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This year’s induction ceremony was held in September 2012, where thirteen undergraduate and four graduate student members joined the UAB Chi Epsilon chapter. The newly elected officers for the coming year are: Richard Gallahar, president; R. Blake Greene, vice-president; Kelly Hartline, treasurer; James Graves, secretary; Michael Watson, associate editor; Nolan Jones, marshal; and Dr. Talat Salama as the faculty advisor. (see photo of ceremony at right)

UAB Chi Epsilon chapter members are active in numerous services and competitions such as organizing tutoring sessions for undergraduate sophomore engineering students and participating in the ASCE Concrete Canoe competition and the Engineering School Open House 3-day event for high school students.

**University of Arkansas**

The year 2012 was very successful for the chapter of Chi Epsilon at the University of Arkansas. The spring semester’s officers were Andy Blankenship, president; Amanda Crosby, vice-president; Sean Salazar, secretary; Anna Keogh, marshal; Anna Troutman, associate editor; and Maranda Guinn, event chair. Dr. Norman Dennis served as faculty advisor again this year.

In the spring, 7 new members were initiated. Each initiate was required to construct a Chi Epsilon board and participate in a community service project. Both initiates and members of Chi Epsilon partnered with the U of A ASCE chapter for the Claber Creek Restoration project in Fayetteville, AR to help clear the creek of invading species and plant new trees in the area. (see photo at left)

In the fall, 10 members were initiated. In addition to constructing a Chi Epsilon board, initiates were required to complete community service hours. Members were invited to help and several were involved in the projects as well. One of the projects involved the design and construction of the new steel statue that will be placed outside of the John A. White Jr. Engineering Hall at the University of Arkansas. The chapter of Chi Epsilon also partnered with ASCE to perform a creek cleanup. Members and initiates helped rid Hamestring Creek in Fayetteville, AR of large amounts of trash and litter.

This year, our chapter sold Chi Epsilon t-shirts to members and
new initiates. The chapter also partnered with Qdoba Mexican Grill in Fayetteville, AR; both fundraising events were a success.

This fall, the following new officers were elected: **Jonathan Kerby**, president; **Chase Henrichs**, vice-president; **Sadie Smith**, treasurer; and **Jennifer Holmes**, marshal. **Dr. Norman Dennis** continues to serve as faculty advisor. This year has been a very eventful one for the Arkansas chapter of Chi Epsilon and we are looking forward to accomplishing another successful year in 2013.

### Auburn University

The Auburn University chapter of Chi Epsilon had an outstanding year in 2012, growing in number and accomplishment. The new officers elected in April 2012, were **Carrie Field**, president; **Zach Skinner**, vice-president; **Ashten Shiver**, secretary; **Anthony Consunji**, treasurer; **Ashley Barnes**, associate editor; and **Clayton Smith**, marshal. These officers welcomed the eleven members initiated this past fall semester. (see photo at right) The former officers inducted nine members in the spring. **Dr. Robert Barnes** continued to serve as faculty advisor.

The chapter continued its organization of review sessions for the FE Exam. Our chapter started these review sessions in 2003, 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 encouragement and assistance of the following faculty members: **Dr. Robert Barnes**, **Dr. Brian Anderson**, **Dr. Jose Vasconselos**, **Dr. Rod Turochy**, **Dr. Abhijeet Deshpande**, **Dr. David Timm**, **Dr. Clifford Lange**, and **Blake Webster**. We look forward to continuing and improving this service.

The new initiates this year were required to participate in a service project. In February, Chi Epsilon welcomed high school students visiting Auburn on an engineering recruitment day (E-Day), and showed the students some of the engineering facilities and research at Auburn. Another service project that took place this past October was at Drake Middle School. Members of our chapter participated in an Engineering Exhibition, where we represented civil engineering and talked to different groups of 7th grade students.

We sent 5 delegates to the XE Conclave in Los Angeles last spring. **Curry Stevenson** and **Grant Martin** received National Chi Epsilon scholarships. Another member, **Pete Glanton**, has been selected to serve as the marshal for the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering during the fall 2012 commencement.
Members took on the chapter’s commitment to sociability. The chapter held two dinners to honor our fall and spring initiates, as well as a cookout at the home of our advisor in the spring of 2012. Another cookout will be taking place November 30th of this year. We look forward to another exciting and successful year in 2013!

Bradley University

The society continues to grow, and on September 26th, 2012, eleven new members were initiated into the Chi-Epsilon society. These members were: **Krizia Juarez, Erik Larson, Derik Leary, Raciel Ocampo, Perren Palpant, Philip Reid, Christa Schnell, Emmanuel Suarez, Dane Watson, Erin Westerby**, and **Justin Willett**. The elected officers for the 2012-2013 school year are **Patricia White**, president; **James Sapp**, vice-president; **Matthew Thomas**, secretary/treasurer; **Derik Leary**, associate editor; and **Christopher Ott**, marshal. **Dr. Robert Fuessel** has been the faculty advisor of this chapter for the last 4 years

Chi Epsilon at Bradley is currently working to be more involved in academics, service, and the community. It has participated in a wide variety of projects in years past, including the annual Bridge-Pal competition, an event held for young students in the central Illinois area. Bridge-Pal teaches young students about simple engineering techniques and sparks an interest in the engineering field. We also host study sessions for the FE Exam. This exam can be a major stressor for engineering students, but Chi Epsilon holds sessions in which students can study together in a non-stressful environment.

During the end of fall 2011, the student’s engineering knowledge was put to a creative and fun test when it participated in a gingerbread building competition. This event was held by CASA of Peoria, an organization that helps provide court advocacy for abused and neglected children. Chi Epsilon’s participation and financial contribution helped support this local charity. In the spring, Chi Epsilon invited **Dave Brinker, PE, SE**, from Rohn Products to talk to students about Structural Engineering for Wind Energy Structures. This presentation was open to all engineering students, and exposed students to a growing sustainable industry that will become vital in the years to come.

During the spring of 2012, **Christopher Bulak** and **Patricia White** were fortunate enough to be able to represent the Bradley University chapter of Chi Epsilon at the 42nd Biennium National Conclave in Los Angeles, California. Representatives of the 130 active chapters came together to make any changes to the National Chi Epsilon constitution and bylaws, interact with other chapters, and learn more effective ways for the chapters to stay active. There were fun socializing activities, many speakers, and tours of civil engineering projects across Los Angeles. This was a great learning opportunity for Chi Epsilon.
The executive officers of Bradley University’s Chi Epsilon chapter have agreed the society has done impressive things in the past with the future looking more promising. Chi Epsilon plans to contribute more to the community through volunteer work and it would not be a success without the help of Dr. Amir Al-Khafaji, Dr. Robert Fuessle, and the current Bradley University members.

**University of California at Berkeley**

The student chapter of Chi Epsilon at the University of California at Berkeley has been active and successful during the year of 2012. Eighteen new members were initiated into the chapter. Nine were initiated in the spring, and nine in the fall. With the help of faculty advisor Michael Riemer and undergraduate advisor Joan Chamberlain, the Berkeley chapter expanded its services to the Berkeley civil engineering students and to the local community.

In the spring 2012 semester, under the leadership of chapter president, Sabrina Hodali, the officer team organized a variety of activities for both members and initiates to demonstrate the four pillars of Chi Epsilon. Initiates and members of the chapter volunteered at several places in the Berkeley community such as Sausal Creek to help with protecting local species in the Berkeley hills. During the open house event at CalDay, members had an opportunity to show prospective students the Civil Engineering Department at Berkeley and how the profession of civil engineering plays an important role in the society. Chi Epsilon hosted study halls for students in the civil department and midterm review sessions for lower division classes to help students in academic studies. Chi Epsilon also encouraged students to participate in career fairs and informational sessions with industry professionals. Besides scholarship, character, and practicality, sociability was promoted by social events including a bowling competition, a barbecue at marina, and the traditional dinner at Fenton’s Creamery, etc. (see photo at left)

In the fall 2012 semester, the officer team led by Andreanna Tzortzis had not only kept the popular and beneficial events from the past but also arranged new events. Members participated in ‘peer advising’ nights to help new students adjust schedules and choose a field of emphasis. Social activities such as yoga exercise and jam sessions were held to enjoy free time with other Chi Epsilon members and initiates. For the pledge project, to demonstrate creativity and collaboration, initiates were asked to design and fabricate boomerangs in groups, and compete against each other. Many Chi Epsilon members and initiates also participated in the Berkeley Project together with students from other organizations as well.
as local community members for a better living environment in the City of Berkeley. (see photo at right)

In December, George Greer was elected to be the next chapter president with a mission to continue the growth of the Berkeley chapter and reach out to local alumni. We encourage alumni to keep in touch with us for the strength of the Chi Epsilon community. For more detailed information about the Berkeley chapter, please visit our website at xe.berkeley.edu.

California State Polytechnic University at Pomona

The Chi Epsilon chapter at California State Polytechnic University Pomona (CPP) is proudly represented and led by the current officers pictured to the left (listed from top left to bottom right) for the 2012-2013 academic year: Eddie Vega, president; Adrian Rodriguez, vice-president; Chandni Patel, secretary; Jesse Morton, treasurer; Wen Cheng, faculty advisor; Patricia Hsia, marshal; Nicole Baca, associate editor; Shannon Tynan, corporate relations chair; and Anthony Phan, webmaster.

At the end of the previous academic year, we initiated 40 members through our last initiation ceremony on April 21, 2012 and some during the National Conclave. This year, we have 34 outstanding initiates qualified to become members during the initiation ceremony on April 21, 2013. During this ceremony, our chapter will reach over 1000 members since our start in 1982.

Our chapter is continually strengthening all four Chi Epsilon pillars through various events and projects. Our first annual “Paint the CPP Letters” event, where we painted the large school letters in purple and white displayed on a hill next to campus, demonstrated sociability by bringing our members and initiates together and proudly representing our chapter’s pride. We demonstrated all four pillars by winning the Pacific District Cup during the 25th Pacific District Conference on November 11, 2012, (see photo at right). We plan to continue providing beneficial opportunities and learning experiences for our chapter this year by hosting events such as our upcoming 13th annual Civil Engineering Job Fair on February 28, 2013.
Over the past year, our chapter has seen improved growth and participation. Our most recent pledge class included a total of 39 new initiates. We have continued to host several of our popular social events, including annual trips to local barbecue restaurants including Jaco’s and Big Bubbas, where our chapter members enjoyed a memorable ride on their mechanical bull. (see photo at left) Our chapter has also made an effort to broaden our member’s exposure to other clubs on campus by collaborating with ASCE and SWE for social events like beach bonfires and community service events like Build An Engineer Day. We have made efforts to broaden sociability within the club, starting a fantasy basketball league amongst the officers.

Thirteen of our members and our faculty advisor attended the Pacific District Conference in California State University, Long Beach in November, 2012. (see photo at right) We had the opportunity to meet and learn from the other Chi Epsilon chapters in our district. During the weekend, our district chapters made steps to create more collaboration and communication between each other for the betterment of all of our members.

Our chapter has made an effort to bring in more industry speakers and informational talks for the benefit of our members. We have been fortunate enough to have company representatives visit us from KPFF Consulting and Kiewit. These informational talks regarded expectations between moving from a school environment to the professional world and a historical perspective on the 75th anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge.

We have continued to hold our bi-annual FE review sessions as a large fundraiser for our members. These sessions have successfully supported our university’s high passage rate for the FE, a trend we hope to continue. As our primary fundraiser, this event has allowed our chapter to hold several social and community service events that help us maintain high retention rates amongst our members.

Our chapter’s current officers are as follows: Thomas Wukadinovich, president; Kari Johnson, vice-president; Collette L’Heureux, treasurer; Katrina Watkins, secretary; Brian Austin, associate editor and ESC representative; Sean Carney and Michael Hiebert, marshals; Shawn Rainey and Marc Codega, community service officers; Alex Alaura Reyes and Alex Kwok, event coordinators; and Evan Grey, webmaster. They will serve through winter quarter of 2013. Our chapter continues to be overseen by our faculty advisor, Dr. Charles Chadwell.
This year of 2012 was a breakthrough for the Chi Epsilon CSU, Fresno chapter. The beginning of the year started off with 4 active members which were all officers. Member retention has been a big obstacle for the chapter to stand strong. However, with the confidence and motivation of the officers, everyone was determined to recruit and initiate more than 4 members. By the end of the spring semester, 14 initiates participated during the initiation. (see photo above left) For the fall semester, 10 initiates participated in the initiation. (see photo at right) Now, we have over 25 members in the organization who are ready to make New Year’s resolutions for the CSU, Fresno chapter. During the spring, we held a bowling and billiards night for our social event. The members were also required to do community service, and as a group we volunteered for Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement, which in total we had over 350 hours. We hold a general meeting twice a month to inform the students and our advisor what the upcoming events are within the organization. There is also an officers’ meeting twice a month. The new officers for the year 2013 are Omar Mostafa, president; Seyla Ros, vice-president; Jason Staicer, treasurer; Anthony Cemo, secretary; Max Montellano, associate editor; and faculty advisor, Fariborz Tehrani.

California State University at Long Beach

This past year for the CSULB chapter of Chi Epsilon has been one of success, revitalization, and growth. This trend was carried over into the selection of our new members. Our spring class initiated 6 talented new members and 6 more initiated this fall semester. During our spring semester initiation, we elected our new officers, with Jennifer Prause as our president; Anthony Dombrowski, vice-president; Jamie Zabel, secretary; Matthew Burris, marshal; Matthew Burris, associate editor; Tamara Hashimoto, treasurer; Matt Walsh, web master; and Eric Pinard, Associated Engineering Student Body representative. (see photo above) Our chapter is fortunate to continue under the leadership of Dr. Antonella Sciorinto, whose attention to detail and constant motivation has helped with everything from academic counseling to internship application.
This year the CSULB chapter hosted the 25th Annual Pacific District Conference. (see photo at right) The guest of honor at the Conference was The National ASCE President Gregory DiLoreto. All 13 chapters were in attendance, as well as a guest chapter of Chi Epsilon from California State University, Fullerton, who are in the process of becoming an official chapter. During the conference, the chapters of Chi Epsilon toured the Aquarium of the Pacific in downtown Long Beach as well as participating in the quiz bowl and games like life-sized Angry Birds. Points were awarded to each chapter for competing in events, and the winner of the Pacific District Cup was the California State Polytechnic University at Pomona.

Two of our members, Jacob Heinrich and Sabrina Rivera, won the Orange County ASCE Branch Achievement Award and Scholarship. The chapter has continued its annual tradition of hosting FE review sessions previous to the exam, open to all students. Our program was met with much support and enthusiasm, which further has helped to grow the chapter’s presence on campus. The CSULB chapter of Chi Epsilon is committed to the continued growth and development of our chapter as a team, and the personal and professional development of the members who comprise it.

California State University at Los Angeles

The California State University, Los Angeles chapter of Chi Epsilon had a great academic year. We initiated twelve new members and welcomed into the chapter six new officers that were elected. Fall 2012 initiates: Salman Ahmed, Reyes A. Cervantes, Alanna Dedek, Gennelle Dedek, Anton Gunnarsson, Rene Malan, Celeste A. Morris, Frankie Anthony Padilla, Jose D. Quiroz, Christian Varela, Jordan Vazquez, David Wong. (see photo at top left) Fall 2012 officers: George Hernandez, president; Virginia Estrada, vice-president; Rene Malan, secretary; Miguel Soto, treasurer; Jordan Vazquez, marshal; and Sam Fusen Guan, associate editor. (see photo at right)

Throughout the 2011-2012 academic year, the chapter held bi-weekly meetings and conducted several activities. This year, the chapter aimed at becoming more recognized, so Chi
Epsilon teamed up with several CE campus organizations. The chapter participated in the Engineering Science and Computer Technology Annual Banquet along with the Society of Hispanic Engineers and Science Students (SHESS) and joined forces with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) to work with Habitat for Humanity and Boeing Day on campus.

The chapter also participated in some volunteer work, such as donating our time with Homeboy Industries and Boys and Girls club in East Los Angeles. General members and those on the board collaborated to speak to them about continuing their education after high school, even if they decide not to pursue engineering. We informed them about applying for financial aid, opportunities and experiences they will face, and how it’s not impossible for first generation Latinos to attend a university.

The CSULA chapter holds progressive goals in further expanding the chapter’s membership and activity, as well as planning future events to rally support. We look forward to the challenges of the upcoming year.

University of Central Florida

This past year has been a wonderful year for the Central Florida chapter of Chi Epsilon. Officers this past year were Tiffany Lai, president; Daniela Sanchez, vice-president; Daniel Riquer, secretary; Sebastian Tabares, treasurer; Noelle Crosby, associate editor; and Zachary R. Behring, marshal. (see photo at left) These officers have honored this chapter with 10 new initiates this year with the help of our faculty advisor, Dr. Kevin Mackie.

A few of the events that we took part in this year were the biennial conclave in Los Angeles, held an ice cream social, held a builders of the realm, provided tutoring for other students, and meetings to discuss further happenings for the chapter. The chapter has always encouraged getting to know the other members through the ice cream socials and the tutoring that is provided for other engineering students of the University of Central Florida. The ice cream socials are also a fantastic way to help raise money that the chapter can use to purchase new t-shirts for its members. (see photo at right) Last, but not least, was the builder of the realm, where the chapter provides food and honors professors with special awards for that year. The year has brought us all closer as a chapter, and it looks like the spring season for this chapter will be better than the fall with new ideas and events.
Clemson University

2012 was yet another successful year for both the Clemson University chapter of Chi Epsilon and the Glenn Department of Civil Engineering at Clemson University. The year brought many changes to Clemson, and the officers worked to advance the organization throughout the changing times and put in a big effort to gain a larger presence in the department. This development will continue in 2013 under the supervision of the current officers.

In the spring semester, we welcomed five new initiates into the organization: Parth Bhavsar, Rhodes Hunt, Sujay Math, Frederick Paige, and Donald Singer. We also welcomed a new group of officers, motivated to advance the chapter. Our current officers are Meredith Becker, president; Rhodes Hunt, treasurer; Jeff Zimmerman, marshal; and Frederick Paige, secretary/associate editor.

During the fall semester, our chapter gained 20 new students interested in becoming members of Chi Epsilon. These students are currently going through the process of becoming members of Chi Epsilon by serving their department, community, and profession. At the initiation ceremony in the spring, the students who meet the service requirements will be initiated and become members of Chi Epsilon.

This year, the members of Chi Epsilon continued their participation in the Adopt-a-Highway litter pick up program on four different occasions, hosted a booth at Clemson’s Science and Engineering Fair for elementary school students, sponsored a book exchange for civil engineering students at the conclusion of the spring semester, and initiated 5 new members into the organization. Recently, in collaboration with the Clemson chapter of ASCE, our chapter participated in the building of a Habitat for Humanity home. Additionally, we are working with our department to create a student mentoring program. All of the new officers, initiates, and current members look forward to another successful year in 2013.

Colorado State University

For the last year, Chi Epsilon at Colorado State University has been providing tutoring for basic civil engineering classes every week. Chi Epsilon members provided tutoring to freshmen and sophomore students in their chemistry, calculus, physics, and other civil engineering course work. The Colorado State chapter also put on a book drive to raise money. Colorado State civil engineering professors and faculty graciously donated their old and unused textbooks to be sold to students at affordable prices. Members of Chi Epsilon have also helped to organize several events on the Colorado State campus. Members organized an FE after party in collaboration with the ASCE members of CSU.
On December 6, 2012, the Chi Epsilon chapter of Colorado State University inducted 19 new members (see photo at left). The new members are Julie Almasy, Alexandra Axley, Matthew Bangs, Devin Blanch, Jocelyn Bryant, Sarah Carew, Giovanni DiDomenico, Andrea Fasen, Chelsea Forman, John Glover, Connor Henkel, Michael Hiebert, Jacob Leins, Steven Mantell, Chase Munson, Corey Peterson, Tanner Simpson, Aidan Thomas, and Lucas Thompson. After the induction ceremony, a dinner was held to recognize the new members. During the dinner, Dr. Basil Hamden spoke to the new initiates about the importance of perspective within engineering. Dr. Hamden is an engineer for the City of Fort Collins and is very passionate about Colorado State University. Dr. Hamden was also very passionate about keeping an open mind during the education phase of one’s life, because it is so easy to find interest in things that may seem bizarre at the time. The new initiates greatly enjoyed and appreciated the words of wisdom Dr. Hamden had to offer. The members of Chi Epsilon plan to continue their efforts with tutoring and hope to expand their horizons with engineering.

University of Connecticut

In February 2012, we initiated new members: Katherine Allison, Kelsey Elizabeth Barbella, Margaret Chase, Jillian Rae Condiracci, Thomas H. Curry, Robert Frederick Domin, Netania Durogene, Margaret Elizabeth Ferguson, Taylor Rae Gladding, Corey Hollman, Ashley Kocsis, Skyler Marinoff, Eric Andrew Moldvay, Vincent Charles Montemurro, Corey Potoniec, Margaret Stuthmann, Matt Carl Tremblay, Thomas Albert Tydeman, and Adam Michael Wing. Our 2012 officers are: Margaret Chase, president; Matt Carl Tremblay, vice-president; Taylor Rae Gladding, secretary; Ashley Kocsis, treasurer; Margaret Stuthmann, associate editor; Thomas H. Curry, co-marshal; and Margaret Elizabeth Ferguson, co-marshal.

On October 24th, we hosted our Graduate School Night, an annual event to inform prospective students about the graduate school application process and the opportunities available. Civil engineering professor and Chi Epsilon faculty advisor, Dr. Nicholas Lownes, led this event. It was designed to help current undergraduate students interested in graduate school obtain the information they need in order to apply on time and make the correct decisions regarding further academic work.

Throughout the spring 2012 semester, we conducted tutoring to help newer civil engineering students with their basic math, science, and engineering coursework. In addition to the tutoring, members have been aiding in the university’s spring and fall open houses for prospective
students by giving tours around the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department.

**University of Delaware**

The University of Delaware chapter of Chi Epsilon had a tremendous fall 2012 semester, increasing its members and achievements. After a successful interest meeting, we have 27 new initiates that will be inducted in the spring. The officers that served this semester were **Jack Cardinal**, president; **Conor Devine**, vice-president; **Kelly Fearon**, treasurer & secretary; and **Jonathan Sternbach**, associate editor & marshal. These members will maintain their officer duties in the spring 2013 semester. **Jack Puleo**, Associate Professor in the Civil & Environmental Engineering Department, served as faculty advisor.

The chapter organized a beneficial FE exam review course prior to the FE exam in October. University of Delaware faculty members were asked to teach the fundamentals of engineering through a six week course. The exam review course proved to be a successful fundraiser, as it raised a significant amount of money for the chapter. We will use this money to maintain and promote the civil engineering profession. We are in the midst of planning a program to travel to schools to teach young students about coastal and civil engineering through the use of a wave tank and a KNEX set. Additionally, we are planning further engineering endeavors for the spring semester.

The University of Delaware chapter of Chi Epsilon had an outstanding fall 2012 semester, and we hope to continue our success while promoting Chi Epsilon’s ideals in the upcoming year.

**Duke University**

On January 30, 2012, the current class of the Duke University Chi Epsilon chapter was initiated. The following students were welcomed as Chi Epsilon members: **Grace Cambareri, James Dolan, Hunter Douglas, Robin Farrell, Mary Johnston, Christine Larson, Cheryl Lee, Laura Oteiza, Perry Simmons, Gregg Thawley, Lisa Vershel, Kala Viswanathan, Michael Whited, Evan Strother**, and **Hillary Walker**. On April 24, 2012, new officers were elected as follows: **Robin Farrell**, president; **Christine Larson**, vice-president; **Hunter Douglas**, secretary; **Michael Whited**, marshal; **Kala Viswanathan**, treasurer.

After the elections, the group voted to confer upon **Professor Joseph Nadeau** the Earl Brown Teaching award. Professor Nadeau shows tremendous dedication to the Civil Engineering community at Duke University, acting as the Director of Undergraduate Studies, as the faculty advisor for both the Chi Epsilon and ASCE student chapters, and as academic and thesis advisor for many students. Beyond this, he is also an
engaging and accomplished lecturer, as the several students who have taken his core classes can attest.

The executive board met in the fall to discuss ideas for improving the overall Civil Engineering experience at Duke University, with a particular focus on better setting up graduates with career skills and opportunities. On September 18th, we hosted a Job Search Workshop in conjunction with the Career Center, specifically targeted to civil engineering students. We are continuing to work with the career center to set up more opportunities to create connections between students and industry.

Initiation for the newest class of Chi Epsilon will take place early in the spring semester of 2013. We look forward to both furthering our current initiatives and working with the new class of society members to continue to improve the undergraduate civil engineering experience at Duke University, all the while upholding the principles and values of the Chi Epsilon Honor Society.

University of Florida

The 2012 year was highlighted by many events for the University of Florida Chi Epsilon chapter. We continued giving back to the community in various ways such as partnering with ASCE and Rebuilding Together to help restore an elderly woman’s yard, participating in Adopt-a-Road cleanups multiple times per year, working with Habitat for Humanity, and having a canned food drive to donate to a local food bank before Thanksgiving. We demonstrated our assistance to the local community and its citizens of Gainesville, FL. Also, during both fall and spring semesters, UF Chi Epsilon organized FE review sessions for students taking the exam. Professors from the University of Florida volunteered their time by giving a review of the subject material that they normally teach. These reviews give students a thorough understanding of the different subjects that will be tested on the FE Exam.

For the spring of 2012, the officers were: Virginia Goff, president; Elizabeth Radford, vice-president; Allison Lewis, secretary; Brad Davis, treasurer; Xavier Monroe, marshal; and Paola Vargas, associate editor. The newly elected officers for the fall of 2012 include: Ryan McGhee, president; Wendell Stainsby, vice-president; Paola Vargas, secretary; Daniel Chaviano, treasurer; Leigh Jester, marshal; and Heather Elsner, associate editor. (see photo at right for fall initiates) Under the fall 2011 cabinet, we had four general body meetings where guest speakers talked about their work experiences. After the meetings, the chapter held social events where the guest speakers were able to interact with our members and initiates.
The current members and alumni of Chi Epsilon at the University of Florida strive to uphold the standards and values of Chi Epsilon through our actions within the university as well as the surrounding community.

Florida International University

2012 was another great year for Florida International University chapter of Chi Epsilon. The chapter began the year by welcoming new brilliant members and electing new leading officers. Our 2012 E-board was as follows: Workamaw Paulos, president and vice-president; Francisco Gracia, secretary; Shuo Zhang, treasurer; Pedro Infante, marshal; and Dania Castillo, associate editor.

We began with our first fall 2012 general meeting on October 2, 2012, with the new elected chapter officers. Many of the general meetings we had throughout the year were informative to our members, letting them know about scholarship opportunities, volunteer work, guest speaker presentations, and other special events.

In collaboration with the FIU ITE (transportation student chapter), we organized a guest lecture seminar where we invited Dr. Xia Jin to present on GPS Surveys and Trip Misreporting. (see photo at left) The event was successful and several Chi Epsilon members participated.

Ending the year, the chapter initiated four new members on December 1, 2012, for the upcoming year of 2013. We are proud to honor the new official 2013 E-board: Pedro Infante, president; Dania Castillo, vice-president; Kenneth Perez, secretary; Shuo Zhang, treasurer; Daniel Yohannes, marshal; and Jessy Jean, associate editor. (see photo at right) Congratulations to our new e-board members! We are off to a great start for 2013, and we look forward to an even brighter year.

University of Hawaii

2012 was an exciting year for The University of Hawaii, Manoa (UHM) Chi Epsilon chapter. In March, the Pacific District hosted the 42nd National Conclave at the Hilton Hotel near the Los Angeles airport. The UHM chapter was responsible for attendee registration, booking hotel rooms, and organizing audio/video equipment for the 128 active chapters of Chi Epsilon. The country’s top 200 civil, environmental, and construction engineering students reviewed the policies and rules of procedure of
Chi Epsilon and made appropriate changes during the conclave. The Conclave gave the UHM students a chance to gain engineering management skills and to network with other members of Chi Epsilon from around the country. (see photo at left) The success of the 42nd National Conclave can be partly attributed to the hard work of the UHM’s spring 2012 initiates and other members of the chapter. At the end of the conclave, Randy Akiona, the current Pacific District Councillor, was elected National President of Chi Epsilon.

The UHM chapter initiated 16 new members into Chi Epsilon in the spring 2012 semester. Those members are Akira Ito, Andrew Hignite, Bryce Hamada, Brysen Calkins, Isaac Hayashi, Janelle Sebastian, Jordan Urabe, Jose Lucina, Kapialoni Street, Nicholas Kam, Owen Matsunobu, Pac Saenguthai, Preston Vierra, Ryan Shito, Stephanie Soon, and Yao Huiqing. These new members would eventually play an important role in organizing fundraising events, social activities, and inducting the fall 2012 pledge class. Sheryl E. Nojima, president of Gray, Hong, Nojima & Associates, Inc., was elevated to Chapter Honor Member during the spring induction ceremony held at Kapialoni Community College (see photo above right). Her company is the only women-owned small business civil engineering consulting firm in the state of Hawaii.

The outgoing officers of fall 2012 are Jarrett Yanagida, president; Jose Lucina, vice-president; Kapialoni Street, treasurer; Brysen Calkins, secretary; Nickolas Brown, associate editor; and Owen Matsunobu, marshal. One of the chapter’s main highlights of the semester included sending five delegates to the 25th Pacific District Conference hosted by California State University, Long Beach. Matt Bissell, Brysen Calkins, Amy Higuchi, Jose Lucina, and Zachary Horiuchi ended up taking first place in the committee presentations (together with Cal Berkeley and SJSU), third place in the Chi Epsilon games, and third place in the chapter exhibits. (see photo above left)

In November, the UHM chapter hosted a fundraising booth at the 4th Annual Holmescoming Engineering event. Holmescoming, named after UHM’s engineering building Holmes Hall, gave the members a chance to raise funds and to talk to UHM engineering alumni about their experiences working in the industry. Throughout the fall semester, the UHM chapter held tutoring sessions for entry level civil engineering courses.
such as statics, dynamics, and fluid mechanics. Finally, the UHM chapter inducted nine new members in fall 2012 into Chi Epsilon. These new members completed a community service project by painting 13 benches at Holmes Hall. They include Jose Bumatai, Patrick Castillo, Jessica Galacgac, Amy Higuchi, Rayshi Hong, Zachary Horiuchi, Chad Kadokawa, Colton Takaesu, and Trevor Takamine.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The Chi Epsilon Alpha chapter has had an exciting fall semester with a new officer board and a new group of twenty-one initiates. The 2012-2013 board (see photo at right) consists of Bethany Myelle, president; Megan Wallace, vice-president; Mona Patel, secretary; Adam Spenner, treasurer; Donovan Holder, marshal; Nimit Bhatia, social/service chair; Scott Schmidt, engineering council representative/associate editor; James Boffice, director of information; Tim Veldman, graduate advisor; and Jeffery Roesler, faculty advisor. Special thanks go out to the old board for all of the hard work they put into the organization.

The chapter has kept busy this fall hosting park cleanups, a sand volleyball game with Pi Tau Sigma, a broomball game with other civil engineering societies, a food drive for Feeding America (see photo at left), a clothing drive, a campus food drive, professor lunches, a professor and student ‘Wine and Cheese Mixer’, and three general meetings. Kiewit, Weston Solutions, and Greeley & Hanson presented at the general meetings on various recent projects in which they have participated. And, of course, we have attended several Fighting Illini sporting events together to show their school spirit.

A future goal for the Illinois chapter is to develop a “Most Active Member” scholarship. We are working on plans for funding the scholarship. The chapter is also seeking to expand its professional contact list and is always looking for guest speakers for general meeting presentations. If you would like to be involved, please contact Bethany Myelle at myelle1@illinois.edu.
This year, the Chi Epsilon Honor Society chapter at Iowa State has continued to push for greater community service and departmental involvement, which was initiated a couple years ago. Events that we participated in included the Civil Engineering Spring Banquet, caroling at a local retirement home, civil engineering merchandise sales, a dinner at an Ames Mexican restaurant, and service projects for the Iowa DOT and the Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering at Iowa State. We also had a member attend the biennium national conclave. This past year, we welcomed a total of 10 new initiates.

On April 12, 2012, Chi Epsilon hosted the 30th Annual Civil Engineering Spring Banquet. (see photo at right) The banquet assembled students, parents, faculty, and civil engineering firms for a dinner that recognized the achievements of civil engineering students, and awarded over 100 undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships. Additionally, the spring 2012 and fall 2011 initiates to Chi Epsilon were congratulated. The keynote speaker for the banquet was Beth Hartmann, a celebrated Iowa State civil engineering professor, speaking on the significance of leadership within the civil engineering profession, and tools on how to build and utilize leadership techniques.

New officers were elected in January, 2012. The Iowa State Chi Epsilon chapter extended a thank-you to the officers who served for the 2011-2012 school year: Paul Speed, president; Yuxin Hou, vice-president; Patrick Johnson, secretary and webmaster; Amanda Oswald, treasurer; and Haotian Bai, marshal. New officers were also elected in September, 2012, that served in the fall of 2012: Amanda Oswald, president; Yuxin Hou, vice-president; Patrick Johnson, secretary and webmaster; Emily Steinweg, treasurer; Ethan Rus, marshal; Kim Scherber, assistant marshal; Jason Kenyon, social and fundraising chair; and Paul Speed, Engineering Student Council Representative (ESC Rep). For the spring 2013 semester, Emily Steinweg will serve as the vice-president, and Kim Scherber will serve as secretary and treasurer. Thanks are also extended to those departing cabinet members who served during the spring 2012 and fall 2012 semesters.

Chi Epsilon has also been extensively involved with community service this past year. The chapter participated in the Iowa Department of Transportation’s Adopt-A-Highway program, and cleaned up a two-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 30 twice during the course of the year. The clean-up on November 3rd, marked the 22nd year Chi Epsilon and its members have participated in this community service project. Chi Epsilon also organized the Keep Town Beautiful cleanup event (Town Engineering is the...
The president of the chapter, **Paul Speed**, had the opportunity to attend the biennium national conclave in Los Angeles, California last March. He was able to learn about how other chapters ran their organizations and integrated with other civil and construction engineering organizations on their campuses. “I was impressed with the tradition of the society as a whole. I was inspired by the activity of the Pacific division and the organization they demonstrated by putting on a great conference.”

At the conclave, Paul met up with other chapter representatives from the Midwest and learned about how they ran their organizations. They also considered how they might organize a conference during the off-year of the conclave in order to create more unity between the universities. The chapter was represented well and was proud to be a presence at the conclave.

For the next year, Chi Epsilon plans to pursue many of the same activities and goals as from spring 2012 – fall 2012. The largest improvements will come from chapter member participation and increased company donations, so that events like the spring banquet can become celebrated mainstays within the Civil Engineering Department and the City of Ames.

**University of Kansas**

The University of Kansas welcomed 17 new undergraduates to Chi Epsilon at the chapter’s initiation ceremony on October 5th. The newly initiated members are as follows: **Mala Alahmadi, Jacob Baty, Charlie Bernard, Allison Bruner, Jonathan Crank, Sami Franiuk, Ricardo Gamarra Zapata, Derick Holmes, Kaitlin Kidwell, Kevin Madden, Kendall Mixon, Caitlin Perry, Troy Sallee, Kyle Schlicht, Joseph Schuler, Brian Wentz, and Lucas Wallace**.

This fall semester, the University of Kansas Chi Epsilon chapter added an officer position of Event Coordinator. The duties of this position are to plan various activities involving service projects as well as Chi Epsilon social events during the spring semester. The group will also partner with the University of Kansas American Society of Civil Engineers chapter to design and build an obstacle course for the local Navy ROTC chapter.

**Dr. David Darwin, PhD, PE** is still the chapter’s faculty advisor, and the newly elected officers from the 2011-2012 academic calendar year...
are the following members: Jennifer Penfield, president; Sarah Abdulwahid, vice-president; Kelly Davis, secretary; Jacob Baty, treasurer; Jonathan Crank, associate editor; Ricardo Gamarra Zapata, marshal; and Allison Bruner, event coordinator.

Kansas State University

In the year 2012, the Kansas State University chapter of Chi Epsilon participated in special projects both on and off campus. In the past, our chapter has attempted to help the Corps of Engineers at Tuttle Creek Lake with the upkeep of area. This year was no different. During the spring we helped the Corp by planting and replanting trees to help restore some areas where the natural plants had been devastated by either construction or weather. This fall, with the extreme drought in Kansas, the water level was so low that it exposed debris from the late 80’s. We helped to beautify the local marinas and beaches by picking up trash and recycling all recyclables.

In the two semesters of 2012, we also began a mentorship program in the Department of Civil Engineering. We had roughly ten members who would attend and lead groups of freshmen, totaling nearly 100 students, in KSU’s CE 101 class. In this, we proctored tests, led discussions, conducted labs, and helped the new students adjust to college and engineering life.

Over the past year, we have had two initiation ceremonies and have inducted 15 new members. In spring of 2012: Pei Lui, Kurt Yoder, Brianna Krysztof, Jennifer Sommerfeld, Eric Fletcher, Adam Emerson, and Andrew Wiederholt were initiated into the chapter. During the fall of 2012: Lucas Spiach, Carl Peterson, Joseph Burgett, Andrew Brunner, Gregory Canales, Daniel Lamberger, Cale Armstrong, and Vincent Studer were initiated. For the past year, our officers have been: (spring) Xinchi Zhang, president; Sara Mann, vice-president; Colin O’Leary, treasurer; Brady Crites, secretary; Dominic LaRocca, marshal; and Tanner Yost, associate editor. (fall) Andrew Wiederholt, president; Kurt Yoder, vice-president; Jennifer Sommerfeld, treasurer; Eric Fletcher, secretary; Brianna Krysztof, marshal; and Adam Emerson, associate editor.

Lawrence Tech University

The Department of Civil Engineering at Lawrence Technological University (LTU) has had another successful year. On April 13, 2012, chapter 117 of Chi Epsilon inducted six new members. They were: Steve Baibak, Shantel Miller, Tiffany Neubig, Rachel Pieschek, Jacob Montgomery, and Andrew Walczak. A new set of officers were sworn in that night for the 2012-2013 school year. The officers were: Katrin Bosch, president; Souzan Hannah, vice-president; Ashley Meade, secretary; Heather
Gendron, treasurer; Rachel Pieschek, associate editor; and Sean Pederson, marshal.

Continuing the yearly tradition, Chapter 117 upheld the dignified honor of organizing the LTU Engineer’s Ring Ceremony for the Order of the Engineer Link 172 held on April 20, 2012, for the College of Engineering.

In fall, on November 30, 2012, five more new members were initiated into the chapter. The new members are: George Grzywacz, Mariane Howdyshell, Ibrahim Huthman, Jennifer Johnson, and Hollie Spehar. Three Civil Engineering faculty members were also inducted that night: Dr. Hiroshan Hettiarachichi, Dr. Keith Kowalkowski, and Dr. Luis Mata. New officers were elected to fill the vacated positions of treasurer and marshal. Mariane Howdyshell was elected for marshal and Jennifer Johnson as treasurer for the next semester. For the first time in the history of chapter 117, the officers are all female. (see photo above) Our Chi Epsilon initiation event was jointly coordinated with the College of Engineering Hall of Fame inauguration ceremony that followed later that evening. The Hall of Fame inauguration ceremony installed Mr. Kirk Steudle, Director of Michigan Department of Transportation, for his achievements and contribution to the State of Michigan. Mr. Steudle is a Lawrence Tech alumnus, an active Department of Civil Engineering advisory board member, and is also a Chi Epsilon Chapter Honor Member inducted in spring 2011.

Lehigh University

The spring semester for Chi Epsilon at Lehigh University was a successful one. A total of twelve new members were initiated with many of them taking officer positions. Elections resulted in: Christian Stephan, marshal; Hillary Brooker, secretary; Chase Slavin, treasurer; Lucia Giron, vice-president; and Shadoe Sandford, president. The other seven initiates are Andrew Lucibello, Kristen Peterson, John Archibald, Yas-sira Alaziz, Carley Miller, Rebecca Herkes, and John Walter.

This year, our members are working on a new website for our chapter. The website is to include information such as the current officers of the chapter as well as details for upcoming events and opportunities within Chi Epsilon. We hope that the website will help improve our connection to the Lehigh community. We would also like to thank our faculty advisor Shamim N. Pakzad for his support throughout the year.
The Louisiana Tech University chapter of Chi Epsilon held an initiation in the spring of 2012. New initiates were Alan Ainsworth, Brian Carlisle, Derek Parker, Braden Smith, Seth Strong, Stephen Warner, and Samantha Tatro. (see photo at right) New officers were also elected in the spring. The new officers for 2012 were David Chatelain, president; Alan Ainsworth, vice-president; Derek Parker, secretary; Samantha Tatro, treasurer; Stephen Warner, marshal; and Braden Smith, assistant editor. These officers replaced Sean Moore, president; Russell Colvin, vice-president; Anamaria Torres, treasurer; Christopher Rabalais, secretary; Ethan Rhoades, marshal; and Samantha Petersen, associate editor.

Many of the members who graduated and are still current members of the Louisiana Tech chapter of Chi Epsilon participated in ASCE as part of the concrete canoe and steel bridge competitions. Louisiana Tech’s steel bridge team won second in the Deep South conference, and the concrete canoe team won first in the Deep South conference competition in May, 2012. The concrete canoe team continued on to national competition in Reno, Nevada last summer.

University of Maine

Our fall initiation ceremony was performed on November 29, 2011, in Boardman Hall, the UMaine Civil and Environmental Engineering Department building. Nine new members were welcomed into the University of Maine Chi Epsilon chapter. (see photo at left) The new officers directing the ceremony, who were sworn in during the spring 2011 initiation, include: Alec Young, marshal; Brooke Glidden, secretary; and Joshua Simpson, associate editor. Dr. Thomas Sandford serves as the faculty advisor.

The UMaine Chi Epsilon chapter plans to continue its tradition of hosting a civil engineering senior student and faculty graduation luncheon. At the luncheon, outstanding seniors are recognized for their academic accomplishments and exceptional work over the past year on senior or ‘Capstone’ projects. We have also volunteered at the UMaine Engineering Job Fair, and held a FE Exam book fundraiser this fall. Chi Epsilon group members have been busy with their involvement in other UMaine engineering groups, including the student ASCE chapter, Engineers Without Borders, and the Concrete Canoe competition.
Activities and events

In March, two members, Di Jin and Tzipora Wagner, represented MIT at the biennium Chi Epsilon National Conclave in Los Angeles. In three days of relentless meetings and activities, they bonded tightly with other members in exchanging their concerns and vision for the future of Chi Epsilon. They voiced their support for incorporating and strengthening the environmental engineering component into the civil engineering society. They also discussed with other chapters on how to make Chi Epsilon more active on campus.

In November, two members, Catherine Cheng and Talal Al-Mulla, organized our first revolutionary event of the year, or of the decade. A professional from Schaumburg was invited to give a seminar about career options in the oil service industry. We served high quality food from our local store Cozi to the participants and expressed our gratitude to the speaker with a customized gift. This event has successfully attracted department-wide attention and blended an industrial flavor into the academic-oriented environment, where students were rarely exposed to the industry and were rarely satisfied in dining. Our fellow students' active participation motivated us to organize more events in the future to help students locate themselves in the diverse fields of civil engineering.

Meetings and initiations

In February, we had our first meeting of the year. Chapter president Tzipora Wagner addressed plans for the semester, such as assigning tutors, selecting conclave representatives, and coordinating the annual Chi Epsilon initiation. This year, we would have our initiation on MIT campus, together with brother or sister chapters from several local universities. Regarding the initiation banquet, we decided to hold it at MIT Faculty Club and invite a social worker from our city as the speaker of the night. We also encouraged our beloved professors to join our events and to testify the triumph of the MIT chapter.

In April, we successfully held our annual Chi Epsilon initiation as planned. We formally initiated eight new members, including four potential officers. The thereafter banquet was a greater success. Faculty and students enjoyed wine and steak together and shared their vision for the future role of Chi Epsilon on campus and in our society.

In May, we elected new officers: Anna F. Tomas, president; Jibo Wen, vice-president/associate editor; Di Jin, secretary/treasurer; and Talal Al-Mulla, marshal, in a friendly atmosphere. Dr. Germaine remained as the faculty advisor of the chapter. Before elections, former president Tzipora announced the roles of each position. After elections, she reemphasized them and transferred important documents to the newly elected president Anna F. Tomas. The two presidents shared their vision of the new chapter.
In September, under the new presidency, the first welcome meeting was held by the officers to greet the next generation of the chapter. Four members were warmly welcomed by a savory Italian dinner from Bertucci’s. The new members are: **Andrew Sang, Catherine Cheng, Linda Seymour, and Sharon Small.** In this meeting, each officer introduced themselves and their roles in the chapter. We also discussed tutoring assignment and future events throughout the year. (*see photos for some of our members*)

In October, we had a second meeting with pizza. In this meeting, we finalized our tutoring service to the department, planned to make the MIT chapter more active on campus by organizing a series of professional lectures and seminars, and planned to coordinate with professors to offer review session for the FE Exam in the spring.

In December, we had our last meeting of the year to summarize our achievements. Also, we made a preliminary plan for the initiation and the banquet next semester.

Throughout this series of meetings and events, our chapter was in a close bond to the department and the national association. We especially appreciate the tremendous support from our faculty advisor **Dr. Germaine** and various staff in the department. Without them, all these wonderful events would not be possible.

**University of Michigan**

In 2012, the University of Michigan chapter of Chi Epsilon welcomed 20 new members. In the spring, the chapter initiated thirteen members: **Manu Akula, En Jun Choong, Matthew Friedrichs, Qianru Guo, Samuel Gross, Michael Kane, Michael Klein, Olivia Marshall, Brett Merillat, Wade Phillips, Andhika Sahadewa, Trevor Towery, and Curtis Westbrook.** This fall, six new members were initiated: **Mark Davison, Matthew Drago, Nadine Karea, William Kenny, Erica Mertz, and Jenahvive Morgan.** In the fall, **Daniel Sinnott** was elevated as the 55th Chapter Honor Member for his professional achievements and also for his continued support and engagement in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department’s alumni association, CEEFA.

In the past year, the chapter continued many of its traditions with his participation in the bi-weekly FE Exam Review program, where professors from the College of Engineering give review sessions for the FE Exam. This raises the awareness of Chi Epsilon as an organization because it
attracts students from civil engineering and other departments across the college.

This fall’s formal initiation saw the installation of five new officers: Nadine Karaa, Engineering Council Representative; William Kenny, marshal; Michael Klein, social chair; Brett Merillat, associate editor; and Curtis Westbrook, fundraising chair. The outgoing officers are Chase Dwelle, associate editor; En Jun Choong, social chair; and Christopher Bove, special projects coordinator – the position name was changed to fundraising chair in the fall. The continuing officers are Olivia Marshall, secretary; Jeremiah Masey, president; Wade Phillips, treasurer; and Johnathan Wagenknecht, vice-president. (see photo above for 2012 officers)

The chapter was also able to send five representatives to the 2012 National Conclave in Los Angeles. The delegation included four officers and the faculty advisor. The representatives interacted with other chapters and also led and participated on organizing committees to affect change in the national organization. For next year, the chapter will be hosting the 2013 Great Lakes District Conference at the University of Michigan. Preparations have begun to organize this conference and will continue into 2013.

The chapter continued its usual social and volunteer events including whirlyball nights – which mix bumper cars, lacrosse, and basketball - for officers, initiates, and other chapter members. As part of the volunteer efforts of the chapter, members and initiates worked in the biannual North Campus invasive species removal as well as individual volunteer projects. Special thanks to the faculty advisor of the chapter, Dr. Steven Wright, whose continuing help and guidance have been instrumental to the success of the chapter.

Michigan Technological University

The chapter, under the advisement of Dr. Jacob Hiller, assistant professor of transportation engineering in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, welcomed a class of 18 new members to the chapter in April including: Anna M. VanderKooi, Erika L. Poli, Adriano Rothschild, Jennifer Bylsma, Nicholas Broad, Bruce Scuffham, Nathaniel Schulz, Zachary Weber, Kelsey Aho, Erica Stanley, Katherine Gauthier, Jessica Neddoes, Joel Ortman, Kasey Buchholz, Michael LaFevre, Natalie Lambert, Mitchell Murphy, and John Ferry. The chapter would like to commend our outgoing 2011-2012 officers for their efforts over the past year: Ryan Laninga, president; Steven Rutkowski, vice-president; Molly Johnson, secretary; Rachel Brooks, treasurer; Miranda Thompson, marshal; and Ryan Rintamaki, associate editor. We extend our congratula-
tions to our new officers for the 2012-2013 academic year: Katherine Gauthier, president; Mitchell Murphy, vice-president; Jennifer Bylsma, secretary; Kasey Buchholz, treasurer; Erica Stanley, marshal; and Nicholas Broad, associate editor.

This October, the chapter returned to the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan for guided tours of the Mackinaw Bridge (see photo above), the International Bridge (see photo below), and the Soo Locks. History of the bridges and locks and structural information, as well as a behind the scene tour of these facilities, was provided to the students by former Michigan Tech graduates. The chapter also hosted an event called Grad Night. At this event several professors spoke about opportunities in Michigan Tech’s graduate school program and steps to be taken in order to apply. Last, but certainly not least, the chapter would like to congratulate our graduating seniors of fall 2012 and spring 2013. Good luck!

University of Minnesota

The University of Minnesota chapter of Chi Epsilon had many accomplishments in the year 2012. During the past year, Minnesota’s Chi Epsilon chapter was responsible for facilitating Order of the Engineer induction for Chi Epsilon student members. The Order of the Engineer is the roster of engineers in the United States who have participated in the Engineer’s Ring Ceremony and have publicly accepted the “Obligation of an Engineer.” Minnesota’s Chi Epsilon chapter members joined the Order of the Engineer upon graduation, and received rings which are a symbol of the engineer’s ethical dedication to the profession. Minnesota’s Chi Epsilon chapter also put on a short course in computer aided design and drafting, or CADD, for civil engineering students who are interested in learning about CADD but have not been able to fit the course into their schedules. Chi Epsilon members who have taken the course and are proficient in the basics were responsible for the content of this educational session.

Finally, members of Chi Epsilon joined Minnesota’s chapter of Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society, in volunteering at Feed My Starving Children. For the upcoming year 2013, Minnesota’s Chi Epsilon chapter plans on putting on more short courses (in CADD and other subjects) as well as offering Order of the Engineer induction to new Chi Epsilon members.
Officers in spring 2012, were Steve Sletten, president; and Gina Beers, treasurer and secretary. New officers for fall 2012 are Reuben Verdoljak, president; Jessica Tello, vice-president; Kris Borchardt, secretary/associate editor; Jeremy Burke, treasurer; and James Pierson, officer. The faculty adviser is Dr. Joseph Labuz. New Chi Epsilon members Ryan Ballard, Scott Miller, Kris Borchardt, Jeremy Burke, Siyuan Cao, Braden Cyr, Chunwei Ge, Thomas Hall, David Hedberg, Chelsey Palmeateer, James Pierson, Zachary Sudman, Jessica Tello, Reuben Verdoljak, and Nathan Warner were initiated on April 27, 2012. (see photo above)

Minnesota’s Chi Epsilon members are involved in the student chapter of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and Engineers Without Borders (EWB). Members have received many scholarships and are recognized as top students in civil engineering. As a chapter, Minnesota’s Chi Epsilon is looking forward to another great year in 2013!

Missouri University of Science and Technology

The Missouri University of Science and Technology chapter of Chi Epsilon has made excellent progress over the past year. Frequent chapter meetings (8 meetings) with guest speakers helped increase the awareness and involvement of members with the chapter’s activities. Officers for the spring semester were Lucas Laugherly, president; Julia Huck, vice-president; Lucy Wright, secretary; Kelly Cross, treasurer; Madison Gibler, associate editor; Agostino Van Wetering, social chair; Julia Kuebrich, service chair; and Leilah Saadi, marshal. The chapter sponsored two of the officers, Kelly Cross and Leilah Saadi, to attend the 2012 National Conclave held in Los Angeles. At the spring initiation ceremony held on April 24, 2011, the Missouri University of Science and Technology chapter welcomed Michael McEvilly, Chapter Honor Member, and 10 new student members. Following initiation, the officers treated the initiates to dinner at a local restaurant, providing everyone an opportunity to meet and become familiar with each other.

The fall officer board was comprised of Julia Huck, president; Agostino Van Wetering, vice-president; Jeffrey Smith, treasurer; Holly Douglas, secretary; Lucy Wright, mar- shal; Zahra S. Tabatabaei, associate editor, Spencer Brinkmeyer, service chair; and Austin Johnson, social chair. The fall initiation ceremony took place on December 4, 2012, (see photo at right) and the Missouri S&T chapter successfully initiated
one of our largest groups of members to date, 24 members. During the reception, initiates had a chance to network with current members. After the informative speech from our Chapter Honor Member, Amy Strauss, the program continued as the chapter awarded three scholarships: Mahdi Arezoumandi ($1000), Holly Douglas ($500), Julie Whitehead ($500). The chapter also honored one graduating senior with recognition of the Outstanding Civil Engineering Graduate: Julia Huck ($500). Congratulations are also extended to two of our new members, who received the best presentation and plaque awards, Philip Arve and Ferdinand Mueller ($85). Prof. Jerry Bayless, Chi Epsilon faculty advisor, closed the evening with a warm and inspiring speech. (see photo at left with CHM)

We are excited to announce the incoming officer board for the upcoming spring with Agostino Van Wetering, president; Mahdi Arezoumandi, vice-president; Holly Douglas, treasurer; Madison Struttman, secretary; Amy Walther, marshal; Kim Wilken, service chair; Melissa Buechlein, social chair; and Scott Jemison, associate editor. We wish the new board the best of luck and anticipate an equally successful year for the chapter.

University of Nebraska at Lincoln

It has been a great year for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chi Epsilon chapter. We initiated many new members this year, and we elevated 2 new chapter honor members. We had 2 socials, 1 each semester, at a local bowling alley to give our members a chance to meet outside of class. We hosted review sessions for the FE Exam for both the spring and fall semesters. The review sessions last for 2 hours, one night a week, for 8 weeks leading up to the exam. Our former president Sarah McClure and current president Caleb Peterson did a wonderful job coordinating these review sessions.

Our spring initiation ceremony and banquet was held on April 23rd. (see photo at right) During this ceremony we elevated member Brian Dunnigan to Chapter Honor Member. Mr. Dunnigan is the Director for the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, and he has been employed as an engineer by the State of Nebraska since 1983.

Also during our spring ceremony we initiated our acting officers serving for the 2012-2013 school year. Our outgoing officers were Sarah McClure, president; Reinaldo Alcalde, vice-president; Caleb Peterson, treasurer; Johnathon Richter, secretary; Noah Pitts, associate editor;
Garret Menard, pledge marshal; and Chris Jeffers, social chair. Our current officers are Caleb Peterson, president; Garret Menard, vice-president; Brandon Gardels, treasurer; Craig Mayfield, secretary; Noah Pitts, associate editor; Jordan Dostal, pledge marshal; and Jordan Wachal, social chair. For Caleb Peterson, Garret Menard, and Noah Pitts this is their second term as a chapter officers.

Our fall banquet was held on November 9th. (see photo at left) Roger Patterson was elevated to Chapter Honor Member. Prior to Mr. Dunnigan, Mr. Patterson was the Director for the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources from 1999-2005. He is currently the assistant general manager for Metropolitan overseeing Metropolitan’s strategic water initiatives for the Colorado River and Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta.

Our president, Caleb Peterson, won the 2012 Mr. Engineering Pageant which took place during engineering week in the spring semester here on campus. He is the university’s current Mr. Engineer. Go Huskers!

University of Nebraska at Omaha

The Chi Epsilon chapter at the University of Nebraska at Omaha has had another exciting year during 2012. The chapter inducted new members during an initiation and dinner held on March 28, 2012 at the UNO Alumni Center. (see photo at right) We are pleased to introduce Raeananna Doyle, Alec Drey, Charles Krolikowski, James Reitmeier, Matthew Morhardt, Timothy Wordekemper, Matthew Garder, Pranav Shakya, Philip Niewohner, David Erickson, Ann Vaske, Evan Moore, and Brent Froning to our chapter. Additionally, during this dinner, the chapter was pleased to present Dr. John Stansbury, Ph.D., P.E., with the Olsson Associates Excellence in Teaching award.

John Stansbury obtained a B.S. in Biology from Kearney State College and a M.S. in Civil Engineering and a Ph.D. in Engineering from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. John is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at Omaha, where he teaches classes in the area of Water Resources. John also received the Holling Teaching/Advising/Mentoring Award in 2006.

The chapter continued offering review sessions to all undergraduate engineering students as preparation for the FE Exam during spring and fall semesters. Any student could attend the sessions and the average attendance for each session was 20-25 people.
Another important event for our chapter was the participation of Lauren Swadener and Andric Hofrichter in the 42nd National Conclave hosted by the Pacific District in Los Angeles, CA on March 8-10, 2012. During the conclave, participants got to listen to influential speakers in the industry as well as learn and grow from their new friends in other schools and districts. At the end of the conclave, scholarships were awarded, including the awarding of the John A. Focht National Scholarship to Andric Hofrichter. Chapter awards were also given, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha chapter received the Susan C. Brown Outstanding Performance Award for 2011.

A large transition took place during the spring 2012 semester, as many of the active chapter members graduated, and the chapter was filled with new recruits. New officers were elected to fill the positions. The 2011-2012 officers are as follows: James M. Reitmeier, president; Matthew L. Garder, vice-president; Jessica A. Branigan, secretary; Matthew J. Morhardt, treasurer; and Lauren M. Swadener, marshal and associate editor.

University of New Mexico

Our chapter organized FE review sessions to prepare for the spring and fall 2012 exams. During both exams, we provided lunch to all the test takers and proctors. In March 2012, our president, secretary, and faculty advisor attended the 42nd National Conclave in Los Angeles. In May 2012, we held a banquet for all Chi Epsilon members to celebrate a successful year. In October of 2012, our secretary and faculty advisor attended the 1st Annual Rocky Mountain District Conference in Salt Lake City, UT. (see photo above) The purpose of the conference was to share ideas amongst the chapters and begin planning the upcoming 2014 conclave. On November 2, we initiated 12 new members.

Outgoing officers: Naomi Waterman, president; Magdalena Simms, vice-president; Magdalena Simms, treasurer; Catherine Lucero, secretary; Steven Gomez, marshal; and Catherine Lucero, associate editor. New Officers: Ryan Griego, president; Melissa Mills, vice-president; Marie Van Der Geest, treasurer; Grayson Vogel, secretary; Andrew Varoz, marshal; and Grayson Vogel, associate editor. (see photo at right)
This past year of 2012 proved to be a busy one for the 31st chapter of Chi Epsilon at NYU-Poly. After recently reinstating the chapter, three initiations were held, and new officers were elected. Programs that the chapter had previously begun were continued, and new programs and events were started.

The first main event of the year was an initiation held on February 15, 2012; this initiation was meant to be in the fall of 2011, but was delayed. On this date, nine new members were initiated under chapter president Johnny Quinn: Ornela Nano-Karamuco, Alexius Tan, Charles Andrews, Kevin Tse, Michelle Tse, Nicolas Begasse de Dhaem, Jason Mai, Brian Yau, and Laura Hernández.

During the spring semester, we sent two delegates to the 42nd National Conclave in Los Angeles, Michelle Tse for NYU-Poly and Alexius Tan as proxy for Cooper Union. They returned to NYU-Poly with many good ideas which we have begun to implement. Chi Epsilon continued their service to the department by offering tutoring services to all civil engineering students in all undergraduate classes. Chi Epsilon members were also active participants in the ASCE Concrete Canoe and Steel Bridge competitions.

As the semester drew to a close, an additional seven students were initiated: Christine Ng, Qian Wu, Christopher Gochnauer, Jiashun Xu, Omar Guerrero, Jason Glenn, and Sorock Kim. (see photo at left) Johnny Quinn stepped down from his role as president, and six new officers were elected for the 2012-2013 term: Laura Hernández, president; Michelle Tse, vice-president; Jason Glenn, marshal; Nicolas Begasse De Dhaem, secretary; Sorock Kim, treasurer; and Christopher Gochnauer, associate editor.

Seven seniors graduated from our chapter in May. We purchased Chi Epsilon stoles for them to rent and wear at the ceremony.

At the beginning of the fall semester, the student chapter held their first ever Book Sale to assist students in buying and selling their textbooks. We continued our tutoring services and also began a Mentorship Program. This program is aimed toward General Studies (GS) students entering the civil engineering department as sophomores from their GS program. The Mentorship Program is meant to help the students adapt to the environment of the department.

Nine new members were initiated on November 30: Maggie Chan, Howard Jiang, Demetrio Criscuolo, Michael May, Jingyi Tang, Eleni Ramoundos, Richard Kim, Umesh Somrah, and George Clarke. (see CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORTS spring 2013
As the semester draws to a close, our student chapter will be holding a statics review for the students currently taking the course.

**North Carolina State University**

During the spring 2012 induction ceremony held on April 29, 2012, the following students were initiated: Kenneth D. Horne, Elizabeth E. Hunter, Demi A. Gott, Brendan A. Koslowsky, Christopher B. Stryffeler, and Brian J. Harding.

The following students were initiated at the fall 2012 induction ceremony held on November 16, 2012: Austin J. Mack, Griffith L. Shapack, Catherine A. McMillan, Clinton B. Pruett, Molly J. Mitchell, Andrew T. Stutts, Robert C. Palmes Jr., Patrick N. Blanchard, Justin R. Barnes, Zachary J. O’Keefe, Andrew R. Rice, Brian R. Helgans, Jon D. Robertson, and Weslyn E. Clark.

Overall, during the 2012 academic year, the North Carolina State University chapter of Chi Epsilon has had another productive year. Under the guidance of Dr. Tarek Aziz, faculty advisor; Ryan Blair, president; John Barotti, vice-president; Christopher Herrick, secretary; Matthew Ferguson, treasurer; Ingrid Arocho, pledge marshal; and Bryant Miller, associate editor; a total of 6 new members were inducted in this chapter in the spring semester.

During the spring ceremony, new officers were elected to take over the duties for Chi Epsilon. These included: Landon K. Talley, president; Kenneth D. Horne, vice-president; Deni A. Gott, secretary; Matthew D. Nifong, treasurer; Farrell E. Sikes, pledge marshal; and Victor E. Fraga, associate editor. Under their leadership, a total of 14 new members were inducted in this chapter just in the fall semester alone.

The entire membership would like to thank our faculty advisor Dr. Tarek Aziz for his support to the NC State chapter of Chi Epsilon.

**Norwich University**

Five new members were initiated into Chi Epsilon at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont on May 3, 2012. This initiation was witnessed by Professors Gregory Wight and Adam Sevi. The new members are: Haley Vermes, Noah Clark, Thomas Houghton, Scott Guerin, and Colin Mulvey.

At the beginning of the fall semester, Chi Epsilon held a BBQ for the freshmen engineering majors. It allowed the freshmen to be aware of Chi Epsilon and other engineering groups. The day after the freshmen BBQ, Chi Epsilon carried on the Norwich tradition of a Memphis Style Rib BBQ hosted for all civil engineering students at Norwich University.
Chi Epsilon also participated in the Norwich open house. Students gave groups of freshmen tours of the engineering academic building including classrooms and labs. They participated in answering questions about the program and about the school. They also helped the prospects in a hands-on activity.

Additionally, a field trip to New York was organized for the entire Civil Engineering school. The entire trip was funded by a personal donation to the David Crawford School of Engineering at Norwich University from of Cornwall, Vermont. The field trip included: visiting a waste to energy plant, a water and wastewater treatment plant, a concrete plant, the construction of the “East Access” tunnel in New York City, and the World Trade Center Memorial.

Ohio State University

The Ohio State University Chi Epsilon chapter, under the advisement of Dr. Ethan Kubatko, held initiation on May 25, 2012, in Hitchcock Hall with faculty, family, and outgoing officers in attendance. The chapter wishes best of luck to all members who have recently graduated including outgoing officers: Andrian Lee, president; Hannah Gamm, vice-president; Becky Moser, secretary; William Cheng, treasurer; Andrew Helser, associate editor; and Alec Sichko, marshal.

Fall semester has kept many Chi Epsilon members busy in engineering related activities, such as preparing for the annual American Society of Civil Engineering competitions in steel bridge and concrete canoe design. Meetings have been held on and off campus and discussed many topics including possible site tours, working with other engineering groups, and member interests for after graduation.

Incoming officers are: Benjamin Phillips, secretary; Jacob Schroeder, treasurer; Lyndsay Mikolajewski, president; Grant Whittaker, vice-president; Robert Nevers, associate editor; and Dustin West, marshal. (see photo at left)

Ohio University

The Ohio University chapter of Chi Epsilon initiated the following undergraduate members on their June 2, 2012, induction: Christopher Barson, Ryan Theberge, Thaddeus Buffenbarger, Darrell Hague, David Flynn, Andrew Angelo, and Andrew Stumbo. The following officers were installed during the initiation ceremony: Thaddeus Buffenbarger, president; Darrell Hague, vice-president; Ryan Theberge, secretary; David Flynn, treasurer; Ivan Caballero, associate editor; and Andrew Angelo,
marshal. The initiation ceremony was held in Stocker Center at Ohio University and was attended by civil engineering faculty, Chi Epsilon members, and friends and family of the new initiates. After the initiation ceremony, the Chi Epsilon members and initiates assembled outside the Academic and Research Center for a relaxing afternoon barbecue picnic.

The 2012 graduating Chi Epsilon members included 10 students: Jacob Hunter, Nicholas Brady, John Ubbing, Andrew Long, Grace Sallar, Sarah El-Dabaja, Ivan Caballero, Ryan Theberge, Thaddeus BuffEbarger, and Jayson Gray. In the upcoming year, Chi Epsilon will continue to provide guidance throughout design and judge a toothpick bridge and water filter STEMfest competition for Licking County High School students. STEMfest is being organized by The Works, a Center for History, Art and Technology, a hands-on learning facility, in order to encourage high school students to become more involved in science, technology, engineering, and math.

University of Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma chapter had a good year under faculty advisor Keith Strevett. In the spring semester, three of the officers attended the national conclave: 2010-2011 President Aissata Cisse, 2010-2011 Marshal Zackary Bright, and 2010-2011 Associate Editor Duncan Fugitt. The chapter members also organized FE review sessions for the civil engineering college, which were led by faculty members and well attended by students. A small group of chapter members participated in the University of Oklahoma’s official community service day, the Big Event, during which they helped clean up a park in Oklahoma City. Initiation was held at the end of April with 15 new initiates: Tiera Adams, Elizabeth Attewell, Jack Brian, Katie Brown, Sam Bush, Brittany Cranor, Brandi Dittrich, Peter Everest, Derek Garcia, Levi Golston, Nicholas Ibarguen, Amanda Oehlert, Ceara Park, Bryce Perkins, and Emma York. (see photo at right) The initiation was led by then-President Aissata Cisse, and elections were held afterwards during which Logan Liles became the new president and Ceara Parks became the vice-president.

This fall, many chapter members received merit-based scholarships from the civil engineering department and were recognized at a lunch attended by scholarship recipients, past and present faculty, donors, and OU CEES visiting council members. The chapter also held several get-togethers to help members plan for the spring semester and fall FE review sessions. The FE review sessions were organized by the chapter members and led by faculty for university students taking the fall FE exam. Additionally, many members participated in fall charity drives at the university.
Oklahoma State University

During spring 2012, seven members of the Oklahoma State University chapter of Chi Epsilon attended the 42nd National Chi Epsilon Conclave in Los Angeles. It was a great conclave. The entire Pacific District hosted the conclave, and they did a very commendable job with the formal and informal sessions of the conference. The field trips to the Los Angeles Zoo and a pre-opening tour of the Expo line of the LA Metro light-rail system were particularly enjoyed by the OSU attendees. We held a pizza party for prospective initiates in January 2012, and a cook-out at Boomer Lake in the fall. At our spring initiation, Dr. Greg Wilber was initiated as our Chapter Honor Member. Dr. Wilber is a much-loved and respected member of the OSU faculty. He’s been at OSU now for over 20 years.

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 held numerous review sessions to aid civil engineering students in their preparation for the FE exam. We also volunteered at the Humane Society and on service projects throughout the University and community.

The chapter continued to excel with many new members. Students initiated in the spring 2012 semester included: Alison Williams, Brice Fiddler, John Daugherty, Ali Abbaszadeh, Dina Al-Azawi, Moussa El-Hamati, and Justin Dowd. The fall 2012 initiates include Anwar Alroomi, Emily Ashbaugh, Melissa Boothe, Jonathan Brooks, Jeff Cassel, Travis Ebisch, David Griffin, Hope Hall, Lance Harland, Elizabeth Hazzard, Nicky Hooi, Esther Johnson, Joey Krueger, Sara Long, MJ Nachreiner, David Norris, Chris Russell, Kar Tang, and Wilson Spencer. (see photo at right) We have great hopes for these initiates. They should serve the chapter well.

Old Dominion University

The Old Dominion University chapter of Chi Epsilon has grown in the past year. At the end of the spring semester, we lost our associate editor, Jonathan Robbins to graduation and a new job in Richmond, VA and welcomed our new associate editor, Michelle Berry. Before he left, Jonathan was able to attend the 42nd National Conclave in California. We hope to send more members to the next national conclave in Salt Lake City.
City, UT in March 2014. In our spring 2012 initiation we welcomed five new members. They were Horace Adams, Tyler Bazan, Neritian Behri, Andrea Nifong, and Mike Robb. During the fall 2012 initiation ceremony, we welcomed Khairul Anuar, Ryder Bunce, Peter Hamilton, Semuel Rompis, Matthew Shaver, Fady Bou-Shebel, Jacob Powell, Solomon Tecleab, Kenneth Wilson, and Oralia Hernandez Vazquez to our chapter. (see photo at left) We are thrilled to have 15 new members in 2012 and hope to have many more in the coming year.

In the past year, our chapter has continued with our goals of serving and facilitating a sense of community among the students and facility at Old Dominion University. The first goal is to provide a variety of educational experiences that will encourage organization members to broaden their knowledge of and increase their enthusiasm for civil engineering through tutoring sessions for other students in the department. In the past year, we have offered tutoring in the subjects of hydromechanics, structures, and many other civil engineering courses. These sessions are open to all students in the department. Michelle Berry, took part in the Old Dominion University’s Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium in the spring. The project team, consisting of our associate editor and another student, presented an assessment of the ODU campus stormwater drainage system. We also provide opportunities for social interaction among chapter members through meetings and social events. In September 2012, we hosted a bowling social for our members and their guests. Everyone who attended had a lot of fun and we plan to host this event again. (see photo above right) We also host a weekly soccer game for students and faculty to interact and have fun outside of classes. (see photo at left) We have had more than 14 people take part in the games. Furthermore, we are planning to promote community awareness and responsibility through community service plans.
This fall, University of Pittsburgh’s chapter of Chi Epsilon inducted 13 new members. During the initiation ceremony, the new members were introduced to Chi Epsilon and to the newly elected chapter officers. (see photo at right) The new members were added to the board, replacing three graduating seniors. The officers for 2013 include: **Kyle Freehart**, president; **John Kurtik**, vice-president; **Claire Murphy**, secretary; **Abigail Stein**, associate editor; **Peter Kraus**, social chair; **Dave Gogol**, business manager; and **Dr. John Brigham**, faculty advisor.

During the year, our chapter again put together the FE exam review sessions for PITT engineering students. We collaborated with our civil engineering faculty to host various review sessions for core engineering subjects leading up to the tests in the spring and fall. Many students participated and the reviews were a success.

Another transition this past year has been the renovation of our Swanson School of Engineering Benedum Hall. We have been fortunate enough to have our department moved to a recently finished and renovated floor. With these new accommodations, a new conference room is being utilized for our board meetings. (see photo at left)

Our chapter also achieved two successful fundraisers this fall term. A newly introduced fundraising scheme, selling PITT embroidered golf bags, has helped continue to fund our induction ceremonies and meetings. Also, our tradition of selling of our CEE Department fleeces has continued to be a success and popular item uniquely setting our Civil and Environmental Engineering Department from the rest.

We would like to send a final congratulations to our previous president, **Bryan McGlynn**, for his exciting graduation on December 15; he will be the keynote speaker at the Swanson School of Engineering graduation ceremony. We are sad to say goodbye to the rest of our senior members this fall, but we are also excited for new developments in the spring. The officers have initiated a tutoring/mentoring program for Pitt civil engineering students. We will also be participating in Engineering Week (E-Week) festivities, coordinating FE review sessions, inducting new members, hosting an Alumni dinner, and expanding upon more fundraisers.
Portland State University

The Portland State University chapter of Chi Epsilon welcomed a number of new members during its initiation on June 8, 2012. New members initiated are as follows: Alex Baumann, Aerik Carlton, Robert Chapler, Danny Ebbighausen, Thomas Edlen, Natalie Ehrlich, Jeremy Finkle, Luke Fitzgerald, Gabriela Gaitan, Hayden Gluck, Conrad Hilley, Daniel Lawrence, Needa Lingga, Leandro Pimenta, Anastasia Roeszler, Mark Schlagel, Ian Trout, and Edgar Verdin. The new officers are as follows: Daniel W. Lawrence, secretary; Hayden D. Gluck, associate editor; Conrad C. Hilley, vice-president; Natalie R. Ehrlich, marshal; Edgar A. Verdin, treasurer; and Anndee L. Huff, former editor returning as president. (see photo at right) Outgoing officers from the previous year are as follows: Elizabeth S. Gillard, president; Peter Kahn, vice-president; Chelsea Gerber, treasurer; Joanne Klinkoz, secretary; and Greg Glaze, marshal.

During the 2011-2012 academic year, Portland State University’s Chi Epsilon chapter held tutoring and mentoring sessions for students involved in the undergraduate civil engineering and environmental engineering programs. The previous president, Elizabeth Gillard, and associate editor, Anndee Huff, attended the 2012 Conclave in Los Angeles, bringing back knowledge to strengthen our organization during this upcoming year. Furthermore, Chi Epsilon hosted a joint award ceremony with the American Society of Civil Engineers for civil and environmental engineering faculty at Portland State University.

Purdue University

The Purdue University chapter of Chi Epsilon has had a very eventful year. The chapter held graduate school information sessions each semester to inform prospective graduate students about graduate student life and the various steps involved in the application process. Purdue XE also hosted tutoring sessions for students who needed help with their course work. In addition, the Purdue chapter organized review sessions for FE exams. The review sessions were advertised to all engineering students, and sessions were conducted by faculty members from various disciplines in the weeks prior to the test covering all of the subject areas. This was a successful activity and many students benefitted from these reviews. The chapter also sponsored several site tours of new construction on campus. In the spring, members toured the new addition of Frances A. Cordova Recreational Facility and the recently finished Marriot Hall. In the fall, Purdue XE also helped sponsor a bowling event between its mem-
bers and the members of Purdue’s chapter of Beta Tau to provide an opportunity for students in the two organizations to socialize and get to know one another.

The spring 2012 semester was led by Wes Jones, president; Elizabeth Hausheer, vice-president; Richard Freijer, secretary; Jessica Towner, treasurer; Alex Davis, co-marshals; Wei Phang Gan, co-marshals; Chris Coppock, co-associate editor; Emily Hendrickson, co-associate editor; Andrew Kovarik, co-pledge coordinator; Kendall Troesch, co-pledge coordinator; Eric Louden, co-social chair; and Eric Bozzo, co-social chair.

The spring semester activities concluded with an initiation ceremony and banquet. (see photo at left) The following people were honored at the banquet: Mr. Robert Law (Chapter Honor Member), Elizabeth Hausheer and Emily Hendrickson (Leonard and Margaret Wood Academic and Leadership Scholarship), and Nathan Boltz (Rosemary K. Burke Outstanding Student—the graduating senior with the highest cumulative GPA).

During the fall 2012 semester, the chapter was under the leadership of Kyle Zak, president; Matt Kowalsky, vice-president; Rebecca Smith, secretary; Lisa Spence, treasurer; Max Rehlander, co-associate editor; Ernesto Camarena, co-associate editor; Alex Sangermano, marshals; Ron Moore, co-pledge coordinator; William (Billy) Pacheco, co-pledge coordinator; Nick Wentink, co-social chair; and Jeremy Ehrlich, co-social chair. A total of seventeen new members were added to the Purdue University chapter of Chi Epsilon in this semester. (see photo at right) The initiates took part in various activities, such as the pledge retreat, faculty breakfast, community service, and board signing. Professor R.S. Govindaraju was recently named the Head of Civil Engineering and as such stepped down from the faculty advisor position. The new faculty advisor who was chosen is Dr. Mark Bowman.

Seventeen new student and one new faculty initiates were honored this semester at the fall initiation banquet and ceremony. The Rosemary K. Burke Outstanding Student award was presented to Qiaqia Zhu, while the Leonard and Margaret Wood Academic and Leadership Scholarship award went to Jessica Towner. The Chapter Honor Member for the fall 2012 semester was Mrs. Cheryl Cunningham.
With the introduction of this year’s new members into Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute’s chapter of Chi Epsilon, as well as the election of the new executive board, new goals and ideas were circulated, giving our chapter a renewed sense of community service and activity. Twenty-four new members were initiated at the ceremony held in spring 2012. (see photo at left) The old executive board included Ronald Adomako, president; Matthew Dixon, vice-president; Rina Hoshino, treasurer; Erin Underwood, marshal; and Abigail Stein, associate editor. The new executive board consists of John Miner, president; Matt Coughlin, vice-president; Briana Earle, secretary; Joshua Falon, treasurer; Meredith Mayes, marshal; and Elizabeth Wroe, associate editor.

At RPI, Chi Epsilon has historically been the link between students and the FE exam. This tradition was maintained as the annual FE sign up day was held in September 2012. By providing students with all necessary forms and access to an official notary, the application process for this important exam was made more accessible. Additionally, in spring 2013, review sessions for important subject areas will be conducted in order to grant all students the highest chance of success.

Beyond the maintenance of this yearly service to campus, new programs have been created to help students grow and develop their civil engineering skills and abilities. For example, a significant effort has been put forth to establish a mentoring program for younger civil engineering students. Upperclassmen who have gained significant experience through their time at RPI and involvement with groups such as Chi Epsilon are now given the opportunity to pass along their knowledge to the younger generations.

In order to facilitate this knowledge transfer, members were invited to attend one of four meetings highlighting the program and its goals. Modeled off the highly successful Women’s Mentoring Program here at RPI, this Chi Epsilon mentoring program allows civil engineering students to communicate with each other across class years – a feat which often does not happen naturally.

Additionally, work has begun on Exploring Engineering day which will take place in February 2013. Chi Epsilon members will teach young children (third to sixth grade) important engineering construction and sustainability principles through the construction of a geodesic dome.

Finally, as a way of making Chi Epsilon’s presence more well-known on campus and throughout the community, an initiative was created to get members involved in community service, specifically within the civil engineering field. Beginning spring 2013, it will be asked of future mem-
bers to devote a few hours of community service in order to be initiated. This should be an easy task as the establishment of programs like Exploring Engineering Day, Design Your Future Day, and the mentoring program, will create opportunities for members to get involved.


University of Rhode Island

On Thursday, March 22, 2012, the University of Rhode Island Chi Epsilon chapter inducted 13 initiates - students: Ken Buteau III, Maria Beltre, Maria Briones, Emily Serman, Gregory Coren, Christopher London, Daniel Litton, Kevin Danh, Eric O’Brien, Matthew Caulfield, Jack Keating, Steven Vasconcellos, and faculty member: Dr. Vinka Craver. (see photo above right) Current chapter officers: Gregory Coren, president and associate editor; Christopher London, vice-president; Daniel Litton, treasurer; and Kevin Danh, secretary. The previous administration was led by John Costa, president, with Anna Hernberg, vice-president, and Richard Genovesi, secretary.

The 2012-2013 chapter members have proven to be rife with success, motivation, and academic excellence. Ken Buteau III, Gregory Coren, Christopher London, Kevin Danh, and Daniel Litton are all working towards earning graduate degrees, Maria Beltre has chosen a career beginning in the illustrious Officers Candidate School in the United States Navy, and all members have established a name for themselves in both private and public employment in the civil engineering industry. Dr. Vinka Craver has spearheaded solving pressing issues in Guatemala with sustainable engineering practices.

This past year, the chapter has taken progressive steps in collaborating with the URI American Society of Civil Engineers student chapter in both student outreach and event hosting roles. President Gregory Coren led a student workshop for writing and revising student resumes and cover letters, an event hosted by the URI ASCE in preparation for the annual URI Engineering Career Fair. Additionally, officers of both organizations overlap, and make strides in bringing what they learn from one organization over to the other. Furthermore, this year’s administration has
taken the initiative to increase awareness of the URI Chi Epsilon chapter through social media and attendance at high profile functions such as the Rhode Island Transportation Engineering Forum on October 26, 2012. This was held at URI’s very own Chester H. Kirk Engineering Building.

This coming spring, the chapter administration has plans to hold a food and clothing drive in support of the Rhode Island Food Bank. Awareness and outreach have also been designated as a priority. The chapter plans to initiate this by holding an info session for prospective civil engineering students at URI and by also visiting local high schools and fostering interest in both the profession and attending URI to pursue a career in CE.

This year’s officers would like to thank the previous administration for their commitment to the chapter and its ideals. We would also like to extend a very special thank you to Dr. George Tsiatas, our faculty advisor, whose tireless dedication to students and organizations within the College of Engineering make it both a joy and an honor to be a civil engineering student.

Finally, we congratulate the 2013 inductees into the URI chapter of Chi Epsilon, to whom we hope to leave a chapter that they can be proud of, and go far with. They are sure to bring praise upon themselves, the chapter, and the profession.

San Jose State University

The 2012 academic year for San Jose State University’s Chi Epsilon chapter has been a dynamic one. Our priority as chapter 79 of this prestigious organization was to improve membership retention/activity, increase membership, and successfully complete tasks assigned to us for the 42nd National Conclave. Even with the increase in responsibilities for conclave, our chapter successfully completed a variety of events tailored for initiates, making sure we touched on all four pillars to emphasize the importance of these attributes.

Spring 2012

The most critical task during this time period was to finish up planning and attending the 42nd National Conclave in Los Angeles, which was hosted by our district in 2012. (see photo at left) Our officers and initiates played an important role in the planning and implementation of various aspects of the conclave, which led to increased team-building between the officers.

On campus, our chapter completed a variety of events to emphasize the four pillars to initiates. Most notably, our chapter cleaned up a portion of the Guadalupe River near campus (which our chapter owns). Additionally, we completed a variety of social events and many of our offi-
cers/initiates successfully competed in MIDPAC 2012, which is a student competition, where our officers/initiates can apply their civil engineering knowledge to real objectives and requirements.

Officer transitions were completed at initiation and the fall 2012 officers are as follows: Jeffrey St. Germain, president; Dan Showalter, vice-president; John Harms, secretary; Lennard David, treasurer; Branden Laptalo, associate editor; Neil Ong, webmaster; Elizabeth Magana, marshal; Nga Trinh, public relations; Kyle Tanhueco, PDC chair; Tommy Nguyen, event coordinator; and Pirouzan Razavi, event coordinator.

These officers succeeded the passionate officer staff of spring 2012 who were as follows: Raul Bonilla, president; Jeffrey St. Germain, vice-president; John Harms, secretary; Kyle Tanhueco, treasurer; Branden Laptalo, associate editor; Chris De Los Reyes, webmaster; Cecilia Luu, marshal; Elizabeth Magana, public relations; and Dan Showalter, event coordinator.

Fall 2012

Immediately after a successful 42nd National Conclave, our attention as a chapter transferred to the 2012 PDC in Long Beach, CA. (see photo at right) Our chapter created a new officer position to manage the required information to send 13 members/initiates and organize the various information needed to present on a variety of committees.

As tradition, our organization completed a variety of events to demonstrate the four pillars to our initiates. Nearly all the initiates completed their packets and were ready for initiation when a truly unfortunate event occurred: initiation was cancelled. Due to multiple threats on our faculty, our faculty advisor and department chair did not feel comfortable attending our initiation. With this new information in mind, our officer staff voted on a new date for initiation and cancelled the originally planned date; however, we still voted in a new officer staff.

The new officer staff for spring 2013 is as follows: Dan Showalter, president; Tommy Nguyen, vice-president; John Harms, marshal; Lennard David, treasurer; Habid Coronado, associate editor; Brett Faust, webmaster; Christopher Wong, secretary; Neil Ong, public relations; Jeffrey St. Germain, event coordinator; and Kathryn Dang, event coordinator. These highly capable members replace the dedicated staff of fall 2012 as listed above.

South Dakota State University

The South Dakota State University chapter of Chi Epsilon is proud to announce the initiation of 11 new student members in the year 2012. The following new members were added to the chapter in the spring of 2012: Alyssa Clemen, Brittney Ahrenstorff, Bryan Lipp, Bryan Wit...
zymann, Eduardo Torres, Gregory Hansen, Luke Rodig, and Nick Rezac. The following new members were added to the chapter in the fall of 2012: Matthew Auch, Angela Vermeer, Brooke Henry, Emily Sumner, Grace Regan, Casey Janisch, Michael Mingo, and Wiphawi Phifer.

In the fall semester of 2012, the chapter elected new officers for the 2013 academic year. The new officers for 2013 are: Casey Janisch, president; Wiphawi Phifer, vice-president; Eduardo Torres, secretary/treasurer; Angela Vermeer, marshal/associate editor. The outgoing officers of 2012 are: Nicole Campbell, president; Ross Kuchta, vice-president; Logan DeBoer, secretary/treasurer; Jacob Humburg, marshal/associate editor.

The SDSU chapter would like to thank all of the outgoing officers for a job well done, and would like to wish the graduating members the best of luck with their futures. The faculty advisor for the 2013 spring and fall semesters will be Dr. Nadim Wehbe, who took over advising duties from Dr. Chris Schmit during the 2012 academic year.

The SDSU chapter organized and provided tutoring sessions for underclassmen who are currently in lower level civil engineering, engineering mechanics, and general courses. The Chi Epsilon chapter also assists the ASCE student chapter with the steel bridge, concrete canoe, community service, and other projects. The chapter is currently recruiting the new initiates for spring 2013 and planning social activities to introduce them to the chapter. The South Dakota State University chapter of Chi Epsilon looks forward to another exciting and productive year.

University of South Florida

Spring 2012 was led by Michael Buyens, president; Patrick Buddenbrock, vice-president; Kyle Taniguchi, secretary/treasurer; and faculty advisor, Dr. Mark Ross. That semester, Buyens was sent as the representative of the chapter at the 42nd National Conclave. Our chapter was one of the recipients of the Susan C. Brown Outstanding Performance Award and received the award at the conclave. Initiation was held on March 23, to initiate Jodi Godfrey, David Sanabria, Micah Blake, Menna Yassin, Joseph Samus, Amine Hafsi, Wesley Hernandez, Matthew Verbyla, Marlon Orellana, Matthew Miller, Shaun Hurley, and Antonia Panaou. The initiation was split into two parts, one in the afternoon (see photo at left) and one in the evening.

The fall 2012 officers consisted of Wesley Hernandez, president; Menna Yassin, vice-president; Amine Hafsi, secretary; and Marlon Orellana, treasurer. During this semester, the chapter was at last able to secure office space on campus, in room 133 of the Edward G. Kopp Building.
The office is shared with the local Engineers Without Borders chapter, but has provided the space needed to conduct business. In addition, chapter 103 has begun a Facebook page that has been used to inform potential initiates of organization activities. We hosted a meet-and-greet in mid-October that ended in a paper airplane contest of which the winner (future initiate Matthew Norman) would receive $25.00. The chapter held its first fundraiser on November 15, selling pizza slices to raise money for future activities. Finally, we received membership applications from ten students who will be initiated in spring 2013: Qing Wang, Ellis Wright, Shannon Burg, Jeremiah Mosley, Matthew Norman, Richard Johnson, Ryan Haskins, Behnaz Hosseinzadeh Zaribaf, and Daniel Happel.

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville chapter of Chi Epsilon is proud to recognize its new members initiated in the spring of 2012: Ivan Catron, Jared Deimel, Michael Dudas, Dennis Entwistle, Timothy Friederich, Thomas Howe, Andrew Johnson, Andrew Langendorf, Cesar Martinez, Keith Munter, Thomas Packman, Brandon Ratermann, Bradley Ripley, Sam Ross, Katelyn Sodam, Frank Sottosanto, Melissa Strzelczyk, and Bradley Walwer. (see photo at right)

The newly elected officers for academic year 2012-13 include: Bradley Walwer, president; Bradley Ripley, vice-president; Thomas Packman, treasurer; Frank Sottosanto, secretary; Dennis Entwistle, associate editor; and Keith Munter, marshal. The chapter is currently in the process of selecting new members to initiate in the spring of 2013. The chapter would also like to thank the 2011-2012 officers for their devotion and smooth transition. The 2011-2012 officers were as follows: Austin Luberda, president; William Peabody, vice-president; Ryan Hann, treasurer; Dominique Davinroy, secretary; Jared Boeser, associate editor; and Damien DiVittrio, marshal.

During the fall semester of 2012, the SIUE chapter organized FE review sessions with help of several SIUE faculty members. These sessions were open to current SIUE students (free) and outside professionals (for a registration fee of $10/session, which were used as the primary fundraiser for the chapter). Also, the chapter officers participated in organizing “the Cheap Lunch Wednesdays”, another fundraising event through the Joint Engineering Student Council (JESC). The chapter would like to extend its gratitude to the faculty advisor, Dr. Nader Panahshahi and numerous other engineering faculty at SIUE for all of their assistance and support.
Stevens Institute of Technology

The Stevens Institute of Technology chapter of Chi Epsilon has had a very exciting year in 2012. Delegates Alexander Lee ('13) and Paul Peskosky ('12) represented the chapter at the 42nd National Conclave in March 2012. In April 2012, the new chapter officers were installed: Alexander Lee, president; Zoe Elliott, vice-president; Colleen Turley, treasurer; Erin Hopson, secretary; Tyler Burgasser, associate editor; and Eric Palmer, marshal. The chapter would like to thank the officers for all of their work over the past year. New officers will be elected in spring 2013. The chapter also extends its gratitude to Professor Hank Dobbelaar, Metropolitan District Councillor and faculty advisor, for all of his assistance and support.

Members and initiates toured the George Washington Bridge (see photo at left) with Mrs. Andrea Bocker, the Port Authority’s resident engineer in charge of construction at the bridge. This trip enabled students to learn about the planned construction project to replace the bridge’s steel suspension cables. This trip was held in October 2012, and another trip is planned for the 2013 spring semester.

In November of 2012, the Stevens Institute of Technology chapter initiated 16 new members. (see photo at right) Initiation was held at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, New Jersey. These new members have already brought enthusiasm and energy to the chapter and wish to help Chi Epsilon sponsor more events for the campus. With the support of the new members, the Stevens Institute of Technology chapter is planning to host a Metropolitan District Conference during the spring semester.

Syracuse University

During the 2012-2013 school year the Syracuse University Chi Epsilon chapter was involved in a number of events, most notably a tour of a local engineering firm, participation in the 42nd Chi Epsilon National Conclave in Los Angeles, California, and an initiation of 14 new members. On April 6, 2012, six members of our chapter had the opportunity to spend a day touring the facilities at a local engineering firm, C&S Comp-
nies. (see photo at bottom of previous page) Our itinerary included a presentation on recent projects the company had completed, a networking lunch, and a tour of the renovation project they were completing at the Syracuse International Airport. In March, our newly elected president and vice-president at the time traveled to Los Angeles to partake in the Chi Epsilon national conclave. They had a tremendous time and brought back excellent ideas for improving our student chapter. Lastly, our chapter just recently had our fall initiation of new members for the 2013-2014 school year. Our faculty advisor and existing members of the chapter were present to welcome in the new initiates. Following the ceremony, a dinner sponsored by the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering was held to honor the achievement of the members. Once we return for the spring semester, elections will take place for the new officer positions.

Outgoing Officers: Elias Smith, president; Paul Jackman, vice-president; Andrea Butchko, secretary; Isaac Allen, associate editor; Jonathan Spurr, treasurer; and Shea Tomlinson, marshal.


University of Tennessee

The University of Tennessee’s Chi Epsilon chapter has seen substantial growth and achievement throughout 2012. In the spring, we initiated the following students: Joshua Metz, Sam Robinson, Matthew Aplin, Brad Haynes, Cody Mitchell, Darren Haun, Jason Hill, Anna Tourville, and James Maynes. In the fall, we held another initiation ceremony where the following students were initiated: Jeremiah Paranuk, Forrest Reynolds, Matt Rhule, Andrew Wagner, Caleb Drummer, Alex Ferrara, and Anna Eldreth. (see photo at right)

Along with the spring 2012 initiation, new officers were elected as follows: Jordan Hayes, president; Gabrielle Sobe, vice-president; Jason Hill, secretary; Anna Tourville, marshal; Joseph Rungee, treasurer; and Sam Robinson, associate editor.

In addition to initiating new members and electing new officers, our chapter has continued to be productive in its efforts to revitalize the Order of the Engineer on campus. Along with the restoration of the Order of the Engineer, we have worked closely with our local ASCE chapter on school fundraisers, functions, and community service efforts.

The University of Tennessee chapter has also received multiple awards for their achievements in the past year. In April of this year, at
the Chancellor’s Award Banquet, our chapter was awarded the Charles R. Burchett Extraordinary Contributions to Campus Life Award. This award recognizes student organizations for outstanding or innovative contributions to the university campus. Also, in the spring, the UT ASCE chapter won 4th place overall at the ASCE Southeast Student Conference at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. Schools competing at the conference included The University of Alabama, Vanderbilt University, and The University of Florida. At the conference, we also received 1st place in Steel Bridge Visual Display and the Professional Paper Competition and 2nd place in Balsa Tower.

As we look forward to this coming year, we plan to continue improving our chapter’s growth and productivity.

Texas A&M University - Kingsville

For fall of 2012, our Chi Epsilon chapter inducted ten new members and six new officers for a total of 28 members currently involved in Chi Epsilon. (see photo at left) Two of our members will be graduating in December. We have participated in many community service events over the past several years including Fall Carnival, The Bigger Event, and a canned food drive that was a part of KiiiTV’s 25th Annual Share Your Christmas.

University of Texas at Arlington

The University of Texas at Arlington Chi Epsilon chapter had a successful year with the initiation of several new members as well as the elevation of a Chapter Honor Member.

In the spring 2012 semester, the UTA chapter provided tutoring sessions to underclassmen in core classes such as statics, mechanics of materials, and structural analysis. Members Carlos Esparza and Geoff Scheid, along with faculty advisor Dr. Andrew Kruzic, represented the UTA chapter in the 42nd National Conclave in Los Angeles, California.

The UTA chapter is proud to announce the elevation of Chapter Honor Member Mr. Les Perrin. Mr. Perrin had a very successful career as chief of the geotechnical section of the Fort Worth District Office of the U.S.A. Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Perrin is a distinguished alumnus of UTA and has been inducted into the University of Texas at Arlington Department of Civil Engineering’s Hall of Fame.

The UTA chapter was fortunate to welcome many new members to the Chi Epsilon family. The initiates for the spring 2012 semester were: Isaac W. Mwangi, Joshua B. Adams, Jelina D. Raby, John A. McCall, Sarah J. Lehman, Jonathan Estrada, Jacqueline L. Rojas, Arturo Benitez, Dmetrius Wright, Cameron L. Anderson, and Giancarlo S.

The officers for the spring 2012 semester were: Ruth Bribiesca, president; Jon Bunner, vice-president; Geoff Scheid, secretary/treasurer; Derek Ogburn, associate editor; and Samer Ghanma, marshal. The officers for the fall 2012 semester were: Ruth Bribiesca, president; Carlos Esparza, vice-president; Amanda Gentry, secretary; Kieran Prabhu, treasurer; Andy Pechacek, associate editor; and Giancarlo Grant, marshal.

University of Texas at Austin

Chi Epsilon is the Civil Engineering Honor Society at UT. All its members have demonstrated great leadership, enthusiasm, and excellence in the Civil Engineering Department, and its alumni are leaders in the civil engineering field. Chi Epsilon meetings are held every other Wednesday. At the meetings, a guest speaker from the civil engineering profession gives a presentation of his or her company and talks about some of the exciting projects taking place. Additionally, graduate students are involved in our meetings to answer any questions or concerns that our undergraduate students have concerning graduate school. In addition to meetings, Chi Epsilon hosts firesides and socials, and its members participate in volunteering events. (see photo at right) Firesides are a great way to meet with professors in a relaxed environment. Socials help new members integrate the organizations and bond amongst themselves and old members. This year Chi Epsilon members have helped out with Explore UT, Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day, Austin Children Museum, and Peer Advising.

Fall 2012 officers were: Pong Tam, president; Olivia Hoang, vice-president; Steven Natale, secretary; Juan Carlos Fornino, treasurer; Daniel Bejarano, marshal; Matt Rodriguez, ASCE Rep; Joy Chen, historian; and Amy Hwang, associate editor/SEC Rep.

This year’s initiates include: Amy Neskar, Jaime Byers, Jackson Hardage, Jonathan Couch, Juan Pablo Gevaudan, Lucy Webb, Richard Carothers, Rosaura Estrada, Stephen Stacey, and Uriel Garcia.

Spring 2013 officers are: Steven Natale, president; Matt Rodriguez, vice-president; Stephen Stacey, secretary; Juan Carlos Fornino, treasurer; Jonathan Couch, marshal; Jackson Hardage, ASCE Rep; Stephen Stacey, historian, and Uriel Garcia, associate editor/SEC Rep.
Texas Technological University

This year, the Texas Tech chapter of Chi Epsilon had four general meetings, an initiation of 18 new members, and our chapter’s first annual banquet. *(see photo at left)* Through the fall semester, members provided approximately 40 hours of tutoring service for our peers in a range of mechanics classes. Tutoring services were a great way for Chi Epsilon members and officers to socialize with underclassmen while helping them achieve great academic success.

The biggest philanthropic event of this year was helping raise awareness for CANstruction. CANstruction is a food drive that doubles as a competition amongst different engineering disciplines at Texas Tech to build the most creative structure out of cans. The event will be held next year but Chi Epsilon helped raise over 50lbs of food this year.

At our initiation during fall 2012, Texas Tech was visited by District Councillor Robert Henry. During Dr. Henry’s visit, he provided feedback on what this chapter has been doing well and provided advice for the future.

The last event of the semester was the Texas Tech chapter’s first banquet hosted by CB&I with keynote speaker Greg Soules, a principle engineer at CB&I. Mr. Soules gave a speech about leadership and communication in the field of civil engineering. The banquet was attended by 18 members and 5 faculty members and their guests. The Texas Tech chapter hopes that this banquet will continue in coming years.

Vanderbilt University

The Vanderbilt University chapter of Chi Epsilon gathered in Featheringill Hall on April 22, 2012, to initiate Sonja Davenport and El Mehdi El Hailouch. In addition, the Vanderbilt University chapter elected the following officers for the 2012-2013 term: Katherine Lopez, president; Jon Getz, vice-president; Seung-Hwan Chun, treasurer; Lauren Johnson, secretary; Amanda Worthington, associate editor; and Kyra Sahari, marshal. Afterwards, the new members, our faculty advisor, Dr. Gene Le-Boeuf, and the current members celebrated at Urban Flats in Nashville.

Katherine Lopez also attended the Chi Epsilon 42nd National Conclave in Los Angeles on March 8-10, 2012. Next semester, the chapter is participating in a Habitat for Humanity build in Nashville.

The Vanderbilt student chapter will have fall/winter initiation in January 2013, where it looks forward to initiating its newest members.
The University of Washington chapter of Chi Epsilon is proud to announce that 16 new members were initiated on April 23, 2012. These new members include 2 graduate students: Joseph K. Murphy and Matt W. McNair; and 14 undergraduate students: Brian L. Anderson, Michael R. Friesen, Sierra N. Gernhart, Monica (Mona) Gocan, Zach S. Hoekwater, Eric Knigge, Morgan D. Knighton, Kevin A. Martin, Michaela M. Mansfield, Amanda L. Neice, Danita L. Ruby, Yasaman Shariatmadari, Areeba Soomro, and Yayun A. Wang. We also initiated a new Chapter Honor Member, Charles V. ‘Tom’ Gibbs.

The newly elected officers for the 2012–2013 academic year are: Mona C. Gocan, president; Sierra N. Gernhart, vice-president; Danita L. Ruby, secretary/treasurer; Areeba Soomro, marshal; and Christina Curtis, associate editor. (see photo at right) Dr. Laura Lowes was sworn in as the faculty advisor.

The 2011–2012 outgoing officers were: Jennifer Dierksen, president; Ben Livneh, vice-president; Halley Kimball, treasurer; Tsung Hwa S. Burkhart, secretary; Christopher Maffucci, marshal; and Christina Curtis, associate editor.

Our chapter has several events planned for this year, including a Bowling for Bridges event that will be co-sponsored with the University of Washington ASCE student chapter. Originally planned for this fall, the event had to be rescheduled because construction on the UW bowling alley was halted as a result of Superstorm Sandy. This was an important reminder that being an engineer means being connected with the world at large and that events across the country can affect you personally.

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 2012 initiation. These included: Alex Dworak, president; Melissa Watson, vice-president; Hunter Waldschmidt, secretary; Jake Gregerson, treasurer; Cayleigh Snodgrass, marshal; and Preston Baker, associate editor. (see photo above) Many new members were also initiated into our group. Spring 2012 initiates include: Mitchell Bauer, Adam Groshek.
Jason Kleist, Joshua Lang, Jordan Lisowe, Riley Mondloch, Andrew Pinter, Benjamin Schaefer, Chas Spangenberg, Hunter Waldschmidt, and Charles Zingsheim. (see photo at right) Our chapter is also in the process of initiating a new faculty advisor, as our current advisor is stepping down. This advisor initiation issue resulted in our chapter not being able to initiate any new members this fall. However, plans are in place to have an initiation early in the spring semester, and also at the end of the school year.

As part of our community involvement, our chapter continued to work with the Institute of Transportation Engineers on highway cleanup for a nearby state road. Also Chi Epsilon’s traditional graduation brunch is still going strong. The graduation brunch treats graduating seniors and their families to a delicious buffet prepared by the members of Chi Epsilon. This spring members also organized a brat sale on campus.

In a continuing effort for our chapter to encourage sociability, bowling games were played against the mechanical engineering honor society on campus.