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The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) chapter of Chi Epsilon inducted 18 new members in February 2009. The new members include: Logan Eads, Bryan Giles, Jeremy Johnson, Melissa Johnson, Rahul Kalyankar, Christopher Leslie, Candie Miller, Shammi Rahman, Brian Roden, Terrence Suyak, Jessica Thompson, Rodney Thornton, Jeewon Park, Christopher Lindsey, Jason Kretzschmar, Sally Palmer, Glenn Hood, and Candace Watson. In addition, the chapter installed new officers to aid in the advancement of chapter activities in the upcoming year. The officers are as follows: Jason Kretzschmar, president; Candace Watson, vice-president; Sally Palmer, secretary; C. Blaine Lindsey, marshal; Glenn Hood, treasurer; and Jeewon Park, associate editor.

The 2008-2009 UAB chapter made substantial efforts to positively impact the Birmingham community. Chapter members organized tutoring sessions to help new engineering students who were struggling in math, science, and/or engineering classes. Our chapter is proud of our contributions to support academic excellence, but also strives to reach the greater community through our engineering activities. Of particular note, the fall semester saw UAB Chi Epsilon working with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) student chapter on a community project at the Birmingham Zoo. These professional organizations worked together to design and build a structurally sound habitat to house the foxes and raccoons. The final structure resembled a dilapidated barn, consistent with the Zoo’s motif. The exhibit was built on a 3-day weekend in September and is now open to the public.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) chapter of Chi Epsilon is young but full of dedicated young engineers. We hope to continue our growth and have a positive impact on our community over the next year.

University of Arkansas

Fall 2009 was a great semester for the University of Arkansas’ chapter of Chi Epsilon. This semester’s officers were Brett Gilbert, president; Will Huff, vice president; Alan Nguyen, secretary; Mark McCollum, treasurer; Javier Torres, marshal; and Cameron Colebank, associate editor. Dr. Norman Dennis served as faculty advisor again this semester.

In November, 18 new members were initiated. All new initiates were required to construct a Chi Epsilon board and participate in a community service project. Several members were also involved in this project. This semester, the project was the construction of a small retaining wall at the university’s Engineering Research Center (see picture at right).

This fall, our chapter sold FE review manuals as a fund raiser. General and discipline-specific manuals were sold to students of every engineering discipline and the fund raiser was great success. In addition to selling the manuals, our vice president, Will Huff, coordinated several FE review sessions on campus.

At the end of the semester, the following new officers were elected: Will Huff, president; Cameron Colebank, vice president; Pedro Maltos, secretary; Rob Hill, treasurer; Rachel Paul, editor. Javier Torres will continue to serve as marshal in the spring and Dr. Norman Dennis will remain our faculty advisor.
Auburn University

The Auburn University chapter of Chi Epsilon had an outstanding year in 2009, growing in number and accomplishment. The new officers elected in April 2009, were Ryan Whaley, president; Richard Meadows, vice-president; Hayley Cole, secretary; Adam Wilkinson, treasurer; Martina Svyantek, associate editor; and Shainur Ahsan, marshal. These officers welcomed the sixteen members initiated in the fall and spring semesters. Dr. Robert Barnes continued to serve as faculty advisor.

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

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

The chapter started a new graduate school informational session this year. Our chapter organized the first civil-specific graduate school forum. This forum served as a venue for informing students about graduate school and allowing students to ask any questions they may have about graduate school. Special thanks is given to Dr. Stallings, our department head, for taking time to speak and answer questions at this forum. We look forward to providing and enhancing this forum in the future.

Without a doubt, the chapter’s commitment to sociability was enjoyed by members. We held two dinners to honor our fall and spring initiates, as well as multiple cookouts at the home of our advisor. We look forward to another exciting and successful year in 2010!

Bradley University

Over the past year, the Bradley chapter of Chi Epsilon has been successful in carrying on a tradition of excellence. With the support and guidance of Dr. Al-Khafaji, chair of the Department of Civil Engineering and Construction, and Dr. Fuessle, faculty advisor, the chapter continues to initiate the finest undergraduate civil engineering student scholars and encourage leadership and service among all of its members.

Since the last report, seven students have been initiated into Chi Epsilon. Initiated on October 4, 2009, were Brett Wedemeier, Trent Ruestman, John Koprucki, Quinten Hoogenboom, Peter Walton, Ryo Sugisawa, and Laura Nicklaus. Serving as officers for the 2009 spring semester were William Gebhardt, president; Lindsey Ford, vice-president; Lauren Downing, secretary/treasurer; Andrew Scott, associate editor; and Michael Brown, marshal. Serving as officers for the 2009 fall semester were Stephen Long, president; Anastasia Berwick, vice-president; Michael Peplow, secretary/treasurer; Matthew Smith, associate editor; and Jessica Lund, marshal.

During both the spring and fall semesters of 2009, Chi Epsilon members participated in a significant outreach program called “Bridge Pals” developed by Dr. Al-Khafaji. Bridge Pals is a program designed to advance interest in engineering among middle school and high school students by constructing, analyzing, and testing balsa wood bridges. Our members helped the participating students design their balsa wood bridges using AutoCAD and PCA Frame software. The testing of the bridgewas held at a local mall in conjunction with “Engineers Week”.

Due to the kindness of Dr. Al-Khafaji, several members attended the ICAT 2009 conference. This was a great opportunity to learn about innovations and technologies involved in asphalt and traffic and interact with professionals in these areas. The members also provided support for the Department of Civil Engineering and
Construction’s fall 2009 job fair and the Bradley University fall 2009 job fair by helping employers setup their displays and help students sign in and make name tags. Chi Epsilon also volunteered at Bradley’s fall Major/Minor Fair on behalf of the CEC department. Our members spoke with Bradley students and provided information about the CEC program. Another significant service activity in which Chi Epsilon members participated was the Peoria River Sweep where we and other organizations from Bradley and the surrounding high schools helped clean up the Illinois River bank. Other activities in which the membership participated were the ASCE concrete canoe and steel bridge building teams, and a “Habitat for Humanity” project. Dr. Al-Khafaji continues to provide excellent support and guidance for Chi Epsilon activities.

University of California - Berkeley

December marks the end of a successful 2009 for the University of California, Berkeley chapter. Thirty-four new members were initiated into the chapter this past year, continuing our recent trend of strong growth. With the help of Faculty Advisor Michael Riemer, Undergraduate Advisor Joan Chamberlain, and Industry Liaison Kevin Cheng, this year saw the Berkeley chapter offer an increasing number of services to the civil engineering community on campus and greater involvement in the local community.

In the spring of 2009, the officer team led by President Swe Swin Maung organized a number of events for the members and initiates. Though there were plenty of now traditional Berkeley chapter events, the semester had a focus on engaging the community beyond the department. Social events such as Irish dancing lessons, a photosafari, and the 3-pounds-in-15-minutes ice-cream eating challenge at Fenton’s Creamery continued to be popular with the initiates and the general membership. A new inter-chapter social event, trampoline dodgeball with the SJSU chapter, gave members a chance to meet with more of the local Chi Epsilon community. Members also had many opportunities to get involved with the Berkeley community by showing prospective students around the Civil Engineering Department at the university-wide open house event CalDay, giving local young students a taste of engineering at Engineering for Kids, helping local urban renewal organization Rebuilding Together, and cleaning up the beach at the local marina. The chapter continued to provide an active dialogue between industry and members by arranging infosessions, fieldtrips, and an extensive career fair. The semester concluded with the initiation of the spring’s 24 initiates (see picture above) as well as the initiation of our new Chapter Honor Member, Albert Lee.

Under the leadership of President Sarah Klug, the fall 2009 officer team led an expansion of the chapter’s services to the Berkeley civil engineering student community. A revamped study hall provided an environment for student collaboration, and a new peer-advising service offered academic advice and resources for new students looking for inside advice, seniors applying for graduate school, and everyone in between. The initiates produced a series of first-person videos demonstrating the many ways to get involved in the department community. The chapter also put on a new set of soft skills workshops which gave students an opportunity to work on their public speaking, make the most of the career fair, and improve their professional relationships and networks. Of course, the semester also offered many social activities for the members and initiates, including new events like karaoke and a hike in the nearby Tilden Regional Park. The year finished with a delegation of eight officers and two initiates attending the Pacific District Conference hosted by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and the initiation of the fall’s 10 initiates (see picture at top of next page).
Incoming President Will Nguyen will lead the Berkeley chapter in spring 2010, continuing the growth and expansion we have seen this year. More detailed information about this past year, including all the initiates’ and officers’ names, is available online at xe.berkeley.edu. Throughout the year our website will be updated with all the latest information about our chapter and our upcoming events, and we encourage any local Chi Epsilon alumni to get in touch with us so that we can continue to strengthen the Chi Epsilon community.

California Polytechnic University - Pomona

The 2009-2010 academic year has been beneficial for the California State Polytechnic University Pomona chapter. We’ve organized many activities and have participated in several events. Furthermore, we’ve nominated new officers for the year. Those officers are: Shalia Khovananth, president; Edric Vierra, vice-president; Arezo Ghiam, treasurer; Daniel De Witte, secretary and associate editor; Anthony Macklin, marshal; Nishel Baswell, job fair chair; Mallory Smith, activities chair; and Ken Duenwald, webmaster.

In February, our chapter organized a successful job fair in which 32 companies attended. The job fair enables Chi Epsilon members, and other civil engineering students, to converse with representatives of companies. Not only can students learn about projects the company is developing, they can also inquire about possible future employment opportunities.

In March, the initiates presented their Chi Epsilon key, which they created as a requirement of initiation. This key, a replica of a transit which displays the Chi Epsilon insignia, was to be made out of any civil engineering materials such as wood, steel, concrete, etc.

In April, we held our initiation banquet at Red Hill Country Club in Upland. At this event, the initiates experienced the formal ceremony and became members of Chi Epsilon (see picture at left). In addition, we attended a formal dinner, awarded the group who created the best key which was presented in March, and listened to a presentation given by Hany Faran, a beloved civil engineering professor on our campus.

In October, some officers and initiates attended the Chi Epsilon Pacific District Conference in San Luis Obispo. The conference was a great opportunity to learn more about Chi Epsilon, gain knowledge from the speakers, and socialize with other Chi Epsilon members from other campuses.

In short, we’ve organized and participated in several events throughout the academic year that reflect the four pillars—Scholarship, Character, Practicality, and Sociability—and hope to continue the trend into our next academic year.
The past year in the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo chapter has been a good one. We gained 32 new members during our spring initiation on March 8, 2009. These new members are: Kyle Arshakuni, Nick Broussard, Erica Chabot, Leslie Cogley, Nadia Cordero, Jeremy Faker, Reuben Juster, Eric Kelley, Felicia Knox, Chenin Kreiger-Maddalena, Karl Kuhles, Satish Kumar, Kimberly Kung, Erin LaBuda, Shirley Lu, Abraham Luera, Kyle Marshall, Erland Mowinckel, Jacky Ng, Michael Onnen, Gregory Olsen, Jake Perry, Todd Puckett, Howard Reiss, Keith Rogers, Victor Sanchez, Marc Service, Sean Summers, Robert Thompson, Chris Winden, Melissa Woo, and Nicholas Zemke.

This year, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo hosted the 23rd Annual Chi Epsilon Pacific District Conference from November 20 to November 22, 2009. All 13 schools in the Pacific District attended the conference (see picture at left), and attendees participated in chapter presentations, tours of local engineering projects, and a conference banquet.

Our current officers include: Layla Ali-Ahmad, president; Ian Barnes, vice president; Kimberly Kung, secretary; Justin Reynolds, treasurer; Chenin Kreiger-Maddalena, Engineering Student Council representative; Erica Chabot, pledge marshal; Nadia Cordero, pledge marshal; Nick Broussard, community service; Kim Quesnel, events coordinator; Erin LaBuda, events coordinator; Eric Kelley, events coordinator; Jake Perry, associate editor and marketing; Chris Winden, webmaster; Randy Camat, conference coordinator; and Howard Reiss, conference coordinator. Dr. Charles Chadwell continues as our faculty advisor.

Throughout the year, our chapter has held many great events. In spring and fall quarters, our chapter provided FE review sessions for engineering students at Cal Poly, which were led by our professors. Our chapter also held beach cleanups at Pismo Beach to keep the area clean and participated in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life at Cal Poly. Our chapter also held fun social events, such as nights out to local steakhouses, skiing at Lake Tahoe, and paintball.

California State University - Fresno

The California State University, Fresno chapter of Chi Epsilon is very excited to continue to spread the vision of Chi Epsilon. In our second year of being a recognized student chapter, we have been very successful in spreading the ideals of Chi Epsilon through community service and activities within the Civil Engineering Department.

The spring 2009 semester was overseen by officers: Jared Lindo, president; Mark Weaver, vice-president; Alvina Prakash, secretary; Katarina Buelna, treasurer; Cassie Leonardo, associate editor; and Eddie Mendez, marshal. Together, they welcomed five new members in May.

The fall 2009 semester was overseen by officers: Mark Weaver, president; Rebecca Sievers, vice-president, Alvina Prakash, secretary; Katarina Buelna, treasurer; Jonathan Jensen, associate editor; and Katie Ambrosini, marshal. Together, we welcomed sixteen new members in late November.
California State University - Long Beach

The Long Beach State chapter has had quite the productive semester. We look forward to yet another productive semester. The newly elected officers are Matthew Lander, president; Kirstin Byrne, vice-president; Sean Corson, secretary; Heather Anderson, treasurer; Brian Reyes, marshal; Michael Plotnik, associate editor; Arthur Pop, webmaster; and Kevin Ta, AESB representative.

Chi Epsilon Pacific District (XEPD) just had its 23rd Annual Pacific District Conference on November 20th 2009 at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo (SLO). Dr. Sciortino was even kind enough to take some time out of her busy schedule and grace us with her presence while CSULB did a presentation for the upcoming National Conclave in 2010 – University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa.

Our most memorable volunteer project this semester was the Surfrider Foundation Beach Cleanup (see picture at right). Volunteers from Chi Epsilon along with many others did our part and cleaned up the beach for a little over 2 hours. The beach clean up took place in Huntington Beach on a Saturday morning. Cleaning up the environment and helping out are all values on which Chi Epsilon prides itself.

On the social side of things, we had an unprecedented turnout for a bonfire and barbecue at Huntington Beach. Alumni, current and initiate Chi Epsilon members were all there and mingled, which made this event even more memorable. The weather did not want to cooperate (overcast), but that did not stop the fun. The food was wonderful, the company was plentiful, and the times were marvelous.

The Long Beach State chapter also prides itself on our FE review sessions in preparation for the FE exam and personal tutoring (upon request) of civil engineering classes such as statics.

That’s about it from the beach for now, and we are still very proud to have Dr. Antonella Sciortino as our faculty advisor and will continue looking forward to having her as part of Chi Epsilon for years to come.

Go Beach !!!

California State University - Los Angeles

It’s been a wonderful year for our chapter at California State University Los Angeles. Quite an eventful year, with two initiations, several events, and bimonthly meetings. We began the year by initiating 22 new members (see picture at top of next page), making it the second highest number of new initiates since this chapter began in 1970. During our initiation, we elevated Professor John Shamma to Chapter Honor Member, one of CSULA's and XE’s own alumni. As part of ECST (Engineering Computer Science & Technology) Engineering Week, we honored former Professor William Plumtree, who was the pioneer of our Civil Engineering Department and a Chapter Honor Member, by placing a plaque in his name at the Strength of Materials Lab. A new board was elected, Diana Patron Gallardo, president; Fabiola Wells, vice-president; Allan Yu, secretary; Edgar Bautista, treasurer; Shant Yervant Saiyan, associate editor; and Sing Song, marshal.
Alongside the ASCE chapter, Chi Epsilon participated in a coastal cleanup as part of the “Heal the Bay” annual event at Seal Beach. As part of another joint event, Chi Epsilon members and initiates volunteered for Boeing Day, an event combining ECST open house with MESA schools program orientation. At this event, members and initiates helped middle school and high school students with engineering activities. During the fall of 2009, as part of our bi-annual initiation, 11 more members were inducted into the fold. Also during the fall, six of our members attended the Pacific District Conference at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where they interacted with other XE chapters and learned more about the industry (see photo at left).

To the Cal Poly SLO chapter, we would like to thank you for your hard work and hospitality, and of course for making the conference a pleasant one. We enjoyed having so much fun at SLO that for the second year in a row, our chapter was awarded with “Most Entertaining Conference Photos” while displaying the four pillars of XE. We’ve also been hard at work getting our chapter’s website online: www.calstatela.edu/orgs/xecsula to help us communicate and plan events with our own members with better ease.

Lastly, we at the CSULA chapter would like to wish luck to those graduating in the spring of 2010!

University of Central Florida

The University of Central Florida Chi Epsilon chapter initiated twenty-one new student members in the spring 2009 semester. The new officers elected for the fall 2009 semester were Andrew Kozma, president; Robert Slade, vice-president; Tim Gruebel, secretary; Andrew Hood, treasurer; Tricia Labud, associate editor; and Nick Schiegner, marshal.

In the spring of 2009, members volunteered to help tutor other students in conjunction with the engineering tutoring services on campus. The turnout of volunteers was less than anticipated, but nonetheless, a worthy effort on the part of the chapter. In the fall of 2009, the chapter initiated four new members. They were: Louis Mouser, Michael Washmuth, Diego Marin, and Asaph Mauck. A new set of officers was sworn in at the end of this term and will take charge in the upcoming semester. They are: Robert Slade, president; Tim Gruebel, vice-president; Stephen Veil, secretary/treasurer; Tricia Labud, associate editor; and Nick Schiegner, marshal. They will be aided by the faculty advisor, Dr. Kevin Mackie.

Part of the requirements for being initiated is to design a transit for the chapter. Groups of four or five are chosen to work together to make a design (see photo at right).
The University of Central Florida chapter is looking forward to another successful year and would like to wish the best of luck to all of its graduating members.

Clemson University

In 2009, the Clemson University chapter of Chi Epsilon made great progress in advancing the organization on the Clemson campus. The hard work of the current officers paved the way for a smooth transition for the newly elected officers and allowed them to hit the ground running.

The spring semester welcomed 18 new members into the organization. The chapter officers included Laura Kline, president; Aaron Ingle, vice-president; Lee Tupper, secretary; Megan Nichols, treasurer; Jesse McClam, associate editor; and Jacob Meetze, marshal. Congratulations to the new members: Katerina Bartman, Katherine Birckbichler, Kyle Bontreger, Matthew Brantly, Tiffany Carson, Patrick Daffin, Kaitlen Drafts, John Hoppe IV, Jennifer Johnson, Jayson Jordan, Jennifer Laino, Benjamin Lanz, Robert Lowe, Joshua Meetze, Andrew Utz, Laura Vollmer, Donald West, and Yan Zhou, and to the new organization officers: Aaron Ingle, president; Jesse McClam, vice-president; Laura Kline, secretary; Tiffany Carson, treasurer; Donald West, associate editor; and Jennifer Johnson, marshal.

During the spring initiation ceremony, the Clemson chapter of Chi Epsilon had the privilege of initiating J. Richard Cottingham as Chapter Honor Member. Mr. Cottingham exemplifies the type of professional that any civil engineer and member of Chi Epsilon should strive to be.

The fall semester introduced 11 new members into the organization. Congratulations to the new members: Kevin Baumann, William Beck, Brittany Bryan, Jenna Buffi, Andrew Covington, Christopher DeClue, Eleanor Huggins, David Matheny, Ian McCool, Keenan Miller, and Marjorie Suggs, and to the new officers: Tiffany Carson, president; John Hoppe, vice-president; Jenna Buffi, secretary; Kevin Baumann, treasurer; Donald West, associate editor; and Jennifer Johnson, marshal.

This year, the members of Chi Epsilon had the privilege of participating in the Adopt-a-Highway litter pick up program on four different occasions, hosting a booth at Clemson’s Science and Engineering Fair for elementary school students, sponsoring a book exchange for civil engineering students at the conclusion of each semester, and initiating 29 new members into the organization. As we all know, new members are the future of our organization and we would like to welcome each of the new officers and members to Chi Epsilon.

University of Delaware

Chi Epsilon proudly initiated fourteen new members in the spring of 2009: Kelly Ambrose, Sarah Dalton, Sean Davis, Michael Geddish, Greg Hastings, Chance Malkin, Alyssa May, Nathan Mayerscik, Kyle Roberts, Brandon Robinson, Ian Roddy, Justin Seeney, Melissa Stewart, and Brian Thomas. During the initiation, Greg Hastings emerged as president-elect, Sarah Dalton as vice-president-elect, Kelly Ambrose as secretary-elect, Sean Davis as treasurer-elect, Nathan Mayerscik as associate editor-elect, and Justin Seeney as marshal-elect. New members were further welcomed as past members bid UD’s chapter farewell at a Chi Epsilon barbecue the following weekend.

The chapter’s robust new order was foreshadowed by a new website launched in late May of 2009, con-
stituting the first update of any sort to the website since 2002. Members can now access archival information, read meeting minutes, contact officers, and peruse upcoming events and announcements.

Our current membership lost no time in setting an ambitious agenda for the fall of 2009. Chi Epsilon’s appeal to the alumni association won it a $2,450.00 Alumni Enrichment Award for a week-long service learning trip to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, in January of 2010. Funded by additional grants from the UD College of Engineering and the service learning center, our chapter sought to restore a once-beautiful nature trail just down the street from the bay that feeds into the gulf. Once shaded by a canopy of trees, the site suffered severely by Hurricane Katrina and became overrun by invasive species that threatened the native ecosystem. With the help of the land trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain, unabridged architecture, and some generous locals, Chi Epsilon re-established the nature trail, removed hundreds of invasive species, stabilized the tower with lateral bracing, and ultimately gave a piece of pre-storm life to the people of a hurting community. Despite the hard work, we still managed to have a great time of group bonding and soaking up the local color. All of our colleagues in Mississippi proved that southern hospitality is alive and well in Waveland by treating us to gulf coast cuisine such as red beans and rice, fried catfish, and fried oysters. Most importantly, we exemplified Chi Epsilon’s motto of “Conception, Design, and Construction” by envisioning a restored nature trail, planning our attack, and making our designs a reality. All seven members were excited to utilize their classroom knowledge in a real-world setting.

Our chapter also sent three representatives to the National Conclave. After a thrilling road trip all the way from Newark to Tuscaloosa, our representatives had a tremendous time soaking in the campus. The group learned of many exciting new ideas for Chi Epsilon and gained inspiration for new initiatives here at the Delaware chapter from discourse with other chapters.

2010 will continue to be a noteworthy year, as it marks the University of Delaware chapter’s 25th anniversary. With a talented crew breathing new life into the organization, it promises to be an exciting semester for our chapter of Chi Epsilon!

Duke University

Elections were held at the end of the spring semester in 2009 for new officers. The new officers are as follows: Nelson De Oliveira, president; Maggie Hoff, vice-president; Jordan Woodson, secretary; and Stephanie Everett, marshal. Professor Joseph Nadeau was unanimously selected by the group to receive the 2009 Earl Brown Teaching Award. Dr. Nadeau displays a love of learning and teaching and goes out of his way to help and encourage his students. On March 22, 2010, we added nine new members to our chapter: Trisha Kathryn Lowe, Alexandra Fiona Nicoletti, Travis Joseph Rapp, James Maze Royston, Laila Elizabeth Sharafi, Matthew Marsh Wander, Andrew Joseph Wood, John Peter Zseleczky and Adrienne Ping Lin.

The members of Chi Epsilon at Duke University strive and continue to maintain the ideals and principles embodied by Chi Epsilon while also fostering a cohesive environment among civil engineering students. We promote cooperation and support not only among the Civil Engineering Department, but also within the entire Duke community.

University of Florida

The University of Florida chapter of Chi Epsilon is celebrating the completion of its grand project, the
Teaching Clock Tower. Chi Epsilon established a student committee to coordinate the design, funding, and construction of a “teaching” clock tower. The tower is located near the northwest corner of Weil Hall (Engineering Hall), across from the stadium, and serves two primary functions. First, it serves as a teaching device, by incorporating into the design various types of concrete, both structural and architectural. Second, it serves as a horologic landmark, displaying time through the incorporation of four, 5-foot diameter replicas of 18th century watch-faces.

Members of our chapter also participated in many service events throughout the community. Our chapter teamed up with organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House, soup kitchens, and Keep Alachua Beautiful in order to assist those in need within our neighborhoods. Our chapter is committed to the progress of our community, and members are encouraged to participate in various service projects throughout the year.

Officers of the spring 2009 semester were Aubrey Parsley, president; Jared Francis, vice-president; Michael Riebe, treasurer; Graham Zoeller, secretary; VJ De Jesus, marshal; and Sally Deschamps, associate editor. Officers for the fall 2009 semester are Clayton Ringer, president; Sally Deschamps, vice-president; Jackie Branyon, treasurer; Jason Golzein, secretary; Taylor Norrell, marshal; and David Verdugo, associate editor.

Our current executive board is dedicated to the values that Chi Epsilon stands for and committed to the growth of the University of Florida chapter. This current board was the one responsible for the completion of the teaching clock tower project and is now planning its next major contribution to the university. Also, plans are being made to further involve our chapter within the community. The chapter is starting a tutoring program to help older women study and pass their certification exams in order to attend college.

Florida International University

In the month of February 2009, the Florida International University (FIU) chapter of Chi Epsilon jointly hosted with the FIU chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers a career guidance seminar with the following speakers:
- Sergio Alfonso Jr., P.E., F.ASCE, Marlin Engineering, Inc.
- David Gonzalez, Esq. Feldman Gale, PA, Intellectual Property Law
- Dan Davis, P.E., Attorney at Law
- Manuel Moncholi, M.S., E.I.T., Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department

The Chi Epsilon chapter also hosted a field trip in February to RWDI USA LLC, a wind engineering firm. The members were exposed to the specialization of wind engineering, and viewed a wind tunnel used for small-scale testing.

During a March seminar, Dr. Fernando Miralles-Wilhelm gave a lecture titled “Modeling Coupled Hydrology – Vegetation Dynamics in Aquatic Ecosystems: What Nature can Teach us About Living with Stress and on a Budget”. Dr. Miralles-Wilhelm is an associate professor at Florida International University and the director of the NASA WaterSCAPES University Research Center.

On April 11, 2009, the chapter held its spring induction and elected new officers to the executive board (E-Board). The following students were inducted (see photo at left): Front, left to right: Cesar Espinoza-Perez, Mayumi Bravo, Meredith Johnson, Ana Maria.
Restrepo and Diego Espitia. Rear, left to right: Jonathan Ramirez, Kausal Jha, Ruilong Li, Agerneh Dagnew, Daniel Rey, Evens Balthazar, Oscar Salazar, Erick Parraga, Ervin Margolles, Keng Zhang, Marcial Ugaz, and Carlos Rodriguez.

The elected fall 2009 E-Board was formed by the following students: Amanuel Tecle, vice-president; Alvaro Quiñonez, president; Dr. Girma Bitsuamlak, faculty advisor; Cesar Espinoza-Perez, secretary/treasurer; Carlos Rodriguez, associate editor; and Erik Echezabal, marshal.

In July, the chapter was host to the Structural/Wind Engineering Distinguished Lecture Series, where John D. Holmes, B.Sc. (Eng.), Ph.D., F.I.E gave a lecture on “Designing for Wind Loads on Tropical Cyclones and Hurricanes”. Dr. Holmes is the director of JDH Consulting, and was recently (2003-4) a John P. Laborde Visiting Professor at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he carried out research on wind-borne debris.

As a continuation of the distinguished lecture series, Dr. Rajnish Sharma presented his research on “Wind Induced Internal Pressure in Buildings”. Dr. Rajnish Sharma is originally from the Fiji Islands in the South Pacific and is now teaching at the University of Auckland, Australia.

In November, as part of a lecture series in structural engineering, Dr. Luis Prieto-Portar gave a lecture on the design of the foundations and towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a project in which he was involved. Then, he gave a follow-up lecture where he discussed the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and presented an analysis of the collapse of the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. Dr. Prieto-Portar is a professor at Florida International University where he teaches geotechnical and construction engineering.

On November 22, 2009, a second group of students was inducted into the Chi Epsilon chapter (see photo at left). Front, left to right: Francis Jomo Bain, Manuel Carbon, Abel A. Oporto, Mabel Blanco, Elisa Orduy, Nadia Lima, Johanna Londono, Lilian Marrero, Hugo Ignacio Altimari, Keqiang Xing, and Randy Suarez. Rear, left to right: Felipe Miguel Guerrero, Pablo Arodi Gonzalez, Marcial Adan Cerritos, and Raymond Valido.

An election was also held to fill some of the vacated E-Board positions. The elected spring 2010 E-Board officers are: Manuel Carbon, marshal; Carlos Rodriguez, president; Amanuel Tecle, vice-president; Elisa Orduy, associate editor; Nadia Lima, secretary/treasurer; and Dr. Girma Bitsuamlak, faculty advisor.

University of Hawaii

The University of Hawaii at Manoa chapter had a very successful year. The chapter initiated ten new members in the spring of 2009: Lori Higashi, Megan Inouye, Kari Ann Kumashiro, Kevin Lau, Adam Luke, Steven Mitsuyuki, Andrew Pang, Jayson Tasaka, Shaun Ueda, and Ting Cheng Wen, and eight new members in the
fall of 2009: Kendra Hanagami, Christopher Hebert, Matthew Kawamura, Miranda Li, Tae-Eung Moon, Michael Motoki, Ethan Smith, and Stacey Yamada. We are also pleased to announce Roy Kazuo Yamashiro as our spring 2009 Chapter Honor Member. Roy, initiated into Chi Epsilon while he attended the University of Hawaii, was elevated to CHM by his son Corey, who was our chapter’s spring 2009 president.

Serving as officers for the spring 2009 semester were: Corey Yamashiro, president; Reef Ozaki-Train, vice-president; Jennifer Abayon, treasurer; Amanda Samson, secretary; Melissa Chan, associate editor; and Eriell Agbayani, marshal. Officers elected to serve for fall 2009 were: Reef Ozaki-Train, president; Andrew Pang, vice-president; Megan Inouye, treasurer; Amanda Samson, secretary; Melissa Chan, associate editor; and Daniel Lum, marshal. New incoming officers for spring of 2010 are: Andrew Pang, president; Michael Motoki, vice-president; Miranda Li, treasurer; Stacey Yamada, secretary; Matthew Kawamura, associate editor; and Christopher Hebert, marshal.

Throughout the year, the chapter participated in various volunteer, social, and fundraising events. We held traditional meetings and events, including initiate picnics, and pot lucks. In the spring of 2009, members of Chi Epsilon competed against members of ME and EE honor societies in an Honor Society Challenge. During the year, we also volunteered in various events held by University of Hawaii College of Engineering, which included a high school expo, where we were asked to take part in judging and testing of paper columns constructed by local high school students. As far as fundraising, we sold over 150 Zippy’s chili tickets in the spring of 2009 and over 150 Ward Centers’ Festival of Giving tickets in the fall of 2009.

In the November 2009, two members, two initiates, and our Pacific District Councillor, Randall Akiona, attended the 23rd Annual Pacific District Conference hosted by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo chapter.

This semester has been very successful for the University of Hawaii chapter of Chi Epsilon. The group has definitely gained momentum and the members are looking forward to another successful and productive year.

Iowa State University

The past year has been a busy one for the Iowa State University chapter of Chi Epsilon. Events that we participated in included the civil engineering spring banquet, our annual golf outing, and numerous service projects for the community. This past year we welcomed a total of 20 new initiates.

On April 16, 2009, Chi Epsilon hosted the 27th annual Civil Engineering Department Spring Banquet (see photo at right). The banquet assembled students, parents, faculty, and civil engineering firms for a dinner that recognized the achievements of several civil engineering students.
Eighty-two student recipients of awards from the Civil Engineering Department for the fall 2008-spring 2009 academic year were acknowledged as well as new members to the Iowa State University chapter of Chi Epsilon. The featured guest speaker for the banquet was Jeffrey Coleman, a trial attorney and former practicing structural engineer.

New officers were elected in April of 2009. The Chi Epsilon chapter extends a thank-you to the officers who currently serve for the 2009-2010 school year: Steve Lavrenz, president; Nicole Vogl, vice-president; Stephen Pedrick, secretary; Vincent Yeung, treasurer; Peter Becker, marshal; Jose Perez, assistant marshal; Megan Van Horn, associate editor; Tom Jantscher, social chair; Sam Cotter, fundraising chair; Dan Heun, ESC representative; and Doug Hartwell, webmaster.

Chi Epsilon hosted the 6th annual ΧΕ golf outing on October 10, 2009, with 12 participants (see photo at left). This fundraiser was designed to allow students to network with faculty and local engineers and gain some insight into the profession. Local and regional civil engineering firms sponsored the event and donated prizes as well. The money raised from the event will be entered into the chapter’s scholarship fund that will eventually provide one $500 scholarship a year to an undergraduate civil engineer.

This year, Chi Epsilon has decided to end our weekly study session due to low attendance. Instead, we now participate in a program to help keep Iowa State University beautiful by organizing monthly clean-ups of the grounds around Town Engineering, the main civil engineering building on campus. Chi Epsilon has also served the Ames, Iowa community this past year. The chapter participated in the Iowa Department of Transportation’s Adopt-A-Highway program and cleaned up a two-mile stretch of Hwy 30 twice during the course of the year. Chi Epsilon and its members also volunteered with Stuff the Bus, an annual event to collect food, personal hygiene items, household supplies, infant needs, and money for Mid-Iowa Community Action. Furthermore, in an effort to more actively work with faculty members in the Civil Engineering Department, Chi Epsilon has worked with professors in the fall semester to organize the administration of the evaluations for all civil engineering courses. This task has traditionally been carried out by the faculty members themselves, and it is hoped that this activity will help to ease some of their workload, as well as serve as an additional outlet for publicity for Chi Epsilon to the rest of the department.

Another service activity that Chi Epsilon participated in during the fall 2009 semester was the “sprucing up” of Town Engineering. A weekend event was held where students showed up to help paint a hallway and replace some of the ceiling tiles where they had fallen into disrepair. This was done in order to give an image boost to the department, in light of the department’s recent placement in the top 20 civil engineering programs in the country. It is hoped that this activity can be carried out several more times next semester.

Finally, Chi Epsilon took a somewhat radical approach this year to address the issue of declining membership in its organization. Traditionally, the chapter has charged students $75 for membership, which has been viewed as a primary factor for the ever smaller groups of students being initiated. In the fall 2009 semester, the decision was made to reduce this fee to $25, essentially subsidizing the membership cost, with the requirement that each new member participate in one service activity each semester in order to maintain this subsidized fee. The effects of this have been positive so far – new initiations increased 560% from the previous semester. It is hoped that instituting this new policy will increase participation in Chi Epsilon activities, which will encourage even more people to join, thus perpetuating a cycle of increasing membership.
In the spring of 2009, The University of Kansas hosted the Chi Epsilon Central District Conference. Six schools attended the conference held on the KU campus. University of Illinois, Kansas State University, University of Arkansas, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Oklahoma State University, and Missouri University of Science and Technology. The conference consisted of discussions of Chi Epsilon successes and concerns and multiple presentations on topics such as sustainability, career perspectives, as well as engineering opportunities, ethics, and advice. There were also social activities for all the representatives, such as a bowling night and an evening on Mass St. The event was a great success with over 40 representatives from the various universities in attendance.

On Nov. 16th, eight new members were initiated into the University of Kansas chapter of Chi Epsilon. Those members are Luke Cronin, Rahul Desai, Kathryn Euson, Brett Harding, Romika Jasrotia, Kayla Kuhl, Jessica Roark and Heather Weed.

The current officers for the 2009-2010 school year are, Robert Rescot, president; Michael Younger, vice-president; Regan Gangel, treasurer; Amanda Green, secretary; Corey Mims, associate editor; Vinur Kaul, marshal; Garrett Hages, social chair; Amber Harley, fundraising chair; Cameron Stanton, Student Senate representative; and Anthony Joseph, community service chair. After a successful 2009, the University of Kansas Chapter is looking forward to a productive new year.

The Kansas State University chapter of Chi Epsilon has had yet another productive and successful semester in Manhattan, Kansas. The chapter has excelled in providing service to the community as well as upholding the outstanding civil engineering practices that are paramount to all Chi Epsilon members. We are proud to announce the initiation of nine new members from the fall semester (see photo at right). The new initiates were: Matthew Arnold, Justin Vibbert, Ariel Philbrick, John Handke, Katie Krol, Michael Hare, Kyle Merklein, Luke McIntosh, and Jose DonJuan. All of the initiates have proven to excel in the academic arena as well as in service to the community. As part of the annual service project, our chapter along with the new initiates made the trip to Tuttle Creek Dam just outside of Manhattan. During the project, 15 members spread mulch under playground equipment and wrapped young trees with material to protect them from animals rubbing against them. It was very gratifying to help clean up the Tuttle Creek area as they make major renovations to the structure of the dam to account for seismic loads in the area.

As a special event, our chapter had the privilege of elevating a new Chapter Honor Member: Kevin Homnickichl, P.E., L.S., a 1986 graduate of Kansas State University as well as a co-founder and president of BHC Rhodes, a civil engineering and surveying firm out of Kansas City.

New officers have also been elected by the chapter for the next semester and they include: John Handke, president; Robert Murphy, vice-president; Logan Mills, treasurer; Matthew Arnold, secretary; Luke
McIntosh, marshal; and Joseph Norris, associate editor. Other notable members of the K-State chapter are Faculty Advisor Sunanda Dissanayake, and Chapter Honor Member Dr. Jacob Najjar, who serves as department head for the College of Engineering. These faculty members, as well as the rest of the Chi Epsilon alumni, have been of great help to our undergraduate members in all of our successes.

Chi Epsilon at K-State also in the past semester had the distinguished honor of leading a portion of the 10th annual civil engineering awards banquet at the Kansas State Alumni Center. At the event, many of the Chi Epsilon members received scholarships and awards from the College of Engineering as well as the CE Department. The chapter also presented the Chi Epsilon Student Advocate of the Year Award to Dr. Hossain, and the Chi Epsilon Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award to Dr. Dissanayake. The formal event was an excellent way to conclude such a successful year and celebrate the chapter and its involvement on campus.

Lawrence Technological University

This year has been a very active one for our chapter. With five of our chapter officers graduating last year, we had to install new officers except for the president. Our newly elected officers are: Marc Kasabasic, president; Richard Graham, vice-president; Alena Weiss, secretary; James Mazur, treasurer; Alan Craighead, associate editor; and Matt Hickman, marshal.

Our initiation of new candidates was held on December 4, 2009, and the Lawrence Tech chapter added twelve new members, more than doubling our active membership (see photo at left). Initiated were Kevin Brown, Matthew Callanan, Bryan Dage, Adam Dumas, Michael Fontana, Neil Ganshorn, Matthew Gasparovich, Shasta Gibbs, Matthew Hawley, Danfred Samuel, Brittany Schuel, and Jessica Stiles.

Louisiana State University

This year Louisiana State University’s chapter of Chi Epsilon has had yet another successful year. Sixteen outstanding new members have been inducted into our chapter. We said farewell to our past officers and elected the following officers to serve our chapter for the upcoming year: Lesley Anne Horst, president; Jessica Piggott, vice-president; Melissa Young, secretary; David Craft, treasurer; and Kwong Ip, associate editor/marshal. The LSU chapter is also excited about the installation of Dr. Frank T. Tsai as the new faculty advisor. Our chapter is excited about the new leadership and is confident that success will come in the future.

Louisiana Tech University

The Louisiana Tech University chapter of Chi Epsilon has begun the busy school year by inducting new members and discussing upcoming plans. New officers were elected for the 2009-2010 year and are as follows:
Eric Slusser, president; Stephen Olson, vice-president; Morgan Dyer, secretary; Stephen Knight, treasurer; Ryan Nolan, associated editor; and Michael Kelsch, marshal. The Chi Epsilon officers are encouraging students to become involved in Louisiana Tech’s ASCE student chapter. Also, the officers are currently trying to team with other student organizations and volunteer groups in ways to get involved with and help the community.

Chi Epsilon will provide a review class for civil engineering students planning to take the FE exam. Also, we are sending current members to the Deep South Conference to compete in the mystery event, steel bridge, and concrete canoe competitions. Louisiana Tech Chi Epsilon officers plan to attend the 2010 conclave at the University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa. Initiations were held at the end of the fall quarter for new candidates. Lastly, Chi Epsilon will be inducting new members and officer for the 2010-2011 school year.

University of Maine

This past year’s initiation ceremonies were held on April 30, 2009, and December 8, 2009, where four and eight new members, respectively, were initiated into the University of Maine Chi Epsilon chapter. The elected officers from the spring of 2009 are: Sarah Lingley, president; Jacqueline Cobb, vice-president; Daniel Pitman, treasurer; Garrett Luszczki, secretary; Timothy Poulain, associate editor; and Matthew Doyen, marshal, with Dr. Thomas Sandford as the faculty advisor.

UM Chi Epsilon chapter members are active in competitions such as the ASCE concrete canoe competition and AISC steel bridge competition. Looking to the future, this spring we will be organizing our annual senior breakfast. This event is for our graduating seniors and their families and is held on the morning of graduation.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

This spring, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) chapter of Chi Epsilon initiated 11 new members: seniors Tiffany Barkley, Clifton Dassuncao, Sebastian Figari, Wesley Wu-Yi Koo, Drew Loney, Mahalia Miller, Margot Spiller, and juniors Kelcie Abraham, Amy Magnuson, Nicholas Murlo, and Naomi Stein. John Ochsendorf, one of our very own faculty from MIT, spoke at the initiation on historic structures and the responsibilities and significance of being a civil engineer. Also this past spring, we conducted Matlab tutorials for any interested students; ecology and new Masters of Engineering students were the primary participants.

This fall, the chapter continued its popular tutoring sessions (both group and one-on-one) for the introductory solid mechanics class required of all civil and environmental engineering majors at MIT. Some extra tutoring for the more advanced mechanics of structures and soils was provided in response to requests. Faculty lunches intended to bring students and faculty together in a less formal environment than the classroom continued successfully. Finally, Chi Epsilon is also collaborating with the Civil and Environmental Engineering Students Association on a joint volunteering endeavor for Habitat for Humanity.

University of Michigan

This past year has been an exciting one for the University of Michigan’s chapter of Chi Epsilon. During the winter semester of 2009, Chi Epsilon initiated eight new members and elevated Dr. Roman D. Hryciw as the 52nd Chapter Honor Member. Inductees for the winter semester were Evan Avery, Christopher Lilly, Emily Thomas, Amy Woodward, Daoxuan Yan, Simin Wang, Michael Dobmeier, and Anjuli Jain. Elected
officers for the University of Michigan chapter were: Jeffrey Terenzi, president; Cory Kurtz, vice-president; Kimberly Lamote, secretary; Thomas Rizor, treasurer; Evan Blum, associate editor; Emily Herbert, marshal; Anita Saha, social chair; and Nick Corbin, University of Michigan Engineering Council representative.

Chi Epsilon’s contributions to the University of Michigan during the winter of 2009 include the removal of invasive species from the wooded areas surrounding the engineering campus. Chi Epsilon hosted a bowling social night for the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. The semiannual bowling event is a fun way for students, faculty, and staff to interact outside of the classroom setting. The University of Michigan’s chapter of Chi Epsilon set up an FE exam review which nearly sixty students took advantage of. As the main fund raising event for the chapter, students attend invaluable review sessions for each of the subjects included in the general portion of the FE exam. Also, the chapter participated in Springfest, a festival displaying the student organizations within the college of engineering. Chi Epsilon operated a table where students could receive information about the society and partake in “candy bridge building”.

The fall semester of 2009 included the initiation of four new student members: Michelle Atto, Christopher Bove, Lauren Hickey, and Julie Tibbitts. Also, the University of Michigan chapter elevated its 53rd Honor Member, Richard Anderson, and initiated two faculty members, Dr. Adda Athanasopoulos-Zekkos and Dr. Dimitrios Zekkos. Newly-elected officers that served for the fall semester were: Evan Avery, marshal; Jared Buzo, social chair; and Michael Dobmeier, University of Michigan Engineering Council representative.

Chi Epsilon again hosted a bowling social night, set up an FE exam review, and removed invasive species from local forests during the fall semester. A new event that Chi Epsilon organized this fall is the civil and environmental engineering (CEE) potluck. The CEE Department wanted to provide a source for freshmen engineers to obtain information about civil and environmental engineering. Therefore, Chi Epsilon took the initiative to create and arrange the first annual CEE potluck. Freshmen engineers in attendance were able to interact and gain valuable information from staff, faculty, and current students within the department. The potluck was a great success and Chi Epsilon plans to host the event for years to come.

Michigan Technological University

The chapter, under the advisement of Dr. Jacob Hiller, assistant professor of transportation engineering in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, welcomed a large class of 28 new members to the chapter: Nathan Bartlett, Kevin Bierlein, Travis Brush, Chris Dedene, Brianna Drake, Michelle Foy, Emily Gorsalitz, Kristine Guzak, Katie Hallenbeck, Cara Hanson, Amanda Hartmann, Jessica Jenks, Gregory Karlovits, Megan Knudstrup, Anthony Oxley, Steffanie Pepin, Nathan Pfenninger, Benjamin Roskoskey, Kristen Roth, Amy Ruona, Brian Schiavo, Sarah Shann, James Stein, Bryan Swanson, Dustin Swarthout, Trevor Swarthout, Ashley Thode, and Kyle Thompson were initiated in March of 2009.

The chapter would like to commend our outgoing 2008-2009 officers for their efforts over the past year: Bradley Diener, president; Megan Place, vice-president; Jeffrey Long, secretary; Heather Norton, treasurer; Ryan St.Germain, marshal; and Nora Peterson, associate editor. We extend our congratulations to our new officers for the 2009-2010 academic year: Benjamin Roskoskey, president; Brianna Drake, vice-president; Trevor Swarthout, secretary; Katie Hallenbeck, treasurer; Michelle Foy, marshal; and Kristine Guzak, associate editor.

This September, the chapter returned to the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan for guided tours of the Mackinaw Bridge, the International Bridge (see photo at top of next page), and the Soo Locks. History of the bridges and locks and structural information, as well as a behind-the-scene tour of these facilities, was provided to the students by former Michigan Tech graduates. Contrary to the previous year, students were able to experience the rope climb on the International Bridge. At the Soo Locks, the group was able to see the hydraulics used to alter river levels for transportation and the power held in flowing water and stored due to a hydroelectric power
The chapter would like to especially thank our hosts: Kimberly Novak (Mackinaw Bridge), Phillip Becker (International Bridge), and Alvin Klein (Soo Locks) for the personal tours requiring both time and planning as well as Michigan Tech’s CEE Department for funding.

On October 24, Chi Epsilon members were invited to join in on the campus wide Make a Difference Day. This day is time set aside to help out in areas of need. Members Michelle Foy, Benjamin Roskoskey, Brianna Drake, and Kristine Guzak spent several hours volunteering to help make the Michigan Tech trails a nicer place to hike, bike, and ski. They collected garbage and debris which had accumulated over the previous spring and summer months to help prepare for the upcoming winter season.

Also in October, the chapter hosted the annual “Graduate School Information Night” for those interested in civil or environmental engineering graduate school. CEE Department Chair Bill Bulleit, MTU Chi Epsilon faculty advisor Jacob Hiller, Dr. Alex Mayer, CEE Advisor Julie Ross, and several current Michigan Tech CEE graduate students, were part of a roundtable discussion with about twenty students to share grad school experiences and answer questions. The chapter would like to thank these individuals for their participation.

In addition to the volunteer work, the campus-wide events, and the educational field trips, Michigan Tech’s chapter strives to bring in outside speakers to further inform its members about other opportunities. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sent a representative to speak on their behalf to the students of Chi Epsilon. This meeting was filled with information about the organization and how students might approach finding a job with the Corps in the future or with other similar organizations.

Our chapter members also head the committee for MAXIMUS, the annual banquet for the CEE Department, at the end of the year which showcases achievements of the faculty and honor students, especially those of graduating seniors. All students in the CEE Department are welcome to attend by purchasing tickets.

Last, but certainly not least, the chapter would like to congratulate our graduating seniors of fall 2008 and spring 2009. Good luck!

The chapter is excited to reflect on what has been accomplished within the past year while still looking forward to future opportunities to form friendships and help out where needed.

Univervsity of Nebraska - Lincoln

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln chapter of Chi Epsilon has had another incredibly productive year. In the spring of 2009, Jake Fischer, Colby Folck, Carrie Mohlman, Brandon Praunner, Miles Simmons, Scott Sorensen, and David Stuart were initiated into Chi Epsilon. Also, during the spring semester, the chapter had its biannual social event at the Haymarket Old Chicago in downtown Lincoln. This event has always been an extremely rewarding way for the members to get to know each other better. Last, our chapter held FE review sessions for students preparing to take the spring FE exam. Each semester, the chapter invites UNL professors to lecture for a couple of hours on related topics so that students will be better prepared to take the test.

In the fall of 2009, the chapter saw the elevation of Mr. Albert Schultz to Chapter Honor Member at this semester’s initiation ceremony. Mr. Schultz earned his BS degree in civil engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1968 and has had a very successful career. Kellen Heideman, Adam Pelican, Eric Reiner, Andrew Synhorst, and David Weseman were initiated as members this fall. These new members were
honored at the fall banquet where guests including faculty, past Chapter Honor Members, and active members were in attendance. The officers this semester included **Thomas Dowse**, president; **Corbin Mundt**, vice-president; **Scott Sorensen**, secretary; **Colby Folck**, treasurer; **Alex Evans**, associate editor; **Matt Pelton**, pledge marshal; and **Chris Hennings**, Social Chair (see photo at left). The chapter was also honored with **Dr. Anuj Sharma** as our new faculty advisor.

Also in the fall, the chapter again held several study sessions for the FE exam as well as the social at Old Chicago. The semester was very successful for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln chapter of Chi Epsilon. The group has definitely gained a sense of momentum and the members are very excited to keep building upon that momentum next semester.

**University of Nebraska - Omaha**

The Chi Epsilon chapter at the University of Nebraska-Omaha has had another exciting year during 2009. The chapter inducted new members during the initiation and dinner held on April 1, 2009. We are pleased to introduce **Ben Grone**, **Adam Denney**, **Andrew Daro**, **Dan O’Brien**, **Jenna Hansen**, **Claire Zhao**, **Sam Anderson**, **Tyler Knuth**, **Armando Shane**, and **Jeff Mihulka** to our chapter. Additionally, during this dinner, the chapter elevated a new Chapter Honor Member, **Mr. Michael McMeekin, P.E.** (see photo at right).

Our faculty advisor, **Dr. Shannon Bartelt-Hunt**, is an assistant professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). **Dr. Bartelt-Hunt** joined the faculty at UNL in January 2006. She received her PhD in civil engineering from the University of Virginia in August 2004, and completed her post-doctoral training at North Carolina State University. Her teaching interests are environmental engineering courses focused on environmental chemistry, contaminant fate and transport in natural and engineered systems, and solid waste management. **Dr. Bartelt-Hunt** became the Faculty Advisor for our Chi Epsilon chapter in May 2008.

**Mike McMeekin** is currently the president of Lamp, Rynearson and Associates, Inc. in Omaha, Nebraska. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the states of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri. Mike has worked on the design of the field drainage system at Rosenblatt Stadium as project manager. He was also Lamp, Rynearson’s project manager for the Qwest Center and Riverfront Redevelopment project. Mike is currently Lamp, Rynearson’s project manager for Omaha Combined Sewer Overflow. He is a member of Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Omaha by Design Advisory Board, and a graduate of American Council
of Engineering Companies’ Senior Executives Institute.

The chapter’s vice-president, Claire Zhao, set up review sessions for the FE exam during fall and spring semesters, which were open to all undergraduate engineering students as preparation. Students of any major could attend the sessions. The average attendance for each session was 12 people.

The 2008-2009 officers are: Alex Flanigan, president; Claire Zhao, vice-president; Ross Cullin, secretary; Andrew Daro, treasurer; Dan O’Brien, marshal; and Sam Anderson, associate editor.

Our chapter is looking forward to sending some members to the 2010 Conclave in Alabama during March.

University of New Mexico

On December 4, 2009, eleven new members were initiated. The ceremony was presided over by our chapter president, Andrew Garner. Friends, family, members, and other faculty of the Civil Engineering Department attended the ceremony. The entire group was treated to a catered dinner coordinated by our secretary/treasurer, Amanda Green and funded by the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico (ASUNM).

Joan Schoepfer, vice-president, was responsible for coordinating a series of tutorial sessions for the FE exam. Numerous faculty members volunteered to teach 2-hour review sessions on ten core subjects.

New office bearers for 2010 are Gregg Flores, president; Amanda Green, vice president; Jeffrey Sampson, treasurer; Lana Mitchell, secretary; and Kelly Montoya, marshal.

University of North Carolina - Charlotte

April was an exciting month for the students and faculty of UNC-Charlotte. The university participated as the host school for the ASCE Carolinas Conference. The conference involves more than ten competitions between eight universities from three different states. Members of Chi Epsilon participated in conference events and volunteered to organize and judge many of the competitions. The events were handled smoothly and professionally. The conference was an overall success, with UNC-Charlotte taking second place.

On November 29, 2009, the UNC-Charlotte chapter initiated 16 new members (see photo at left). Undergraduate initiates were Daniell Bagley, Christopher Guido, Melanie Hazeley, Matthew Keatts, Robert Kirk, Misty Last, William Messick, Aman-da Petrella, Stephen Scott, and Brian Weyer. Graduate initiates consisted of Trevor D’Silva, James Hite, Robert Kral, Prasanna Kusam, Wanqiu Liu, and Thomas Nicholas. The guest speaker for the initiation ceremony was Jeffrey Coonse, PE. Mr. Coonse is a former president of the state section of ASCE for North Carolina.

The students voted for the third annual Chi Epsilon faculty of the year, and the winner for the 2008-2009 academic year was transportation professor, Dr. Martin Kane.
It is with a heavy heart that the UNC-Charlotte chapter prepares to say goodbye to our faculty advisor, Dr. Brian Anderson. Dr. Anderson has served as the chapter advisor for seven years, but will be leaving the university in December 2009. We would like to thank Dr. Anderson for all of his generosity and support throughout the years, and we are certain that he will be successful in his future endeavors.

North Carolina State University

The North Carolina State University chapter of Chi Epsilon has had another productive year. During the 2009 calendar year a total of 21 new members were inducted.

Under the guidance of Dr. John Baugh, faculty advisor; Margaret Williams, president; Christopher Gray, vice-president; Blake Bush, secretary; Adolfo Obregon-Salinas, treasurer; Taylor Auten, pledge marshal; and Dustin Tuttle, associate editor; the following students were initiated at the spring induction ceremony held on April 19, 2009 (see photo at right): Michael George Alston, Paul Ryan Barrett, Forrest Michael Duncan, Troy Edward Gilmore, Ross Charles Oliver, Stephen Tyree Rutledge, Ryan Christopher Schult and Hannibal Godwin Warren, III. The installation of the new officers for the 2009-2010 academic year was also held at the spring induction ceremony. The following students were inducted as officers for the 2009-2010 academic year: Danielle Touma, president; Tyler Pendry, vice-president; Hannibal Warren, secretary; Jason Spain, treasurer; Michael Alston, pledge marshal; and Troy Gilmore, associate editor.

The fall semester concluded with the induction of the following students at the fall induction ceremony held on December 6, 2009: Anahid Anousheh Behrouzi, Matthew Turner Carlisle, Daniel Eliot Claff, Susan Ennis Dunn, Andrew James Edwards, Michael Brinkley Forsyth, Charles Vincent Hanfman, Austin William Key, Aaron Wayne Marx, Aaron Thomas Rucker, Jonathan Gabriel Soriano, Mark Andrew Southern and Elizabeth Wester (see photo at left).

The entire membership would like to thank our faculty advisor, Dr. John Baugh for his support to the NC State chapter of Chi Epsilon. Chi Epsilon is looking forward to welcoming new inductees in the spring and a productive new year.
Norwich University

The Norwich University chapter of Chi Epsilon (#41) held its initiation of new members on April 26, 2010, and inducted faculty member, Dr. Edwin Schmeckpeper, associate professor of civil engineering, and student members: Seth G. Pearson, Kevin J. Gallagher, Nicola J. Suren, George A. Sawyer, and Zachary T. Stanton. We also held elections for chapter officers: Kevin Gallagher, president; Zachary Stanton, vice-president; Nicola Suren, treasurer; Zachary Sawyer, secretary; Seth Pearson, associate editor; and Assistant Professor Adam Sevi, marshal. Professor Eugene Sevi continues as faculty advisor.

This year, the chapter has renovated the Chi Epsilon board in the civil engineering study to include the names of the new members and install an updated photograph. The chapter continues its service work by assisting the Norwich University Cemetery Association by providing surveying assistance at the cemetery and by assisting the Boy Scouts by providing surveying assistance at the Boy Scout Camp in New Haven, Vermont. The chapter continues to look after the maintenance of the brass Chi Epsilon monument on campus.

Plans for next year include continued support of the cemetery association and supporting the American Society of Civil Engineers student chapter in their activities.

Ohio State University

The Ohio State University chapter of Chi Epsilon would like to congratulate the following members on their spring 2009 initiation: Douglas Arnold, Michael Behrends, Michael Bell, David Buchanan, Robert Caldwell, Robert Costello, David Dibling, Sarah Herd, Greg Hertler, Douglas Karhoff, Jennifer Keidel, Daniel Morone, Daniel Murphy, Seth Salisbury and Paul Wierenga. Additionally the following officers were installed during the ceremony: Seth Salisbury, president; Sarah Herd, treasurer; Greg Hertler, secretary; Michael Behrends, associate editor; and Daniel Murphy, marshal. Continuing to serve as vice-president of the chapter is Ashley Matheny.

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

During the past year, Chi Epsilon once again handled the responsibility of distributing and collecting the student evaluation of instructors (SEIs) for the civil engineering department at the end of each academic quarter. These forms are instrumental to the department in the evaluation of faculty and the assistance from Chi Epsilon is greatly appreciated by the department. Due to the large number of courses the department offers, many students are required to assist in distributing the SEI forms and Chi Epsilon provided more than enough willing volunteers.

Chi Epsilon also assisted in conducting tours for prospective civil engineering students. Chi Epsilon students enjoyed the opportunity to inform prospective engineering students about the benefits of Ohio State and the civil engineering profession in general.

Chi Epsilon plans to continue conducting tours in the future and to assist the Civil Engineering Department as much as possible. The Ohio State University chapter would like to wish our fellow chapters much success in the upcoming year!
The University of Oklahoma Chi Epsilon chapter initiated 2 new members at their spring 2009 meeting. The initiates were Wassim Tabet and Brian Haskins. Outgoing officers led the initiation and the selection of new officers. These officers were: Seth Boydstun, president; David Frank, vice-president; James McLane, treasurer; Amy Hufnagel, secretary; Michaela Campbell, associate editor; and Chris Hill, marshal. The new officers selected for 2009-2010 include: Amy Hufnagel, president; Chris Hill, vice-president; Wassim Tabet, treasurer and secretary; and Jacob Grasmick, marshal.

This past spring, our chapter members participated in the Sooner Elementary Engineering and Science Club at a local elementary school in Norman, Oklahoma. This is an after-school program that encourages students to expand their learning using hands-on experiments. We spent an afternoon interacting with young children and sharing our passion for science and engineering. We helped the students as they worked together in groups to design and build a cost effective, but sturdy boat using supplies including masking tape, popsicle sticks, aluminum foil, and straws. The boats that could hold the most washers for the most economic design won the competition. We all had a great time helping the students and showing them that learning can be fun.

This fall, our chapter participated in the Josh Heupel #14 Foundation for Children’s Charity (see photo at right). In the spirit of the holidays, we went to Wal-Mart and bought Christmas presents for a child in need. We were able to provide a nine-year-old boy with a remote control car and a football, when otherwise he would not have had anything to open on Christmas morning. We had a great time celebrating the holiday season by helping out others in need.

Oklahoma State University

The Oklahoma State University chapter of Chi Epsilon completed another year under Dr. Dee Ann Sanders, faculty advisor. During 2009, seven members of our chapter attended the Central District Conference at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas. We held a pizza party for prospective pledges in the spring and a cook-out at Boomer Lake in the fall. At our spring initiation, Mr. Ralph Kinder was elevated to Chapter Honor Member. Mr. Kinder is a director of public works for the City of Stillwater and a graduate of our program. He decided to return to his home area after a career in the U.S. Marine Corps. Mr. Kinder is a strong supporter of our program; he has helped to give a practice-oriented viewpoint to many of our
students by serving as a “client” on several senior- and graduate-level projects, as well as presenting seminars on public-sector civil engineering work.

This year, 30 active chapter members participated in service projects to benefit the engineering college and the community. These service projects included the continuation of weekly tutoring for undergraduate statics and strength of materials classes. The chapter also held numerous review sessions to aid civil engineering students in their preparation for the FE exam. We also volunteered at the Humane Society and on service projects through the University.

The chapter continued to excel with many new members. Students initiated in the spring semester of 2009 included: Patrick Altendorf, Jennifer Tepper, Amal Abo-Basha, Braden West, Elliott Stiles, Rick Reese, Alan Harder, Bret Robertson, Gauri Gajewar, Sonal Patil and Alexie Andrew. Students initiated in the fall semester of 2009 included (see photo at bottom of previous page): Andrew Dorman, Patricia Doutey, Anna Hoag, Lee Martin, Ricardo Montoya, Steve Robb, Kumar Samant, Elly Towns, Isabella Velasco, Kenny Watts, David Welchel and Jerrod Wilkins. The 2009 officers were: Chelsea Harden, president; Eric Kim, vice-president; Sara Senyondo, secretary; Justin Willis, treasurer; John Hawkins, marshal; and Guillermo Taylor, associate editor. The 2010 officers are: Kirby Hefley, pledge marshal; Guillermo Taylor, associate editor; Ross Stover, president; Anna Hoag, secretary; and Steve Robb, treasurer. Not shown: Elliott Stiles, vice-president. (see photo at right).

Old Dominion University

The Old Dominion University chapter of Chi Epsilon initiated eight new student members on May 15, 2009. Officer elections were held three months later on August 28, 2009. The following members were elected officer positions: Calvin Whealton, president; Christopher Ledlow, vice-president; Xin Wang, secretary; Yanhong Zhao, treasurer; Gregory Howell, associate editor/marshal.

With the assistance of the new officers and the advising XE faculty, the first ever Aneil Kumar Chi Epsilon Scholarship was established. Through the generous donation of Mr. Aneil Kumar, the five hundred dollar scholarship was available to ODU freshman and sophomore students of Chi Epsilon. The officers of the chapter formed the selection committee for the scholarship and selected Erica Aldridge as the recipient. Erika was awarded the 2009 Aneil Kumar Chi Epsilon Scholarship at a ceremony on November 6, 2009. Mr. Kumar presented award.

The chapter officers also organized the appearance of a local guest speaker for GIS day on November 24, 2009. Jon Jones of GeoDecisions lectured on the applications of Geographic Information Systems (GIS). The presentation was open to all engineering students and took place in the Kaufman Engineering building.

Currently, the ODU chapter is planning volunteer work with the South Hampton Roads Habitat for Humanity organization.
University of Pittsburgh

The University of Pittsburgh’s Chi Epsilon chapter ended its 2009 fall semester with a newly elected board. A picture of the upcoming officers is seen to the left. From left to right we have: Greg Smith, treasurer; Geanine Castaldi, associate editor; Brad Harken, vice-president; Kate Kessler, president; Dan Smilowitz, marshal; and Jaren Bailey, secretary. Our ceremony took place on December 4, 2009. We are looking forward to this upcoming year as we have already planned socials and events to get more students involved in Chi Epsilon.

Portland State University

This is the second year Chi Epsilon has been an organization at Portland State University. Current members were inducted into the PSU Chi Epsilon chapter on June 11th at the close of the 2009 spring quarter. A total of twenty undergraduate students were initiated. New inducted members include: Ziyad Al Zamil, Joel Barnett, Olivia Crichlow-Weick, Chengxin Dai, John Dryden, Lucian Giloan, James Harvey, Barbara Hutchins, David Logan, Robert Shneidmiller, Matthew Struck, William Templeton, Vanessa Wells, Andrea Wood, and Xiaowei Wu. Newly inducted members elected officers for the 2009-10 academic year include: Connor Lamb, president; Carl Olson, vice-president; Joel Weakland, secretary/treasurer; Meredith Richards, associate editor; and Cameron Alexander, marshal.

PSU Chi Epsilon chapter members are active in several competitions, such as the ASCE concrete canoe and steel bridge teams. Also, there are several current members directly involved with the ASCE student chapter at PSU. Future plans for the PSU Chi Epsilon chapter include: new member initiation to be concluded by March 2010, development of the PSU Chi Epsilon chapter in community outreach programs, including but not limited to tutoring at k-12 schools, as well as tutoring for current civil engineering students. As a new Chi Epsilon chapter, this chapter continues to develop the foundation for which future members will continue to promote civil engineering through community and university involvement.

Previous officers and current members after the June 11, 2009 induction ceremony are shown in the photo at right.
Purdue University

The Purdue University chapter of Chi Epsilon has had a very eventful year. The chapter held graduate school information sessions each semester to inform prospective graduate students about graduate student life and the various steps involved in the application process. In the spring, Chi Epsilon teamed up with Purdue’s ASCE and Civil Engineering Student Advisory Council to organize a civil engineering date auction that raised money for Relay for Life. Purdue XE also hosted tutoring sessions for students who needed help with their course work. This program is an important part of the Purdue University chapter because members are required to perform three hours of community service per semester to retain active status. In addition, the Purdue chapter organized review sessions for FE examinations. The review sessions were advertised to all engineering students, and sessions were held in the weeks prior to the test covering all of the subject areas. A committee of active members was assembled to recruit professors for the FE review sessions. This was a successful activity and many students benefitted from these reviews.

During the spring semester, the chapter was under the leadership of Steve Lauer, president; Rachael Bisnett, vice-president; Abby Massey, secretary; David Truong, treasurer; Cal Bearman, co-associate editor; Mike Broyles, co-associate editor; Emily Chavez, co-marshall; Rosie Jamieson, co-marshall; Tom Paladino, co-pledge coordinator; David Dallman, co-pledge coordinator; and Danny McPherson, co-pledge coordinator. This spring semester, 40 new members were added to the Purdue University chapter of Chi Epsilon. During the semester, the initiates took part in various activities, such as a retreat, faculty breakfast, community service, and board signing. We concluded the spring semester with an initiation ceremony and banquet. The following people were honored at the banquet: Mr. Ron Klemincic (Chapter Honor Member), Mr. David Truong (Leonard and Margaret Wood Academic and Leadership Scholarship), and Mr. Nam Nguyen (Rosemary K. Burke Outstanding Student, the graduating senior with the highest cumulative GPA).

The fall 2009 semester was led by Cal Bearman, president; Mallory Schaus, vice-president; Eman Sabah, secretary; Brittany Scherer, treasurer; Rosie Jamieson, co-marshall; Jeff Hunter, co-marshall; Katelyn Zollos, co-associate editor; Tom Avram, co-associate editor; Danny McPherson, co-pledge coordinator; and Daniel Ackman, co-pledge coordinator. Professor R.S. Govindaraju, the Christopher B. and Susan S. Burke Professor of Civil Engineering who specializes in Hydraulic and Hydrologic Engineering, has been the Chi Epsilon faculty advisor since fall 2006. About 30 new initiates were honored at the fall initiation banquet and ceremony. The Rosemary K. Burke Outstanding Student award was presented to Eka Linwood, while the Leonard and Margaret Wood Academic and Leadership Scholarship award went to the president of the chapter, Cal Bearman. The Chapter Honor Member for the fall 2009 semester was Dr. Kenneth Price.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute initiated eleven new members in the spring of 2009. New inductees include: Jameson Allen, Scott Altman, Lauren Brown, John Brucker, Matthew Chmura, Adrian Etzel, Andrew Gillis, Meghan Hatton, Jasan LaSasso, Allen Marden, and Jeanne Rice. The newly elected officers are Andrew Gillis, president; Allen Marden, vice-president; Matthew Chmura, marshal; John Brucker, treasurer; Adrian Etzel, secretary; and Lauren Brown, associate editor. Outgoing officers are Ed Pomfred, president; Eric Twomey, vice-president, Alison Kennicutt, treasurer; Sabrina Foster, secretary; and Sophia Stehr, associate editor.

Chapter activities during the spring 2009 semester included organization of FE exam review sessions, which included developing a schedule for the sessions, identifying and soliciting faculty to serve as volunteer instructors, and advertising the sessions. In total, nine review sessions were held with attendance in each session ranging from about 10 – 40 students.
During the fall 2009 semester, the chapter organized an FE exam registration day where students were provided with FE exam registration forms and access to a notary and photographer. This event was successful in that it increased on-campus awareness of the early deadline for the exam and resulted in eighty-six students registering. In addition, during the fall 2009 semester, the chapter hosted an Arup Lecture Webinar on the Hudson River Park/East River waterfront project in New York. The lecture was part of a monthly webinar series presented by Arup and focusing on technical and real-world aspects of ongoing Arup projects. Finally, the chapter participated in the RPI Engineering Fall Fest, a program to welcome freshman to engineering, by meeting with prospective civil engineering students and discussing Chi Epsilon and the criteria for membership.

University of Rhode Island

The University of Rhode Island chapter of Chi Epsilon inducted seven new members on May 1, 2009. The new initiates included: David Caouette, Eric Collette, Christopher Gagnon, Benjamin Lonngren, Matthew Loqa, Rachel Nichols, and Paul Sauco. The following new members took office for the 2009-2010 academic year: Rachel Nichols, president; Matthew Loqa, vice-president; Benjamin Lonngren, secretary; and Paul Sauco, treasurer. The newly elected officers were installed by the following chapter officers of the 2008-2009 academic year: Matthew Ouellette, president; Justin McCoy, vice-president; Tim Thomson, secretary; and Kristen Malakorn, treasurer.

The 2009-2010 administration is striving to expand on goals and objectives set forth from past chapters to foster the growth of Chi Epsilon at the University of Rhode Island. We continue to provide tutoring and mentoring services to our fellow classmates and underclassmen engineering majors. A plan for outreach to secondary schools is being developed along with fellow engineering societies such as the Society of Women Engineers to expand interest and awareness of civil and environmental engineering to younger generations. Also, contacts are being established with local engineering firms to connect our members with professionals upon graduation.

Our head faculty advisor is no longer Dr. Raymond Wright, as he was promoted to the Dean of Engineering and became exceedingly busy. However, Dr. Vinka Craver and Dr. George Tsiatas continue to guide our chapter for the 2009-2010 year. We congratulate our 2009 graduates and look forward to the newest initiates brightening the future of the chapter.

San Jose State University

Over the past year San Jose State University’s Chi Epsilon chapter has been continually upholding the four pillars of Chi Epsilon. Our chapter has continued to find new ways of being active with our local community. The chapter hosts events that draw student members, non-members and alumni. In hosting the events, our chapter is able to keep a social atmosphere. The chapter also finds new ways of contributing to society through community service. This community service helps to build up the character of the members. There are other events and actions that continue to improve our chapter at being practical as well as scholarly. 2009 was another good year for the San Jose State Chi Epsilon chapter.

Character

San Jose State’s Chi Epsilon works with its member to improve the traits of their members to better help out the community. Community service is a very important part of building good character. San Jose State has started to become involved in a group known as Rebuilding Together. They are a community service organization that goes to elderly, disabled and low income people’s houses and helps to maintain the house. The event is typically a full day and involves anything from fixing the roof to repainting the house. This is a great way for Chi
Epsilon students to give back to a part of community that can always use help. Hopefully our students will be able to continue this trend and help out when they graduate. Over the last year, San Jose State has been able to attend two different Rebuilding Together events and make a difference in the local community. Another event that our current president is working on getting started is adopting a creek for our chapter. This will be a great way for our chapter to give back to the community and teach our members easy ways of remaining in service.

Practicality

In 2009 San Jose State’s Chi Epsilon chapter helped out with the University’s open house. This open house is a way for the College of Engineering to draw high school students to our field. The day typically consists of showing high school students what a civil engineer would learn about in college. As you can see to the left, we have a good picture of our current president, Christian Anzelde showing students how to operate a flume.

These events help to remind our members that not everyone knows what being an engineer entails. This helps to keep us practical about the way we talk to people outside of the civil engineering field. One initiate requirement that we continue every semester is the attendance and participation in this event. There are other events that help to uphold our practicality but this is a great event to keep us practical.

Scholarship

Scholarship is probably one of the more important pillars for an honor society. To be invited to join Chi Epsilon you must have good grades. San Jose State recognizes that and utilizes that asset to their advantage. Four days a week on campus the San Jose State chapter hosts a tutoring session for the structures classes. This tutoring session include classes such as statics, mechanics of materials and structural mechanics. Students from these classes that our struggling will come to these sessions and our members will help them with their questions. The tutoring sessions help to reduce the amount of time the professor needs to spend with the individual student and helps the member review the basics of structures.

San Jose State’s Chi Epsilon chapter also helps students out in passing the FE exam. The FE, of course, is very important to an engineer that hopes to design in the future. The test is very tough, and engineers can study up to three months for the exam. The San Jose State chapter owns some FE manuals and loans them out the students. The chapter also orders books for students that would like them. For this last FE exam, the members of the chapter hosted a review. The chapter does not know of the results of the test but hopes that the review session helped some students pass.

Sociability

This year both San Jose State and UC Berkeley were able to get together and have an event. The two chapters met together at Sky High Sports in Santa Clara for trampoline dodge ball (see photo at right). This event was a great way to meet with other Chi Epsilon members from other chapters. In a typical year, we only see these members at the Pacific District Conference. Our chapter hopes to keep this up and make it an annual event.
San Jose State again held the pasta feed. This event is a great way for our chapter to fundraise and helps to pay for the members to go to the Pacific Conference. Every year the initiates have to go out and find five people to buy their tickets to the pasta feed. This typically means that the initiates have to go and find non-members to come to the event. A new tradition that is starting is the initiate icebreaker. This event is held at the bowling alley on San Jose State’s campus. Members, initiates, and non-members come and have a fun time bowling and socializing. The San Jose State chapter is continually looking for more ways to be social.

Alumni

The unofficial fifth pillar of Chi Epsilon is very important to the San Jose State chapter. This past May, the chapter was able to host the third annual alumni dinner. This event was hosted after the initiation ceremony so alumni could attend the ceremony. The event went very well and will be continued. San Jose State is also trying to find alumni who have performed exemplary in their respective field and attain more Honor Members for the chapter. The alumni representative is continually acting toward attaining more Honor Members. Alumni are a very important part of the San Jose State chapter and attend meetings as well as the social events.

The San Jose State Chi Epsilon chapter has been very active in upholding the four pillars of Chi Epsilon. This year the chapter will be bringing 25 members and initiates to the Pacific District Conference as well as a few alumni. In 2009 our chapter initiated 21 new members in the spring and 7 new members in the fall. The chapter continues to grow and as the active members graduate they become active alumni. 2009 was another successful year for the chapter and 2010 should not be any different.

South Dakota State

The South Dakota State University chapter of Chi Epsilon is proud to announce the initiation of 10 new members in 2009. The following new members were added to the chapter in the spring of 2009: Jason Garder, Jeanna Schierholz, and Brock Heying.

The following new members were added to the chapter in the fall of 2009: Amy Gessner, Joe Frankl, Krista May, Kristen Wiles, Samuel Johnson, Trevor Pence, and Tyler Soulek.

In the fall semester of 2009, we also elected the new officers for the 2010 academic year. The new officers of 2010 include: Jason Garder, president; Trevor Pence, vice-president; Amy Gessner, secretary/treasurer; and Kristen Wiles, marshal/associate editor (see photo at left).

The outgoing officers of 2009 include: Brooke Postma, president; Stephanie Peters, vice-president; Brittany Stephans, secretary/treasurer; and Jessica Heine, marshal/associate editor.

We would like to thank the outgoing officers for a job well done, and we would like to wish the graduating members the best of luck with their future endeavors. Dr. Chris Schmit will continue to act as the faculty advisor for the 2010 spring and fall semesters.

The SDSU chapter organized and provided tutoring sessions for underclassmen in the following disciplines: surveying, statics, and mechanics of materials. The Chi Epsilon chapter also assists the ASCE student chapter with the steel bridge, concrete canoe, community service, and many other projects. In addition, the chapter sends members to take part in Ready, Set, Go! and GEMS - Girls in Engineering, Mathematics, and Science.
We also send members to the engineering phone-a-thon, which is a big fundraiser for the College of Engineering.

The chapter is currently recruiting new initiates for spring 2010 and planning social activities to get to know them. The South Dakota State University chapter looks forward to another exciting and productive year.

Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville

The Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville chapter of Chi Epsilon is proud to recognize its new members initiated in the spring of 2009: Sarah Bailey, Ric Cooper, Star Fowler, Joseph Heger, Samuel McShane, Laura Niemeyer, Jeffrey Olson, Shane Richardson, Franklin Sharpe, Bryce Whitworth, and Trisha Youngquist. The newly elected officers for the 2009-2010 academic year include: Shane Richardson, president; Laura Niemeyer, vice president; Franklin Sharpe, treasurer; Bryce Whitworth, secretary; Brian Schuh, associate editor; and Samuel McShane, marshal. The chapter is currently in the process of selecting new members to initiate in spring of 2010. The chapter would also like to thank the 2008-2009 officers for their devotion and smooth transition. The 2008-2009 officers are as follows: Joshua Verdught, president; Brian Schuh, vice president; Kyle Arentsen, treasurer; John Matzke, secretary; Rachel Ernst, associate editor; and David Richter, marshal.

During the fall semester of 2009, the SIUE chapter organized FE review sessions. These sessions were open to current SIUE students and outside professionals. The sale of review manuals and other review material served as the primary fundraiser for the chapter. The organization will use the profits from the fundraiser to send delegates to the biennial conclave.

The chapter would like to extend its gratitude to the faculty advisor, Dr. Nader Panahshahi for all of his assistance and support.

Stevens Institute of Technology

This past year has been very exciting for the Stevens Institute of Technology chapter. During the spring of 2009, two new members were inducted. The Stevens chapter also had the opportunity to host Mr. Richard Bartholomew. Mr. Bartholomew is a professor at the University of Pennsylvania. He also works for Wallace Roberts Todd as an expert in urban development. Mr. Bartholomew presented on urban development and was available to answer any questions that any students had.

During the fall of 2009, the Stevens Institute of Technology chapter has had continued success. Andrea Giorgi-Bocker, chief engineer of the George Washington Bridge, invited our chapter to take a tour of the bridge. Miss Giorgi-Bocker is one of our Chapter Honor Members for 2007. The tour of the bridge gave us an opportunity to see some behind the scenes engineering of the bridge, as well as learn about the history behind the design. The Stevens chapter is looking forward to the next spring, where we are sure to induct more members and continue to grow.

Syracuse University

Chi Epsilon members have been getting back into the swing of things this semester at Syracuse University. On December 2, 2009, they were honored to initiate 17 new members. These students have excelled in their
coursework the past 2 to 3 years. They have proven themselves to be not only hard working, but active leaders as well. These new members were very excited to become members of such a prestigious group of students. The initiation ceremony and dinner was enjoyable for all (see photo at right).

Many of the members, old and new, have been very busy with events related to civil and environmental engineering. The members of SU’s chapter of Chi Epsilon worked with Professor Samuel P. Clemence, who became a Chapter Honor Member one year ago, to recruit and inform students about the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at SU. A few of the members returned this semester after spending time in Dubai, where they were fortunate enough to study abroad and work for the Dubai Contracting Company. A number of members, who are also involved with Engineers Without Borders, have been working on designing a kitchen/dining area that will be built for an orphanage located in Kenya. Other activities that members have participated in recently are Adopt-a-Street, Build ‘Em and Bust ‘Em bridge building contest, Habitat for Humanity’s Shack-a-Thon, the 350.org event, and many more.

Soon enough the new members will be meeting with the current officers to vote for new officers, who will take over next year. Overall, it has been a very exciting semester at Syracuse University for the members of Chi Epsilon, and there is no doubt that next semester will be the same.

University of Tennessee

The year 2009 has marked Chi Epsilon’s University of Tennessee with growth and productivity. This year we have initiated the following people: Zachary Boswell, Harrison Boyd, Justin Bryan, Ben Graves III, John Greer, Aaron Hanks, Marianne Hutson, Taylor Korth, Parker Mink, Christopher Rolison, Jordan Rudolph, Whit Shofner, Timothy Stephens, Benjamin Strength, Duncan Adrian, Hamilton DeBlois, Joshua Freerichs, James Geren, Christopher Kahner, Jeremy Mefford, Eric Neuhaus, Richard Ohlgren, Ethan Poole, and Steven Watson.

Additionally, the following members have been elected as officers: Logan Colbert, president; Jessica Davis, vice-president; Duncan Adrian, secretary/treasurer; Eric Neuhaus, marshal; and Joshua Freerichs, associate editor. These officers, along with the rest of the chapter, extend a warm farewell and best wishes to the endeavors of the outgoing officers: Amanda Bowen, president; Zara Hoch, vice-president; Kevin Fix, secretary/treasurer; Alan Grissom, marshal; and Craig Bowers, associate editor.
In addition to growing, our chapter was also productive. We worked hand in hand with our local ASCE chapter on several community service projects (see photo at bottom of last page). We built a wilderness staircase in Stinging Creek Falls National Park. Also, we did the landscaping and foundation work for a sculpture for the Knox County Juvenile Court House.

As we look on to this coming year, we hope and plan to continue and improve on our growth and productivity.

University of Texas - Arlington

The Chi Epsilon chapter at the University of Texas at Arlington is always striving to enhance the civil engineering department. This year’s major activities included the initiation of the new Chapter Honor Member, Joe Lundy. The initiation was held November 20, 2009.

Other chapter activities included the initiate voting on September 30, 2009. The Candidate Meeting occurred on October 12, 2009. The Pizza Party was held on October 26, 2009. The initiation ceremony and banquet was held on November 20, 2009. These activities and events led to the successful end of spring semester of 2009.

The current officers for Spring 2009 were: Taileah Hunter, president; Lynn Lambert, vice-president; Sabino Martin, marshal; Sam Heidema, treasurer; Michel Jeremy Hutcheson, secretary; and Rachael Williams, associate editor. For spring 2009, the newly elected officers are Priya Lad, president; Rachael Williams, vice-president, Salim Mayberry, secretary; and Cade Winters, associate editor.

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Andrew Kruzic, Joe Lundy, faculty members, and all the Chi Epsilon members who attend.

University of Texas

2009 was an excellent year for the University of Texas chapter Of Chi Epsilon. Eleven new members were recruited in the spring, and twenty-three were recruited in the fall. The officers for spring 2009 were Alix Broadfoot, president; Andrew Hart, vice-president; Saamiya Seraj, secretary; Eliud Buenrostro, marshal; Bryan Staffel, treasurer; Eliot Meyer, historian/webmaster; Tyler Grote, SEC representative/associate editor; and Arthur Leung, ASCE representative. The officers elected for fall 2009 are Saamiya Seraj, president; Kevin Moyer, vice-president; Anna Tachau, secretary; Eliud Buenrostro, marshal; Eliot Meyer, treasurer; Bregger Garrison, historian/webmaster; Dong Song, SEC representative/associate editor; and Angel Descomps, ASCE representative. Dr. Lynn Katz was our faculty advisor for the whole year and will continue to be so in the future.

We are very proud of our outgoing officers: President Saamiya Seraj and Treasurer Eliot Meyer.
The UT chapter of Chi Epsilon volunteered at numerous events throughout the year. In the spring of 2009, we volunteered at Texas Society of Professional Engineers’ Math Counts competition, serving as graders for the exams. We also participated in “Introduce a Girl to Engineering” day, and Explore UT, a campus wide open house for prospective longhorns.

In the fall of 2009, we volunteered as peer advisors for fellow engineers during registration. Also, we started the “green project” in fall, which aims to raise environmental awareness and promote sustainability and conservation in the Engineering School of UT. We made posters and a display robot out of recycled materials which carry messages that discourage the wastage of paper in our computer labs (see photos above and at bottom of last page). Also we participated in Student Engineering Council’s cheap lunch program where we sold lunches to engineers of UT.

Our chapter is also very sociable. We went bowling together with the new initiates, had a game night with the Architectural Honor Society, and had a modest initiation party at a restaurant near our campus. Also, we have attended firesides at the residences of Dr. Chandra Bhat, Dr. Maria Junger, and Dr. Oguzhan Bayrak. We got together to update our display case in the engineering building and to decorate the traditional t-square that graduating seniors sign. And, for the first time in semesters, we made official UT Chi Epsilon T-shirts.

The new elected officers for spring 2010 are: Anna Tachau, president; Dong Song, secretary; Karen Osegueda, vice-president; Eluid Buenrostro, marshal; Bregger Garrison, treasurer; Margaret Cook, SEC rep/associate editor; Matt Pool, historian; and Angel Descomps, ASCE representative.

The UT chapter of Chi Epsilon volunteered at numerous events throughout the year. In the spring of 2009, we volunteered at Texas Society of Professional Engineers’ Math Counts competition, serving as graders for the exams. We also participated in “Introduce a Girl to Engineering” day, and Explore UT, a campus wide open house for prospective longhorns.

In the fall of 2009, we volunteered as peer advisors for fellow engineers during registration. Also, we started the “green project” in fall, which aims to raise environmental awareness and promote sustainability and conservation in the Engineering School of UT. We made posters and a display robot out of recycled materials which carry messages that discourage the wastage of paper in our computer labs (see photos above and at bottom of last page). Also we participated in Student Engineering Council’s cheap lunch program where we sold lunches to engineers of UT.

Our chapter is also very sociable. We went bowling together with the new initiates, had a game night with the Architectural Honor Society, and had a modest initiation party at a restaurant near our campus. Also, we have attended firesides at the residences of Dr. Chandra Bhat, Dr. Maria Junger, and Dr. Oguzhan Bayrak. We got together to update our display case in the engineering building and to decorate the traditional t-square that graduating seniors sign. And, for the first time in semesters, we made official UT Chi Epsilon T-shirts.

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The University of Texas – El Paso (UTEP) chapter continued to expand by initiating a very select group of students in the fall and spring semesters. As part of the spring 2008 initiation ceremony, officer elections were held for positions in the 2008-2009 school year. These elected officers were: Marilyn Valdez, president; Carlos Duran, vice-president; Joseph Piñon, secretary; Alberto Hernandez, treasurer; Colleen Martindale, associate editor; and Gabriel A. Valdez, marshal. These officers, assisted by our faculty advisor, Dr. Charles Turner initiated the following eleven student members for the fall of 2008 on December 13th (see photo at right): Grisel Arizpe, Crystal Arellano, Ruben Contreras, Carlos Fuentes, Brian Ibarra, Jessica Jimenez, Toni-Gaye McCulloch, Roman Rios, Philip Romike, Fernando Sanchez, and Gustavo Sosa. On May 2, 2009, for the spring semester, the same class of officers, accompanied by faculty member Dr. Carlos Chang inducted the following thirteen student members (see photo at left): Martin Carranza, Sergio Delgado, Luis Galicia, Miriam Garcia, Ruth Garcia, Gabriela Leyva, Jessica Luna, Luis Maldonado, Alejandra Marco, Manuel Palma, Alfredo Rivera, Daniel Rodriguez, and Cynthia Zuniga. At the completion of the
initiation, officers for the 2009-2010 school year were elected. These new officers are: Marilyn Valdez, president; Carlos Duran, vice-president; Joseph Piñon, secretary; Jorge A. Martinez, treasurer; Alejandra Marco Chavez, associate editor; and Gabriel A. Valdez, marshal.

Throughout the school year, the officers and membership strived to increase community involvement through service and educational outreach. Chi Epsilon participated in several charitable donation drives, including the donation of toys for underprivileged children (“Toys for Tots”) and a canned-food drive for shelters in our sister city, Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. Members volunteered two Saturdays in November (Nov. 22 and Nov. 29) to work on a Habitat for Humanity project. Chi Epsilon partnered with the local comedy club, the Comic Strip to fundraiser for the organization by selling tickets and manning a concession stand. Students volunteered with Candlelighters by mentoring cancer patients while their parents received counseling, assisting with their Valentine’s Day party and attending volunteer workshops. For Valentine’s Day in 2009, students reached out to their professors with small gifts for “Befriend a Professor.” Chi Epsilon hosted and assisted with preparations for the fall 2008 and spring 2009 civil engineering senior banquet. Moreover, members assisted with the civil engineering alumni luncheon that the university hosts each year. In celebration of Earth Day on April 22, 2009, members distributed compact fluorescent light bulbs as well as informational pamphlets that members created about the benefits of the light bulbs to low income neighborhoods near the university. Some members were featured on Univision channel 26 evening news. The organization will work on creating a website under the university’s server. All year long, the chapter hosted officer’s and general meetings to plan for all of the aforementioned activities and initiations. Chi Epsilon will continue its involvement in the community and continue to increase its prestige on campus.

Vanderbilt University

The 2009 calendar year proved to be another productive year for the Vanderbilt University chapter of Chi Epsilon. The officer transition occurred seamlessly at the spring 2009 initiation ceremony, which inducted the then recently eligible candidate Bryan Adams. The officers who have served and continue to serve this year are as follows: Micah O’Hare, president; Lauren Ramsey, vice-president; Loren Vidnovic, marshal; Erin Kersh, treasurer; Bryan Kirk, secretary; and Hafiz Ghazali, associate editor. The other active undergraduate members of Chi Epsilon after the spring 2009 initiation are Amy Shaw, Bryan Adams, Joshua Mullins, Malcolm White, and Donald Porter Williams.

This chapter is partnering with the Vanderbilt chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) for service opportunities, which include volun-
teering with Nashville Tools for Schools.

Recently the Vanderbilt chapter of Chi Epsilon held its fall 2009 initiation, which initiated one of its largest groups of initiates (see photo at bottom of last page). Our chapter initiated the following 15 undergraduates: Catherine Newman, Paul Marshall Ticer, Sean Fitzpatrick, Dylan Bunch, Courtney Rhodes, Patrick McEnery, John Bellinger, Nicholas Brunson, Ashley Bekerman, Christopher Oben, Lucas Muller, Julia Litchford, Jamie Kaplan, Nathan Wright, and Ross Muirhead. Our chapter was also honored to elevate Dr. Curtis David Byers of Structural Design Group to Chapter Honor Member for his multi-faceted service to our Civil Engineering Department. Our chapter further thanks its faculty advisor, Dr. Eugene Leboeuf for his continued support for and guidance of the chapter.

University of Washington

The University of Washington chapter of Chi Epsilon is proud to announce that seventeen new members were initiated on April 10, 2009. These new members are: Derek Van De Wege, Desyanti Prasetyo, Dian S. Sugialam, Lorne Arnold, Dina Georgiu, Erica Wygonik, Geoffrey Morgan, Shraddhanand Shukla, Melysa Nagamine, Candice Au-Yeung, Kris McArthur, Roger Spotts, Mohamed Ghanem, Shaun Bevan, Jian Shi, and Kael Martin.

The newly elected officers for the 2009-2010 academic year are: Erica Wygonik, president; Lorne Arnold, vice-president; Shrad Shukla, secretary/treasurer; Derek Van De Wege, marshal; and Kris McArthur, associate editor. Dr. Alexander Horner-Devine continues to serve as the chapter faculty advisor.

The outgoing officers that served during the 2008-2009 academic year were: Chris Masek, president; Jie Sheng, vice-president; Ed Rockwell, secretary; Mark Maurer, treasurer; Jingjuan Li, marshal; and Kasey Faust, associate editor. The chapter also elevated Prof. Robert Dean Holtz II as the Chapter Honor Member.

We traditionally contribute significantly to the annual engineering open house at the University of Washington which introduces and encourages kids to become involved in engineering, but as this event was not celebrated in 2008-2009, we directed our efforts elsewhere. We actively represent our department within and outside of the academic community, welcoming guests and serving our community. Many of our members worked with Habitat for Humanity on a project in Snoqualmie Ridge. Our members have helped with prospective graduate student visit day in March, the graduate and undergraduate student orientations in September. We also had members participate in the local popsicle stick bridge contest for high school students, as well as mentor middle school students, both designed to foster interest in sciences and engineering. Our chapter looks forward to developing on-going relationships with the local Habitat-for-Humanity effort and stream restoration projects. We will continue to reach out to undergraduate and graduate students to encourage more involvement in the chapter.

We are optimistic about the direction and future of our chapter. Our goal is to make a difference on campus, in our community, and in the civil engineering profession.

University of Wisconsin - Platteville

This year has seen much change at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Chi Epsilon chapter. New officers were installed at the spring initiation. These included: Shannon Kyle, president; Karl Krueger, vice-president; Lee Gourley, secretary; William McElroy, treasurer; Kevin Hankes, marshal; and Christine Pitzen, associate editor (see photo at left). Many new members were also inducted into our group. Spring 2009 initiates include: Aaron Breitenfeldt, Brian Geier, Lee Gourley, Corey Kronser, Shannon Kyle, William McElroy, Joshua Melby, Jason Schweitzer, and Benjamin Stanfley.
Fall 2009 initiates include: Andrew Beach, Alex Boechler, Brian Dressler, Benjamin Mathies, Darin Peetz, Dylan Raes, Matthew Regnier, Jared Rude, Bradley Schmidt, James Shannon, Brandon Sloan, Andrew Stehn, Angela Teeters, Christopher Waldron, and Peter Wykhuis.

Chi Epsilon’s traditional graduation brunch is still going strong. The graduation brunch treats graduating seniors and their families to a delicious buffet prepared by the members of Chi Epsilon.

In a continuing effort for our chapter to encourage sociability, a kickball game was played against the mechanical engineering honor society on campus.