter of American Society of Civil Engineering. These endeavors have greatly benefited our members and we hope to continue our participation in the future.

University of Wisconsin at Madison

The past year for Chi-Epsilon at the University of Wisconsin-Madison has been successful. The past two semesters brought with them new members and officers. As an organization, we also participated in two major community service events. Also, no semester would be complete without an exam party to celebrate the new initiates and have a little fourth pillar fun.

We were excited to welcome new members both in the fall and spring of the past year. These new members include: Chris Shandor, Dylan Brindley, Moeko Komoda, Jonathan Winch, Michael Hess, Kelly Monahan, Nicole Rusek, Grand Scray, Kevin Frank, Kirsten Brose, Elliot Morris, and Jaime Rojas in fall of 2013, and Ryan Moe, Nicholas Smith, and Aaron Blazich in spring of 2014. It was also a great year because we had new officers in both semesters. The officers elected for the fall of 2013 during the spring 2013 initiation ceremony were: Katie Nagel, president; Megan Long, vice-president; Sam Helgeson, secretary; Adam Cichanski, treasurer; Tia Endres, associate editor; and JJ Blaschke, pledge marshal. The officers elected for the spring of 2014 during the fall of 2013 initiation were: Megan Long, president; Tia Endres, vice-president; Nicole Rusek, secretary; Patrick Gift, treasurer; Elliot Morris, associate editor; and JJ Blaschke, pledge marshal.

The largest community service event our chapter participated in was Trick or Treat for Canned Goods. This event consisted of handing out fliers a week before Halloween, and then trick or treating on Halloween night for donations from people around our community. We had a great turnout this past year with not only Chi Epsilon members participating, but other engineering organizations like Society of Women in Engineering, American Society of Civil Engineers, and more. We worked together to donate over 3,100 pounds of food to Second Harvest Food Bank. (see photo at right) In the spring of 2014 we also participated in the local Math Counts competition. At this event we graded elementary school children’s math tests. Both community service events were fun and helped out the local community.

It was also important for us as a chapter to include the fourth pillar, sociability, and have a little fun. Each semester we celebrate the new initiates by throwing an exam party where they get to learn about Chi Epsilon and get to know everyone in the chapter. Overall, it was a successful year, and we hope to make next year even better.