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This year’s initiation ceremony was held in May 2013, where five undergraduate and three graduate student members joined the UAB Chi Epsilon chapter. The newly elected officers for the coming year are: Joseph Phillips, president; R. Blake Greene, vice-president; James Dunlea, treasurer; Jeremiah Huddleston, secretary; Jamieson Matthews, associate editor; Caleb Wilson, marshal; and Dr. Talat Salama as the faulty advisor. Dr. Christopher Waldron became the new faculty advisor as of September 2013. (see photo above right)

UAB Chi Epsilon chapter members are active in numerous services and competitions such as volunteering at the McWane Science Center during E-week in February to teach kids about civil engineering through interactive demonstrations. Chi Epsilon members were also involved in the Engineering School Open House in March, a three-day event for high school students. Finally, there was the CANstruction event in October where students designed and built a replica of Birmingham’s minor league baseball stadium and donated over 2000 cans of food to a local charity. (see photo above left)

University of Arkansas

The year 2013 was very successful for the Chi Epsilon chapter at the University of Arkansas. The spring semester’s officers were: Jonathan Kerby, president; Chase Henrichs, vice-president; Chris Roman, secretary; Sadie Smith, treasurer; Ben Davis, marshal; Zachary Morehart, associate editor; and Dr. Norman Dennis served as faculty advisor again this year. (see photo)

In the spring, 8 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 to clean up a portion of Skull Creek as well as the walking trail that runs along that creek here in Fayetteville, AR. That trail is well known among the community, and we were happy to help clean it up and rid it of the trash that was around the area.

In the fall, 10 members were initiated into our chapter. In addition
to constructing a Chi Epsilon board just as the spring initiates did, they were required to complete community service hours. The members joined the initiates in participating in the campus wide Make a Difference Day. The project that was chosen to be completed was a clean-up of the gardens here on campus at the University of Arkansas as well as the local public library.

During both fall and spring semesters, our chapter held board signing parties for the initiates in order to promote sociability among the chapter. All faculty members and current student members are invited and encouraged to come and welcome the new initiates into the chapter. This gives the initiates the opportunity to get familiar with the faculty and members and build friendships and connections that will be long lasting.

Many of the members in our chapter are involved in many other organizations on campus with a major one being ASCE. In the spring, many members attended the regional ASCE conference which was held in Edwardsville, Illinois. Our chapter performed very well while we were there participating in most of the events which included Steel Bridge, Concrete Canoe, and Geowall, just to name a few.

This fall, in order to fill vacated positions, the following new officers were elected: Ryan Hagedorn, president; Ryan Dufour, vice-president; David Castillo, treasurer; and Abiy Ghirmay, marshal. (see photo) Dr. Norman Dennis continues to serve as faculty advisor. This year has been a very eventful one for our chapter of Chi Epsilon, and we are looking forward to accomplishing another successful year in 2014.

Auburn University

The Auburn University chapter of Chi Epsilon had an outstanding year in 2013, growing in number and accomplishment. The new officers elected in April 2013 were: Hunter Barriault, president; Catherine Butler, vice-president; Cady Hobson, secretary; Clint Smith, treasurer; Isaac Wasilefsky, associate editor; and Patrick Koch, marshal. These officers welcomed the eleven student members and one faculty member initiated this past fall semester. The outgoing officers were: Carrie Field, president, Zach Skinner, vice-president; Ashlen Shiver, secretary; Anthony Consunji, treasurer; Ashley Barnes, associate editor; and Clayton Smith, marshal; and inducted twelve student members and one faculty member in the spring. (see photo) Dr. Robert Barnes continued to serve as faculty advisor.

The chapter continued its organization of review sessions for the
Fundamentals of Engineering exam. In 2003, our chapter started these review sessions as a service to Auburn civil engineering students. Since that time, Auburn’s performance on the exam has improved remarkably. These review sessions would not have been possible without the following faculty members: Dr. 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.

Members took on the chapter’s commitment to sociability. The chapter held two dinners to honor our fall and spring initiates. At the end of the fall semester, we are looking forward to holding a social to celebrate the end of a successful semester. We look forward to another exciting and successful year in 2014!

Bradley University

It has been a good year for the Bradley University chapter of Chi Epsilon. We have begun our efforts to become more of a presence on our campus. Several new members have been initiated, and we have been participating in campus engineering events in order to give the Chi Epsilon name more exposure.

The main way we have involved ourselves over the past year is by helping with the annual Bridge-Pal competition. Started in 1991, the Bridge-Pal is a balsa wood bridge building competition in which middle school and high school students get the opportunity to construct and test a balsa wood bridge. Chi Epsilon members were each assigned to a different Bridge-Pal team. Our job was to assist the teams in organizing, designing, analyzing, and constructing their bridges for the final competition.

In the spring, 13 new members were initiated into our chapter. We also had our election for new officers. The officers that were elected are as follows: Sam Greifzu, president; Eric Notson, vice-president; Haley Sack, secretary; Yara Bitar, marshal; and Eric Anderson, associate editor.

On December 5, five new members were initiated into our chapter. (see photo) We hope to come back for the next spring semester and get even more involved on campus promoting civil engineering.
The Berkeley chapter finished off another great year welcoming a total of 24 new members from both fall and spring semesters. Initiates from the spring semester include: Thein Htaik, U Hin Lao, Melissa Meikle, Erick Paepke, Yike Qin, Andrew Richard, Angela Tarng, Peng Tieng, and Callis Yin. Initiates for the fall semester are: Wilzen Bassig, Sofia Hamilton, John Hensley, Quang Huỳnh, Patrick Le, Man Hon Lee, Kent Ma, Mark Ma, David Rothblum, Curtis Siegfried, Arash Shushtarian, Hannah Squier, Yiheng Tao, Lu Yan, and Miklos Zoller. (see photo)

During the spring semester, our chapter started a Developing Tools for Teaching program, which provides members with both a lesson on the theory for improving their teaching skills as well as allows them to put it into practice through our tutoring program. The program recognizes that in the future, our members are likely going to be expected to not only be experts in their technical areas but also mentors to future engineers and as such should learn what it takes to become effective teachers. The program started off strong with seven of our members earning certificates signed by the Chair of the Civil Engineering Department. At the end of the semester, our chapter was honored to initiate Rodrigo Santos as a Chapter Honor Member.

For the fall semester, in striving to further improve both peer and faculty advising, XE successfully collaborated with the Civil Engineering Department to revive the Undergraduate Advising Night, which in past years had fallen out of favor with both faculty and students. The idea of the event was to bring together undergraduates, professors from a wide range of emphases, students with unique experiences such as studying abroad, and a panel of top civil engineering students from XE. This year, thanks to all our officers coming together to collectively advertise, organize, and staff the event, the night ended very successfully with around 100 participants, and the thanks of many students, professors, and administrators.

The officer team for this fall: Miltiadis Vratimos, president; Katherine Miller, vice-president; Yike Qin, treasurer; Andrew Richard, secretary; David Lam and Rae Zhuang, marshals; Angela Tarng, historian; Jennifer Marion, scholarship; Ellen Everidge, publicity; David Yermian, professional liaison; Erick Paepke, webmaster; and George Greer, member retention (see photo); is happy to welcome and turn over its duties to the new officer team for spring 2014: Jennifer Marion, president; David Yermian, vice-president; Yike Qin, treasurer; Sofia Hamilton, secretary; Patrick Le and Arash Shushtarian, marshals; Kent Ma, historian; Mark Ma, scholarship; Angela Tarng, professional liaison; Peng Tieng, webmaster; and Miklos Zoller, member retention.
California State Polytechnic University at Pomona

The Chi Epsilon chapter at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona is excited to begin the 2013-2014 academic year. We have seven new officers who are ready to promote the principles of Chi Epsilon. (see photo) The names and respective positions of each officer are: Joshua Olmedo, president; Leonardo Dominguez, vice-president; Franklin Suarez, secretary; Jaime Garcia, treasurer; Nicolle Spann, marshal; Charles Truong, associate editor; Leonardo Ilog III, webmaster; and Cody Haines, corporate relations chair.

On April 21, 2013, we held our 2012-2013 initiation ceremony. We initiated 29 new members as well as our 1000th member at the ceremony. Afterwards we recognized our faculty advisor, Wen Cheng, for receiving the Faculty of the Pacific District Award along with the 2013 National James M. Robbins Excellence in Teaching Award. We also had William Nascimento as our guest speaker. He is an alumnus of Cal Poly Pomona’s chapter and has over 25 years of industry experience.

We have 50 initiates this year, which is 21 more than last year. The increased interest from initiates has led to more participation. An example was at the 2013 Pacific District Conference (PDC), which was held November 9th and 10th. Four initiates attended this year’s PDC. This was three more than at last year’s PDC.

California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo

Our chapter has experienced another growing year, initiating 43 new members in the 2013 winter pledge class. New chapter officers have also been named as follows: Brian Austin, president; Susan Briasco, vice-president; Micaela Saqui, treasurer; Sean Carney, secretary; Perry Ng, associate editor/Engineering Student Council representative; Jesse Ma, webmaster; Isabelle Rawlings and Elliot Freerks, pledge marshals; Adam Donald and Sam Cronin, community service coordinators; and Kevin Raives and Logan McNeil, event coordinators. The officers will serve until winter quarter of 2014, and be overseen by our faculty advisor, Dr. Charles Chadwell.

We have continued to foster the professional development of our members, inviting several industry representatives to speak to our members and representatives from Cal Poly career services to assist them in interview etiquette and resume’ workshop skills. We have also increased our members’...
connections with other clubs such as SCE, SWE, and ESC, collaborating in several events such as the Club Bonfire (see photo bottom of previous page), Paintball Social, and Day of Service (Build an Engineer Day).

Within our own club, the chapter has continued to host our annual social events, such as the two local barbecue restaurants, Jocko’s and Big Bubbas. (see photo at right) We have also increased our participation in Cal Poly intramural sports, with teams in four different sports. Our IM Dodgeball team and IM Volleyball team reached the playoffs in their inaugural year. Ten of our members attended the Pacific District Conference at the University of California, Davis in November of 2013. In the three days of the conference, our members participated in various workshops and events to collaborate and create connections between other chapters.

Finally, we have continued to hold our FE review sessions as the main fundraiser for our chapter. The review sessions have continued to grow in favor in the Cal Poly engineering community as they have supported the university’s high passage rate. This fundraiser has allowed our chapter and its members to enjoy the various annual social and community service events.

California State University at Fresno

During the spring and fall 2013 semesters, the members and initiates of the CSU Fresno chapter had several social and volunteer events. The chapter volunteered at the MESA day events throughout the semesters. This included helping kids work on science or engineering related projects. The chapter also held its biannual bowling night at the Fresno State student union.

During the spring 2013 semester, the chapter held a special event for members and initiates. The members were able to attend an informational tour of the Friant Dam, including inside the dam and the generators. The tour of the Friant Dam was a fun and interactive social event for the members and new initiates to meet each other. This is an event that may become more frequent in the future.

The officers for the fall 2013 semester were as follows: Jason Stacier, president; Kiana Negoro, vice-president; Tonia Holmes, treasurer; Martin Garcia, secretary; Jared Linney, marshal; and Seerat Sharma, associate editor. (see photo)
The incoming officers for the spring 2014 semester were as follows: Kiana Negoro, president; Tonia Holmes, vice-president; and Seerat Sharma, secretary. The treasurer, marshal and associate editor are still going to be determined.

California State University at Fullerton

In the spring of 2013, the student chapter at CSUF became the most recent affiliate to be inducted into Chi Epsilon. A total of 59 charter members were initiated as the CSUF chapter was installed. The officers elected for the inaugural semester are as follows: John Warrick, president; Ashley Chin, vice-president; Grecia Bahena, secretary; Victor Barranco, treasurer; Ryan Visperas, associate editor; Brian Aleman, marshal (see photo); and Garrett Struckhoff, Faculty Advisor.

The Chi Epsilon chapter at CSUF organized several events to build a sense of community between both members and initiates. Social events included a barbecue fundraiser held in conjunction with Fullerton’s ASCE chapter and a meet and greet held at the bowling alley and recreation hall located on campus. In November, several Chi Epsilon members and initiates volunteered and participated in CSUF’s annual pumpkin launch coordinated by the Discovery Science Center. Later that month, six delegates attended the Chi Epsilon Pacific District Conference at UC Davis. It has been announced that CSUF will be hosting the annual PDC in 2014. This is a major honor for the chapter as we hope that this exposure will boost our club development and solidify our presence for years to come.

Our chapter is working to provide students with research and networking opportunities as well as increasing club involvement in the community. A successful semester came to a close as 13 students were initiated this spring semester. The chapter would like to commend the efforts of the outgoing officers, Grecia Bahena and Brian Aleman who are to be succeeded by the newly elected officers, Elizabeth Belmudez, secretary; and George Nguyen, marshal. The officers and members look forward to improving and building upon the promising 2013 campaign.

California State University at Long Beach

CSULB’s Chi Epsilon chapter continues to grow and work for achievement and success in 2013. We carry on our prestige through our new officers and initiates of this year. Our chapter initiated 11 in the spring and 7 members in the fall. Our success is strengthened by the leadership of our officers, with Matthew Burris as president; Neil Azaren, vice-president; Kyrenne Chua, secretary/treasurer; Curtis Gauthier,
marshal; **Peny Kate Villanueva**, associate editor; and **Julie Tran**, webmaster/Associated Engineering Student Body representative. *(see photo)* Our Faculty Advisor, **Dr. Antonella Sciortino**, remains a great aid to our chapter’s development, guiding us in her experience and leadership, and supporting our members into scholarships and internship opportunities.

The CSULB chapter made a stand in this year’s Pacific District Conference, with 8 members in attendance including 1 alumnus, and winning 3rd place overall in the PDC Cup. We displayed our talent in design, creativity, and workmanship, winning 1st place in the Banner Stand, Display, and Quiz Bowl.

While we strive to maintain our academic excellence, we also maintain our sociability, holding various social events such as mini-golfing at Boomers, arcade gaming at Dave and Busters, and bowling and games at our University Student Union, in which we also included members of ASCE and our alumni. Our chapter continued its tradition of EIT reviews for the general engineering student body, making a good profit in our chapter while assisting our fellow students in preparation of the EIT. Our outreach to other students grows as we maintain general body meetings once a month to keep connected to our current members, along with holding an information booth at Engineering Day to reach out to incoming freshman and make them aware of the opportunities available in joining Chi Epsilon. Overall, the CSULB chapter continues to hold its strength in development, making this year one of accomplishment and growth.

**California State University at Los Angeles**

**Initiation Ceremony 2013**

The initiation ceremony took place on the CSULA campus and was catered by Georges Cucina Italiana (a family owned restaurant of a fellow civil engineering student). The event consisted of formally initiating the new members into Chi Epsilon followed by a banquet to celebrate and get to know their fellow initiates better. Faculty, alumni, and past Chapter Honor Members were also in attendance. *(see photo)*

Our newest members are: **Kheder Alrazaa, Arutyun Arzoumanian, Erik Avila, Anet Azadkhanian, Michael Dela Cruz, Karina Estrada, Adolfo Gutierrez, Jonathan Lin, Ling Bon Lo, Blanca Lopez, Jonathan Ma,**
Edgar Morales, Sarah Mouakkad, Nhat Nguyen, Mark Ocampo, Samuel Perez, Ethan Richardson, Daniel San Juan, Ryan Santoso, Anthony Soriano, and Juan Valazquez-Cardenas.

**Officers:**

Incoming officers: Rene Malan, president; **Edgar Morales**, vice-president; Karina Estrada, treasurer; Ethan Richardson, secretary; Virginia Estrada, event coordinator; and Jonathan Lin, associate editor. (see photo)

Outgoing Officers: George Hernandez, president; Virginia Estrada, vice-president; Miguel Soto, treasurer; Rene Malan, secretary; Jordan Vazquez, marshal; and Sam Guan, associate editor. (see photo at left)

**Outstanding Awards:**

Alanna Dedek, Gennelle Dedek, and Rene Malan received the TRB Eisenhower Fellowship.

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**University of Central Florida**

The past year has been very successful for the Central Florida chapter of Chi Epsilon. Officers this past year were: Sebastian Tabares, president; Taylor Laurent, vice-president; Ivan Camilo Saavedra, treasurer; Alex Solanilla, secretary; Christopher Andrew Lancaster, marshal; and Noelle Crosby, associate editor. (see photo at left) In the last year, we have initiated a total of 14 members, which has been an overall great result and amazing contribution to our chapter. Our newest members: Ian Samms, Drew Hansen, Michael Miles, Antony Harb, Andrew Shue, Luciana Pinheiro, Latania Brown, Adam Warga, Nicholas Crews, Jonathan Ousley, and Jacqueline Dabney, were initiated on November 22, 2013. Our faculty advisor is Dr. Kevin Mackie, and he has been very helpful leading in guiding the new officers.

Our chapter has taken part in several events this past year. We co-hosted the Seventh Annual Builders of the Realm Celebration, in which we recognized faculty, alumni, and students on their great success and contributions to the Civil, Environmental, and Construction Engineering Department at UCF. During this event Tiffany Lai, our past president, was recognized as the 2013 Outstanding Chi Epsilon Member and awarded with a plaque presented by Taylor Laurent (see photo at right). Our chapter also participated in the United Way Spooky Knight
5k in support of the Coalition for the Homeless and assisted with renovating the “My Angel with Paws” animal shelter.

We continue to provide free peer tutoring for upper level civil, environmental, and construction engineering courses. Members volunteer to tutor for one or more courses for a few hours each week. The program directly benefits students in our department and gives us the opportunity to interact with other students and faculty in our field. As a fundraiser, we sell engineering paper at a discounted price to all members of the engineering community. We are also very excited to have our own Chi Epsilon chapter t-shirts this year.

Our chapter is currently looking forward to another great year of events, fundraisers, and camaraderie. Our president has met with our student government senator and is planning with the officers for the upcoming conclave. We look forward to meeting all of the fellow chapters! We are proud to represent the Central Florida chapter of Chi Epsilon, and we hope to continue our success.

Clemson University

2013 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 more 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 2014 under the supervision of the current officers.

In the spring semester, we welcomed 19 new members into the organization: Morgan A. Benton, James A. Attenhofer, Lloyd A. Chalker, Joshua M. Davis, Michael A. Diorio, Amber R. King, William W. Littlejohn, William R. Locke Jr., Katelyn N. Love, Devin A. Mahon, Christopher M. Neal, Taylor Y. Nunamaker, Andrew J. Owen, Melanie R. Payne, Benjamin D. Rogers, Andrew B. Stokes, Kelly A. Tappel, Elizabeth M. Wheeler, and Evan G. Whisnant. We also welcomed a new group of officers, motivated to advance the chapter. Our current officers are: Frederick Paige, president; Jason Jansante, vice-president; Liz Wheeler, secretary/associate editor; Devin Mahon, treasurer; and Evan Whisnant, marshal.

This year, the members of Chi Epsilon continued their participation in the Adopt-a-Highway litter pick up program, 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 19 new members into the organization. In an effort to collaborate more with other student organizations in our department, our chapter worked with the Clemson chapter of ASCE in the building of a Habitat for Humanity home and co-hosted a meeting with special guest speaker Mr. Ernie Briel. Mr. Briel was a 1955 graduate of the Glenn Department of Civil Engineering at Clemson University who
founded and served as president and CEO of BRPH, an architecture and engineering firm. Mr. Briel spoke to the department about his career and experiences as a member of the team that constructed the NASA facilities at Cape Canaveral, FL. Finally, we hosted a movie night as a social event for all students in our department. All of the new officers, initiates, and current members look forward to another successful year and becoming more of a presence at Clemson University in 2014.

Colorado State University

The fall of 2013 has been a very prosperous term for Chi Epsilon at Colorado State University (CSU). By focusing on Chi Epsilon’s four tenants of Scholarship, Character, Sociability, and Practicality, we have all grown and strive to continue to grow as future engineers.

We are pleased to announce that our new officer committee is carrying on Chi Epsilon’s excellence with our new president Ryne Schroder, a graduating senior this year returning to Chi Epsilon from his former position as associate editor. Replacing Ryne as associate editor this year is Jake Leins, also a graduating senior. Another esteemed member joining our Chi Epsilon community is our new faculty advisor Dr. Pinar Omur-Ozbek. Dr. Omur-Ozbek was born and raised in Ankara, Turkey, and specializes in environmental engineering. She demonstrates strong dedication and enthusiasm to assist our chapter at CSU, and we are pleased to work beside her. Ryne replaced Marianne Pascoe, former president of Chi Epsilon’s delta chapter for the 2012-2013 year. Our new president is assisted by the vice-president Tyler Dell, also a graduating senior replacing past vice-president Paul Churchill. Julie Almasy, a senior at CSU, has interchanged our former secretary, Gina D’Silva. Former marshal Robert Lankford is preceded by Michael Hiebert. Finally, Luke Thompson has replaced Tyler Dell as Delta chapter’s treasurer.

After inviting possible members who have displayed the four pillars of Chi Epsilon in their college careers, an initiation was held on December 9, 2013. The initiation began in the engineering building on campus at CSU and then proceeded to the Danforth Chapel. After the initiation ceremony, a celebratory dinner was held at Canino’s Italian Restaurant along with a speech about honor from a Chi Epsilon member and University Professor, Dr. Paul Heyliger. CSU’s delta chapter is thrilled to initiate thirteen new members this semester to carry on the Chi Epsilon legacy. The new initiates are: Ryan Barr, Travis Bell, Risa Benvenga, Caroline Draper, Kayla Fochtman, Callen Hecker, Marshall Murphy, Kaviram Pool, Karly Rager, Ahmed Sahab, Erik Schnaderbeck, Clint Sciacca, Nicholas Sianta, and Eric Uhl. (see photo)

As members of our university’s Chi Epsilon chapter, we felt the desire to share our academic excellence with our peers by holding statics
review sessions. Previously, our chapter offered tutoring sessions in multiple subjects. However, after lack of participation, it was decided guided review sessions would be more beneficial. Two review sessions were held during the fall semester by our officer team for students preparing for statics exams. These review sessions proved to be prosperous based on feedback from the attending students. Through conducting these sessions, Chi Epsilon has earned a greater reputation of service and scholarship in the CSU community.

University of Connecticut

In March 2013, we initiated new members/officers: Matthew Burnett, treasurer; Sokheang Chay, Eamon Flannery, Eric Grulke, Colleen Jost, co-marshal; Michael Larson, Amanda McBride, co-marshal; Pearse McManus, president; Eri Muto, Lucia Petriccione, secretary; Rachel Plank, vice-president/event-coordinator; Robert Rosa, associate editor; and Sharon Scott.

On Wednesday, October 23th, 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 advisor, Dr. Nicholas Lownes, led this event. He was accompanied by Dr. Amvrossios C. Bagtzoglou and Dr. Richard Christenson. 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 and fall 2013 semesters, 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.

This fall, we strengthened our relationship with the American Society of Civil Engineers university chapter. In spring 2014, we will be hosting a Civil and Environmental Engineering Career Fair alongside ASCE. We will be working with them to hold a t-shirt fundraiser as well.

Cornell University

The Cornell University chapter of Chi Epsilon approached 2013 with a renewed commitment to increasing student involvement and professional outreach. On May 7, 2013, eight new members were initiated. (see photo) Shortly after, the new officers for the 2013-
14 school year were selected. The new officers are as follows: Kejing Jiang, president; Oliver Beacham, vice-president; Han Wei Chew, treasurer; Ryan Kwak, secretary; Sierra Young, associate editor; and Beth Wright, marshal. Professor Bisogni is our continuing faculty advisor.

Over the past year, Cornell’s eight members have proven to be very successful. Three of the members, Kejing Jiang, Oliver Beacham, and David Beavers, have been inducted into Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering society. Member David Beavers returned from studying abroad during the fall 2012 semester at Università di Bologna with a fresh perspective on engineering and many enriching experiences to share. His photo (above) of Cinque Terre, Italy earned second place in the CU Abroad photo contest.

All members of the Cornell chapter came back in the fall after their spring initiation full of ideas and ready to take action. Chi Epsilon began offering tutoring sessions for core civil engineering classes, such as fluid dynamics, statics, and mechanics of solids. This was a success, and members plan to continue these tutoring services for spring classes. Chi Epsilon also assisted with and participated in the CEE department’s annual canned food drive, which donates the food to the American Red Cross of Tompkins County to help those in need around the holidays. In addition to community service, additional work has been done to expand professional outreach. Members have been working toward increasing the number of structural and civil engineering design firms that come to recruit on campus.

The members of Chi Epsilon at Cornell are excited and eager to continue becoming more active both within engineering and around the rest of campus. Future plans for the spring 2014 semester include developing a peer mentorship program with engineering underclassmen, introducing additional community service activities, and continuing to develop professional outreach.

University of Delaware

The University of Delaware chapter of Chi Epsilon had an exciting 2012-2013 school year full of student involvement through volunteer opportunities, educational student resources, and the initiation of new members. The chapter was thrilled to initiate 23 new members on March 13, 2013. Those members are: Veronica Citerone, Ryan Connell, Matthew Cory, Robert Farella, Matthew Galenas, Michael Anthony, Jeffrey Hensley, Oliver Hoy, Ryan Kusy, Audrey Landmark, Claire McGinnis, Colin McMichael, Quinlan Mulholland, Ryan Musacchio, Andrew Peng, Jonathan Sabatino, Luke Schneider, Matthew Sparacino, Jean Vilalta, Andrew Villari, Eric Viloria, Marshall Wright, and Richard Zabel. Elections were held for a new officer board following the induction
on May 8, 2013. The 2013-2014 board consists of: Jack Cardinal, president; Luke Schneider, secretary; Veronica Citerone, associate editor; and Quinlan Mulholland, marshal.

Members of the University of Delaware chapter were given an amazing opportunity to use their talents and give back to the local community through a science and engineering fair mentoring program at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School. (see photos) During the 2013 spring semester, students were paired with 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to assist with experiments, research, and preparation for the spring science and engineering fair. The Chi Epsilon members had a lot of fun with the young students and enjoyed sharing their knowledge and experience.

The chapter organized a dinner to welcome back its members at the beginning of the 2013 fall semester. The event was held at Iron Hill Brewery and was a great chance for members to socialize and discuss future plans for the chapter.

The University of Delaware chapter provided educational resources to all civil engineering students at the University of Delaware through FE exam review sessions. The sessions were held 3 times a week starting in September and finishing the week before the FE exam was taken in October 2013. Professors from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering instructed the review sessions. Students gave great feedback about the review sessions and felt well-prepared for the FE exam.

All members are excited for another successful year for the University of Delaware chapter of Chi Epsilon.

Duke University

On April 1, 2013, the current class of the Duke University Chi Epsilon chapter was initiated. The following students were welcomed as Chi Epsilon members: Ifeoma Anyansi, Natalie Cybriwsky, Thomas Isolab, Brady Klein, Emily Mass, Lauren Morrison, Taylor Phillips, Matthew Rand, and Colette Soloff. On April 21, 2013, new officers were elected as follows: Brady Klein, president; Emily Mass, vice-president; Ifeoma Anyansi, secretary; Matthew Rand, marshal; and Lauren Morrison, treasurer.

After the elections, the new members voted to confer on Professor Henri Gavin the Earl I. Brown II Outstanding Civil Engineering Faculty Award. Dr. Gavin has extensive research experience in the fields of structural dynamics and control as they apply to earthquake and structural engineering. He is dedicated to the civil engineering community at Duke
University, acting as director of the Center for Applied Control and of the Structural Dynamics and Seismic Response Control Laboratory, and as an academic and thesis advisor for many students. Beyond this, he is also an engaging lecturer for courses including matrix structural analysis and structural dynamics, among many others.

Members of the executive board met this past fall to discuss ideas for improving the overall civil engineering experience at Duke University, with a particular focus on increasing potential opportunities for engineering employment for our graduates upon leaving Duke. We hope to work with the Duke career center, the Pratt Advisory Board, and engineering faculty to organize workshops and create connections between students and industry. Additionally, in October, several members of our chapter led a panel discussion and tour of engineering laboratories for prospective (currently undecided) civil engineering majors in the class of 2015.

Initiation for the newest class of Chi Epsilon will take place early in the spring semester of 2014. 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.

Florida International University

This calendar year has yielded a grand total of 26 initiates. With six of them graduated in the spring semester and three in fall semester. This year has been exciting at our Engineering Campus with the renovation that took place this summer, giving our second home for the semester a new facelift. (see photo at left) As civil engineers, it made us curious to see how much a difference we can make by using the building models of concept, design, and construction. We look forward to this year’s conclave.

In the spring, initiation was held on April 20, 2013, and the fall initiation was held on December 7, 2013. (see photo at right) Next semester, we plan to do more co-hosted events with ASCE, such as: field trips to Miami Tunnel Project, 826/836 expansion, and more general meetings.

The outgoing officers are: Shuo Zhang, treasurer; Kenneth Perez, secretary; Jessy Jean, associate editor; and Daniel Ghebregziabher, marshal. The new officers are: Alexandra Smith-Prance, secretary; Daniel Irigoyen, treasurer; Raul Escamilla, marshal; and Kenneth Perez, associate editor. They took over on January 1, 2014.

University of Hawaii

2013 was a very exciting year for The University of Hawaii, Manoa (UHM) Chi Epsilon chapter. The UHM chapter initiated 9 new members into Chi Epsilon in spring 2013. (see photo at left) They include: Aaron Sewake, Austen Lau, Conor Hyland, Emily Valenzuela, Joseph Furutani, Kenny Kwan, Kimberlee Luke, Landon Kaya, and Matthew Bissell. These new members would eventually play an important role in organizing fundraising events, social activities, and initiating the fall 2013 pledge class.

Former Senator, Norman L. Sakamoto was elevated to Chapter Honor Member during the spring initiation ceremony held at Kapiʻolani Community College. (see photo at right) While working as the Building Industry Association President, his colleagues saw his passion and commitment to the civil engineering profession, which led to the community urging him to run for public office. Norman Sakamoto accepted this challenge as a Senator in the Hawaii State Legislature, and has contributed much to the betterment of our society in Hawaii. His ethics and values exemplified those of a true public servant. His civil engineering and contractor background provided him the vision to improve how we live and do business in Hawaii. Senator Sakamoto helped draft and push measures including procurement and tort reform. Norman Sakamoto has, and even today continues to be involved in the betterment of our business and community in Hawaii.

The outgoing officers of spring 2013 were: Jose Lucina, president; Brysen Calkins, vice-president; Janelle Sebastian, treasurer; Chad Kadokawa, secretary; Amy Higuchi, associate editor; and Jessica Galacgac, marshal.

During the summer of 2013, the UHM chapter organized a very successful car wash fundraiser at the Chevron gas station in Kahala, which supplied the chapter with $2,234; enough funds to send more delegates to the 2013 PDC in November and subsidized two professional social dinners. These professional social dinners provided the opportunity for members...
to interact with prominent engineers working in the field and learn from the experiences they had growing from students to very influential engineering positions in Hawaii. This year, the chapter hosted dinners with Chapter Honor Members Dennis Hirota, Sheryl Nojima, and Norman Sakamoto.

During the fall semester, the UHM chapter also hosted a fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen, where they raised $469. In November, the UHM chapter sent 10 delegates, which included 5 members, 3 initiates, and 2 faculty members to the 26th annual Pacific District Conference (PDC) hosted by the University of California, Davis. Those delegates included Brysen Calkins, Kimberlee Luke, Kenny Kwan, Joseph Furutani, Emily Valenzuela, Traci Rivera, Matthew Muranaka, Royce Pasalo, Faculty Advisor Phillip Ooi, and National President Randall Akiona. At the conference, the top civil, environmental, and construction engineering students from the Chi Epsilon Pacific District reviewed the policies and rules of procedure of Chi Epsilon. Also at the conference, the UHM chapter won the prestigious PDC cup for the first time. This was a great achievement that ultimately enhanced the morale and confidence of the chapter as a whole. To achieve this, the UHM chapter delegates participated and excelled in various events involving teamwork, creativity, problem solving, and engineering knowledge - thoroughly demonstrating the four pillars of Chi Epsilon: Scholarship, Practicality, Character, and Sociability.

Also in November, the UHM chapter volunteered at the 5th Annual Holmescoming Engineering event hosted by the College of Engineering Alumni Association. Holmescoming, named after UHM’s engineering building – Holmes Hall, gave the members a chance to raise funds, bring awareness to the chapter’s activities, and socialize with UHM engineering alumni about their experiences working in the industry. Throughout the fall semester, the UHM chapter held tutoring sessions for fundamental civil engineering courses such as statics, dynamics, and fluid mechanics. Finally, the UHM chapter inducted 12 new members in fall 2013 into Chi Epsilon. These new members worked hard to draft a proposal to the University of Hawaii to build a gravel walkway between the Hawaii Institute of Geophysics and the Pacific Ocean Science and Technology buildings as a community service project. Their proposal will be constructed in spring 2014. The fall 2013 initiates include: Alicia Fung, Branden Santiano, Kellie Ko, Matthew Chang, Matthew Muranaka, Paolo Castro, Roger Tamaru, Royce Pasalo, Ryan Bartolome, Ryan Leonardo, Traci Rivera, and Whitney Nakama.

The UHM chapter appreciates the services of the following outgoing officers for fall 2013: Brysen Calkins, president; Kimberlee Luke, vice-president; Kapiolani Street, treasurer; Emily Valenzuela, secretary; Amy Higuchi, associate editor; and Joseph Furutani, marshal. (see photo)
The Chi Epsilon alpha chapter at the University of Illinois concluded another exciting year. The Chi Epsilon alpha chapter extended a thank-you to the officers who served for the 2012-2013 school year: Bethany Myelle, president; Megan Wallace, vice-president; Mona Patel, secretary; Adam Spenner, treasurer; Donovan Holder, marshal; Scott Schmidt, Engineering Council representative/associate editor; Nimit Bhatia, social/service chair; James Boffice, director of information; and Tim Veldman, graduate advisor. The chapter congratulated the officer board elected in April 2013 to serve for the 2013-2014 school year: Donovan Holder, president; Scott Schmidt, vice-president; Corey Aumiller, secretary; William Bader, treasurer; Mona Patel, marshal; Kelly Samara, Engineering Council representative/associate editor; Emma Kay, social/service chair; Chris Naranjo, director of information; and Bethany Myelle, graduate advisor.

The 2013 spring and fall semesters were highlighted by the initiation of the chapter’s two newest classes, totaling forty-two new members. (see photo) Additionally, two distinguished professionals were elevated to Chapter Honor Member status. Albert Valocchi, a professor in the Environmental Hydrology and Hydraulic Engineering department at the University of Illinois, was recognized as a Chapter Honor Member at the spring 2013 initiation ceremony. Louis Bowman, chairman of Bowman, Barrett & Associates Inc. and graduate of the University of Illinois, was elevated to Chapter Honor Member during the fall 2013 initiation ceremony.

This year, there were a total of six general meetings, which included presentations by representatives from such companies as Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. and T. Y. Lin International Group. New and current members participated in community service by volunteering at local food banks, the Champaign Library, and working together on a park clean-up. Additionally, October provided a unique opportunity for thirteen chapter members to participate in a campus-wide volunteer effort called “I-Help.”

This year also provided opportunities for professional development events, including a SAP2000 workshop (joint-hosted with the Structural Engineers Association) and several luncheons with professors in the department. The chapter also hosted a traditional professor and student “Wine and Cheese Mixer,” which was a success in both the spring and fall semesters. (see photo)
Throughout the year, members participated in social events, including a soccer match against members of the University of Illinois chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. As a result of our chapter’s achievements and the numerous events that were planned and hosted, it was awarded the October 2013 Society of the Month Award by the University of Illinois Engineering Council.

The alpha chapter is 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 Donovan Holder at holder2@illinois.edu.

Iowa State University

The Iowa State University chapter of Chi Epsilon has continued its current tradition of service toward the university by keeping its “Keep Town Beautiful” initiative. The Town Engineering Building is ISU’s facility dedicated to the civil, construction, and environmental engineering professions; every other week, members of XE pick up trash both within and outside of the building in order to keep the area looking stellar. Additionally, Chi Epsilon has continued to keep a stretch of road clean as part of the “Adopt a Highway” initiative through the Department of Transportation. XE members have also participated in community service events such as the “Society of Women Engineer's Fall Festival”, where the club partnered with other clubs throughout the College of Engineering to entertain children for the afternoon. Members of XE built marshmallow and toothpick bridges with middle school aged children in order to help them explore the concepts of structural integrity and begin to understand the profession of civil engineering.

Members of ISU’s chapter have also enjoyed a variety of social events. Some of the more popular events have included getting pizza or tacos at popular restaurants close to campus. (see photo)

Following with the tradition of previous years, the 31st annual Civil Engineering Spring Banquet was once again hosted by Chi Epsilon on April 24th, 2013. The spring banquet is an excellent opportunity to honor those who have received scholarships, facilitate the communication between scholarship recipients and donators, and recognize those who have been making a difference in the college. This year’s keynote speaker was Joel Cerwick, former Board Chairman and Regional Office Group President at Burns & McDonnell.

The ISU Chi Epsilon chapter had the honor of initiating 7 new members into the society in the spring of 2013, and 3 more members in the fall. Cabinet members for the fall include: Kim Scherber, president; Jason Kenyon, vice-president; Evan Brown, treasurer; Christa Van’t
Hul, secretary; Matt Dunlop, events chair; Kaitlyn Aldrich, marshal; and Danielle Baranski, webmaster. Cabinet members for the spring of 2014 will include: Matt Dunlop, president; Jason Kenyon, vice-president; Evan Brown, treasurer; and Kaitlyn Aldrich, marshal. All in all, Chi Epsilon has had a great year and the club hopes to continue to make a difference, not only within the club, but also within the community.

Kansas State University

In the year 2013, the Kansas State University chapter of Chi Epsilon was very active on and off campus. This past year, our chapter completed two service projects with the Army Corp of Engineers at Tuttle Creek State Park. Last spring, we helped spread mulch at a playground located in one of the camping areas. The park was also having an issue with deer rubbing on some of the trees located throughout the park. For our service project this past fall, we drove stakes around the trees that were affected, to help keep the deer away. (see photo at right) We have had great success with projects working with the Army Corp of Engineers and plan to continue this tradition. Our chapter members also work with the KSU Civil Engineering Department as mentors to the CE 101 Intro to Civil Engineering class. CE 101 Intro to Civil Engineering is a course for freshmen and transfer students. This class teaches students what the civil engineering program is like at Kansas State University and helps new students understand what the civil engineering profession is about. As mentors, we help guide group discussions, conduct labs, and provide tips for a successful college career in our department. Each mentor is assigned a group of students to provide assistance on class projects and to answer any questions they may have about the department and the profession. The mentoring program has been a great success in the past years and we plan to continue mentoring the CE 101 class next fall. Our mentors also gave prospective student tours of the department. Many of our officers participated in the interview process for a new geo-tech faculty member last spring.

Our chapter is proud to announce the recent initiation of nine new members in the fall of 2013. These new members are: Andrew Bernica, Jacob Cronenwett, Claudia Gonzalez, Matthew Gotobed, Caleb Mitchell, Jacob Paperi, Donald Powers, James Scott, and Michael Stancic. (see photo at left) We did not have any initiates for the spring of 2013.

Our officer team for the year 2013 was:

Joseph Burgett, president; Gregory Canales, vice-president; Daniel Lamberger, recording secretary; Carl Peterson, treasurer; Cale
Armstrong, marshal, and Vincent Studer, associate editor. Our new officer team for spring 2014 is: James Scott, president; Andrew Bernica, vice-president; Donald Powers, recording secretary; Jacob Paperi, treasurer; Claudia Gonzalez, marshal; and Caleb Mitchell, associate editor.

Lawrence Technological University

The Department of Civil Engineering at Lawrence Technological University (LTU) has had another great year. On April 19, 2013, chapter 117 of Chi Epsilon initiated three new members. They were: Felicia Koch, Marcus Triola, and John Stebelton. Three new officers were sworn in that night for the 2013-2014 school year. The officers were: Shantel Miller, president; Jacob Montgomery, vice-president; and Jennifer Johnson, treasurer. Remaining in the positions they held the previous year are: Ashley Meade, secretary; Rachel Pieschek, associate editor; and Mariane Howdyshell, marshal.

Chapter 117 once again upheld the dignified honor of organizing the LTU Engineer’s Ring Ceremony for the Order of the Engineer Link 172 held on April 22, 2013, for the College of Engineering. Volunteers from the chapter setup and assisted with the ceremony, which is a yearly tradition.

On December 6, 2013, seven new members were initiated into the chapter. The new members are: Jordan Britz, Terry Fahey, Ian Graham, Jonathan Gruber, Kimberly Klieber, Jeremy Norris, and Fred Scott. (see photo) Member Kimberly Klieber was elected to fill the vacated officer position of marshal for next semester. Our Chi Epsilon initiation event was coordinated with other engineering honor societies on campus and together held a celebratory banquet after the ceremonies.

Lehigh University

This year, Chi Epsilon at Lehigh University initiated seven new members, four of which became elected officers for the chapter. New officers include: Evan Mullen, president; Agustin Villarreal, vice-president; Conor Thompson, marshal; James Guffey, treasurer; and Sarah Early, secretary. Other newly initiated members are Amy Breden and Pei Pei Yang. Existing members from the previous year include Shadoe Sandford, Lucia Giron, Chase Slavin, Hillary Brooker, Christian Stephen, Rebecca Herkes, Carley Miller, Yassira Alaziz, John Archibald, Andrew Lucibello, Kristen Peterson, Kenneth Sweeney, and Johnny Walter.

This year, Chi Epsilon officers spoke at Lehigh’s annual Civil Engineering Welcome Event, held in Fritz Laboratory in September. This...
event is for sophomore civil engineering majors attending Lehigh University. It allows new civil engineering students to learn about related clubs and opportunities, which includes Chi Epsilon at Lehigh University and all it has to offer. Our chapter plans to continue events, such as the initiation ceremony, throughout the remainder of the year. Initiation for new members will be held in the spring of 2014. We would also like to thank our faculty advisor, Shamim N. Pakzad for his support throughout the current year.

Louisiana State University

Our chapter of Chi Epsilon regrouped this past semester with promises to renew this noble organization at Louisiana State University. Chi Epsilon’s National Headquarters recently reactivated the LSU chapter to join the 131 active chapters nationwide. With the guidance of Dr. Frank Tsai, the chapter’s faculty advisor, all new members assembled for their initiation ceremony on November 19, 2013. (see photo) The officers for this chapter were also appointed during this ceremony and are as follows: Fabiola Campoblanco, president; Christopher Rowan, vice-president; Laura Iverson, secretary/treasurer; Pollard Lawson, associate editor; and Justin Richard, marshal. With the newly elected members and appointed officers at the forefront of this chapter, we strive to become the academic leaders of the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, exemplifying the principles of “Scholarship, Character, Practicality, and Sociability” in the civil engineering profession.

The current chapter members actively participate in reaching out to potential candidates for future membership in this organization. Some of the events this chapter has planned for the upcoming spring semester include resume’ and interview workshops for freshmen and sophomores, tours of on campus civil engineering research facilities (wall of wind, car simulator, wind tunnel), and topic of interest nights on current events within the civil engineering profession.

On behalf of LSU Chi Epsilon, we are grateful for such an honorable achievement and the opportunity to spread our knowledge and experience throughout both the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering at LSU and all other Chi Epsilon chapters around the country.

University of Maine

Our fall initiation ceremony was performed on December 4, 2013, in Boardman Hall, the University of Maine’s Civil and Environmental Engineering Department building. The University of Maine Chi Epsilon
chapter welcomed seven new members. The new officers directing the ceremony, who were sworn in during the spring 2013 initiation, include: **Cody Russell**, associate editor; **Brooke Glidden**, president; **Jason Burns**, vice-president; **Emily Walton**, secretary; **Jason Goggin**, marshal; and **Danielle McDonald**, treasurer. **Dr. Thomas Sanford** 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 also plan to have at least one member attend the Chi Epsilon conclave in the spring, and will hold another initiation in the spring. 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.

### Massachusetts Institute of Technology

In 2013, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) chapter of Chi Epsilon initiated eight new members: **Zara L’Huereux**, **Andrew Sang**, **Marisa Simmons**, **Nicole Wang**, **Jaclyn Wilson**, **Catherine Cheng**, **Linda Seymour**, and **Sharone Small**. (see photo) Our current officers are **Catherine Cheng**, president; **Linda Seymour**, vice-president/associate editor/marshal; and **Sharone Small**, secretary/treasurer.

Our Chi Epsilon chapter participated in MIT’s Splash Program - a weekend of classes taught by MIT students and offered to high school students from all around the country. We held two sessions of the “Hydro Carnival.” The class taught students about fluid density, hydrostatic pressure, and the formation of clouds through lecture and a series of activities. The activities allowed students to play with ice cubes of different densities, test the power of their lungs by raising a column of water with their breaths, and create a cloud in a bottle. Thirty-two students benefitted from our lesson by learning some great science and the respective engineering applications. Through this program we hope to have given high school students some insight into the excitement of engineering.

This fall, our chapter hosted an Industry Panel for students in the department interested in civil and environmental engineering careers. The panel consisted of five engineers from the Boston area, mostly MIT alumni, who answered questions on undergraduate preparation, applying to jobs, and what their day-to-day duties entailed. Attendance for the event was greater than similar events we had hosted in the past, attracting students...
from all four undergraduate years (freshman through senior) as well as faculty and graduate students. We hope to make this an annual event.

As always, our chapter continues to tutor students in the core classes required for MIT’s degrees in civil and environmental engineering. While we focus on the sophomore classes that students take regardless of the track they choose (civil or environmental), we are expanding to include the specialized upper level classes. We offer one on one tutoring sessions to help students understand the fundamentals of civil and environmental engineering so they can succeed in our department. Our most commonly tutored classes are Engineering Mechanics I and II (material and fluid mechanics), Ecology I and II and Java. Upper level courses include mechanics of structures and soils, uncertainty in engineering, and transportation systems modeling.

University of Michigan

In 2013, the University of Michigan chapter of Chi Epsilon welcomed seven new members. (see photo) In the spring, Anne Voshel was elevated as the 56th Chapter Honor Member for her professional achievements and also for her continued support and engagement in planning the Chicago trip with Michigan’s ASCE chapter. The chapter initiated Derya Ayral during the spring semester. In the fall, the chapter initiated seven members: Kaelynn Clolinger, Jennifer Koloms, Genevieve Magdziuk, Richelle Penn, Alicia Revezzo, Rachel Thompson, and Dave Tuckey.

In the past year the chapter continued many of its traditions with high participation in the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam review program, where professors from the College of Engineering give review sessions for the FE exam. This raises the awareness of Chi Epsilon as an organization because it attracts students from civil engineering and other departments across the college. The chapter also took the necessary steps to prepare for the format change for the FE exam that will go into effect next semester.

Five new officers were elected and announced during the spring formal initiation to serve their respective positions from September through December 2013. The new officers were: Wade Phillips, vice-president/social chair; Curtis Westbrook, fundraising chair/treasurer; Michael Klein, associate editor; Nadine Karaa, secretary; and Olivia Marshall, president. The outgoing officers were: Brett Merillat, Jeremiah Massey, Chase Dwelle, and Jon Wagenknecht. This fall’s formal initiation saw the installation of seven new officers to serve from January until April 2014: Genevieve Magdziuk, event coordinator; Olivia Marshall, fundraising chair; Dave Tuckey, associate editor; Jennifer Koloms, treasurer, Rachel Thompson, marshal; William Kenny, vice-president; and Wade Phillips,
president.

The chapter also hosted the 2013 Great Lakes District Conference in March. Delegates from seven of the thirteen chapters in the district attended. Preparations began last year to organize this conference and the event went very smoothly. One of the highlights of the weekend was a tour of Argo Damn, and the chapter delegates also discussed the District Councilor’s Report and individual reports of chapter activities.

The chapter continued its usual volunteer events and added a night at Food Gatherers. Food Gatherers is a local food warehouse that serves Washtenaw County. As part of the volunteer efforts of the chapter, members and pledges also worked in the biannual North Campus invasive species removal. Officers, pledges, and other chapter members participated in social events including whirlyball, which is a mix of bumper cars, lacrosse, and basketball. The chapter added a bowling night in the fall to allow new pledges to meet Chi Epsilon members.

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

Michigan Technological University

The chapter, under the advisement of Dr. Jacob Hiller, associate professor of transportation engineering in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, welcomed a class of 14 new members in April including: Dominic Davis, Kyle Pfeifer, Ellen Nightingale, Kyle Slavik, Patricia Thompson, Shawn Conard, Kevin Madson, Andrew Groeneveld, Matthew Taylor, Eric Berger, Jiayi Ding, Lan Shi, Aric Soulliere, and Thomas Stroup. The chapter would like to commend our outgoing 2012-2013 officers for their efforts over the past year: Katherine Gauthier, president; Mitchell Murphy, vice-president; Jennifer Bylsma, secretary; Kasey Buchholz, treasurer; Erica Stanley, marshal; and Nicholas Broad, associate editor. We extend our congratulations to our new officers for the 2013-2014 academic year: Andrew Groeneveld, president; Thomas Stroup, vice-president; Kyle Pfeifer, secretary; Jiayi Ding, treasurer; Kyle Slavik, marshal; and Shawn Conard, associate editor.

This October, the chapter returned to the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan for guided tours of the Mackinaw Bridge, the International Bridge (see photo), the Soo Locks, and the Saint Mary’s Falls Hydropower Plant. 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 2013 and spring 2014. Good luck!

University of Minnesota

The Chi Epsilon chapter at the University of Minnesota has had a successful year with the transition to a new executive board, a new chapter office, and volunteer and academic activities. The following members were elected as officers: Kathryn Klarich, president/marshal; Victoria Larson, vice-president; Aaron Behnke, treasurer; Chelsey Palmateer, secretary/associate editor; and Lauren Linderman, Faculty Advisor. The officers have been working to increase programming throughout the year in order to achieve our philanthropic and academic mission and raise visibility in the department.

In November, Chi Epsilon partnered with ASCE to host a group volunteer build-day with Habitat for Humanity. Students braved the chilly weather to help build a Habitat House on a Saturday in November. In spring 2013, we hosted a laser tag, pizza, and ice cream event for all civil engineering students. Students ran around the Civil Engineering Building playing capture the flag with laser tag suits as a fun study break before finals. Our chapter has also been very fortunate in receiving a newly re-modeled chapter office/member lounge due to the generosity of donors Jim and Sharon Weinel. The new space has been a huge benefit to our chapter as it provides a place for us to meet, study, eat, host events, and get to know other members. We have been holding group study sessions to study for exams in this room. This has been a great way to raise awareness of our chapter within the Civil Engineering Department and give students an additional reason to join Chi Epsilon. The chapter is also scheduling a professional presentation for early next semester. A professional from Krueger Consulting will be discussing design loads for storm culvert sewer design, open to the entire department.

The chapter initiated 5 new members in the spring of 2014. The names of the new members are as follows: Luke Johnson, Lindsay Gaines, Kendra Schiell, Rosina Pletscher, and Anthony Vecci.

Overall, this past year has been a year of transition and progress. We plan to continue this trend into 2014 by increasing membership, involvement, philanthropy, and service to the Civil Engineering Department.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

The Missouri University of Science and Technology chapter of Chi Epsilon is proud to report another successful year. Each semester, we...
held multiple meetings where guest speakers presented their experiences in the engineering world and what it takes to become a successful engineer. Executive board for the spring semester consisted of: **Agostino Van Wetering**, president; **Mahdi Arezoumandi**, vice-president; **Holly Douglas**, treasurer; **Madison Struttman**, secretary; **Amy Walther**, pledge marshal; **Kim Wilken**, service chair; **Melissa Buechlein**, social chair; and **Scott Jemison**, associate editor. (see photo) This group had the honor of hosting the Chi Epsilon Regional Conference, where participants met with professors and conducted fun team building exercises. The spring initiation was held on May 7, 2013, where 11 new members were welcomed into the chapter. Unfortunately, the Chapter Honor Member, **Diane Heckemeyer**, was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. The members were treated to dinner after initiation as an appreciative social event for such a great group of pledges. The Thomas Petry Scholarship was awarded to **Holly Douglas**, while local Chi Epsilon scholarships were awarded to **Clint Wilmes, Kim Wilken**, and **Mahdi Arezoumandi**.

The executive board for the fall semester consisted of: **Amy Walther**, president; **Kim Wilken**, vice-president; **Natalie Bouxsein**, treasurer; **David Zdvorak**, secretary; **Chad Delgado**, pledge marshal; **Clinton Wobbe**, service chair; **Alexander Gerhart**, social chair; and **Scott Jemison**, associate editor. The group enjoyed many speakers from various companies and even presented on past internship and coop experiences. The service event for the pledges was held at the local Salvation Army where pledges and officers spent time helping with various tasks for the community. The social event was held at a local restaurant. Seven new members were recently initiated on December 3, 2013, along with the initiation of the most recent Chapter Honor Member, **Diane Heckemeyer**. (see photo)

**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 a new Chapter Honor Member. 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 Fundamentals of Engineering 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 president **Steven Stauffer** did a wonderful job coordinating these review sessions.
sessions.

Our spring initiation ceremony and banquet were held on April 18th. (see photo at right) During our spring ceremony we initiated our acting officers serving for the 2013-2014 school year. Our outgoing officers were: Caleb Peterson, president; Garret Menard, vice-president; Brandon Gardels, treasurer; Craig Mayfield, secretary; Noah Pitts, associate editor; Garret Menard, pledge marshal; and Jordan Wachal, social chair. Our current officers are: Steven Stauffer, president; Gemma Pretzer, vice-president; Heath Brockman, treasurer; Bridget Riley, secretary; Brandt Humphrey, associate editor; Heath Brockman, pledge marshal; and Andrew Houchin, social chair. We have all non-incumbent officers this year. Our fall banquet was held on December 11th. David Connell was elevated to Chapter Honor Member. (see photo below) Mr. Connell has had a long career with Union Pacific Railroad. He has held a number of positions including director of track maintenance, general director of engineering technology, chief engineer-Central Region, and assistant vice-president Engineering-Construction. He is currently the Vice-President-Engineering of Union Pacific. It has been another great year for University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chi Epsilon chapter. Go Huskers!

University of Nebraska at Omaha

The Chi Epsilon chapter at the University of Nebraska at Omaha has had another exciting year during 2013. The chapter initiated new members during an initiation and dinner held on April 2, 2013, at the Scott Conference Center. We are pleased to introduce: Derek Favara, Nicholas Johnson, Brandon Kathol, Connor Olberding, Seth Carlock, Shelly Jorgensen, Matthew Clausen, Tyler Wilson, Benjamin Lorenzen, Thomas Knofczynski, Rachel Schulz, Brandon Kyle, and Zachary Mahon to our chapter. (see photo) Additionally, during this dinner, the chapter was pleased to present Dr. Gary Krause, Ph.D., P.E., with the Olsson Associates Excellence in Teaching award.

Gary Krause obtained a BS and MS in civil engineering from the University of Cincinnati and a PhD in civil engineering from the University of Michigan. Gary is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at Omaha, where he teaches classes in the area of
structural engineering. Gary also received not only the Holling Family Distinguished Senior Faculty Teaching Award, but also the Olsson Associates Outstanding Teacher Award in 2010.

The chapter was also pleased to initiate **Todd Feldman** as Chapter Honor Member. *(see photo)* Todd works for HDR, Inc. as a Senior Structural Engineer and also spends around eight hours each week working with engineering students at the Peter Kiewit Institute. As well as teaching classes at PKI, Feldman spends time working with students on their MAE capstone projects. In the past, he has also conducted field trips to active construction sites for students.

The chapter continued offering review sessions to all undergraduate engineering students as preparation for the Fundamentals of Engineering exam during spring and fall semesters. Any student could attend the sessions, and the average attendance for each session was 20-25 people.

A large transition took place during the spring 2013 semester as many of the officer positions were filled with new recruits. The 2013-2014 officers are as follows: **Matthew L. Garder**, president; **Derek J. Favara**, vice-president; **Rachel A. Schulz**, secretary; **Zachary E. Mahon**, treasurer; **Seth A. Carlock**, marshal; and **Benjamin P. Lorenzen**, associate editor.

### University of New Mexico

Special activities and projects of our chapter included serving lunches for FE and PE examinees. *(see photo at right)* As well as providing lunches for FE exam takers, we coordinated with several departmental professors to host a series of FE review sessions for all exam topics. We also participated in a high school engineering outreach event to promote UNM School of Engineering.

Chapter initiation took place on November 1st, during which thirteen new members and six new officers were installed. *(see photo below left)* There was an excellent turnout of family and friends of new initiates. Incoming officers are: **Wesley Meyer**, president; **Sara Pohl**, vice-president; **Antonio Nunez**, treasurer; **Luis Varela**, marshal; and **William Kessler**, secretary. Outgoing officers were: **Ryan Griego**, president; **Melissa Mills**, vice-president; **Marie VanDerGeest**, treasurer; **Andrew Varoz**, marshal; and **Grayson Vogel**, secretary. **Dr. Walter Gerstle** is our faculty advisor.
Throughout the year, ten general meetings were held. Topics such as the Regional District Conclave, fundraising, and FE related events were discussed and voted on. Two members attended the Rocky Mountain District Meeting held in Corvallis, OR. Overall the UNM Chi Epsilon chapter had a productive and exciting year.

NYU Polytechnic School of Engineering

This was another exciting year for the 31st chapter of Chi Epsilon at NYU-Poly. The chapter was able to become even more well known in the department, providing assistance where needed.

In the spring semester, the chapter continued its efforts in assisting the Civil Engineering Department at the school as well as the civil engineering profession. The chapter was again successful in its Book Sale, continuing to be a liaison between students who want to sell their books and underclassmen in the civil engineering program. Chapter members continued to provide tutoring services in civil engineering courses to their peers. The General Studies mentorship program also continued with Chi Epsilon members mentoring sophomores who entered the civil engineering program from the General Studies program at NYU-Poly. On February 22, the student chapter held a Game Night where members of the chapter were able to enjoy a fun night of games, food, and fellowship.

On March 2, four students from the chapter went to the Metropolitan District conference at Stevens Institute of Technology where they were able to see reconstruction of boardwalk and piles that were damaged during Hurricane Sandy. They had an enjoyable time interacting with other students from the universities in the region and learning about their Chi Epsilon chapters and programs.

The spring semester initiation was held on May 3, 2013, where a few graduate students and a faculty member were initiated into the chapter along with undergraduate members. (see photo) A total of 10 members were initiated under President Laura Hernandez: Danielle Mohammed, Jeffrey Chang, Sutenee Nopachinda, Alex Almendarez, Ashley Kemraj, Michael Sokolovsky, Xiaoyi Wang, Bianca Caraballo (graduate), Frank DarConte (graduate), and Dr. Roula Maloof (faculty). After this initiation, the chapter officers for the 2013-2014 academic term were installed: Umesh Somra, president; Christine Ng, vice-president; Jeffrey Chang, marshal; Maggie Chan, secretary; Michael Sokolovsky, treasurer; and Eleni Ramoundos, associate editor.

At the close of the 2012-2013 academic term, the chapter advisor, Anne Ronan, was honored with the 2013 Chi Epsilon Excellence in Teaching Award for the Metropolitan District. On May 23, 2013, 12 students graduated from the NYU-Poly Chi Epsilon student chapter and
the new chapter officers assumed their positions.

The fall 2013 semester was also a productive one for the NYU-Poly Chi Epsilon student chapter. The Book Sale is now well-established and was held once again at the start of the semester. Small organizational changes were made, which proved to make the Book Sale more efficient and more beneficial to the chapter.

Two new projects are currently in the planning stages. The first is a Book Drive, spearheaded by Chi Epsilon member Sutenee Nopachinda, wherein books will be collected from all NYU-Poly students who wish to participate, for the purpose of distribution to libraries in Africa. The NYU-Poly chapter is very excited about this coming endeavor. At the same time, we have begun a project on a more local level to improve our immediate surroundings and benefit the environment. A Civil and Urban Engineering department-wide recycling project is in the works, thanks to our faculty advisor. The project will be in collaboration with the New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) student chapter, and will entail the provision of recycling bins and a concerted effort made in conjunction with the NYU-Poly staff to dispose of recyclable materials appropriately. The project will double as a fundraising effort for the department and our chapter.

We have also continued the General Studies mentorship and the civil engineering curriculum tutoring programs, and have decided to extend the offer of our mentorship services to any and all Civil and Urban Engineering sophomore students who wish to take advantage of it. The program has been very successful already, and feedback from mentees has been very positive.

An initiation was held on November 20, 2013, and seven student members were initiated under chapter President Umesh Somrah. The members initiated were: Judith Zhao, Mark Milkis, Michael Gottlieb, Chuan Chen, Jimmy Liang, Nissim Elmann, and Rosa Lo. (see photo)

The NYU-Poly student chapter is happy to report a strong, healthy membership. Chapter members are involved and active, and we are excited about the projects we have already embarked on, as well as those still to come.

**North Carolina State University**

During the spring 2013 initiation ceremony held on April 26, 2013, the following students were initiated: Meredith L. Richardson, Michael A. Corwin, Kyle A. Hovey, David T. Overby, Sarah D. Lempert, Liya T. Weldegebriel, James E. Corbett, Samuel K. St.Clair II., and Andrew R. Rice. At the initiation banquet, we had a keynote speaker Mr. Robert Marcia, an expert in the field of structural engineering from Stewart Engineering who shared his involvement and various engineering projects
completed by Stewart.

The following students were initiated at the fall 2013 initiation ceremony held on November 22, 2013: Tyler R. Mizelle, Kyle J. Muench, Jordan C. Gomperts, Zachary E. Kemak, Mark K. Kanode, Caroline P. Bennighof, John A. Wagner, Mitchell S. Otis, Gregory S. Adams, Brian R. Diggs, and Nicholas J. Machak. We had the privilege of having one of our own, Maggie Moore, a former structural engineering student at NC State, present some of the exciting projects she has been involved with at Dewberry.

Overall, during the 2013 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; Landon Talley, president; Kenneth Horne, vice-president; Demi Gott, secretary; Matthew Nifong, treasurer; Farrell Sikes, pledge marshal; and Victor Fraga, associate editor. During the spring ceremony, new officers were elected to take over the duties for Chi Epsilon. These included: Demi A. Gott, president; Sarah D. Lempert, vice-president; Catherine A. McMillan, secretary; Jon D. Robertson, treasurer; Kyle A. Hovey, pledge marshal; and Liya T. Weldegebriel, associate editor. The entire membership would like to thank our faculty advisor Dr. Tarek Aziz for his support to the NC State chapter of Chi Epsilon.

University of North Carolina - Charlotte

In the spring of 2013, the Chi Epsilon student chapter installed new officers. The outgoing officers were: Michael Tedeschi, president; William Boivin, vice-president; Austin Prevette, secretary; Harold DeCelle, treasurer; Christopher Jordan, associate editor; and Alan Browning, marshal. Three previous officers are returning for a second year. Michael Tedeschi, secretary, Chandler Hawn, president; William Boivin, vice-president, Harold DeCelle, treasurer; Matthew Weavil, associate editor; and Jeff Harrison, marshal. Dr. James Bowen is again serving as the faculty advisor of the chapter.

The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering has a new home in a brand-new facility—the Energy Production and Infrastructure Center, or EPIC. The transition to the new building has provided the Chi Epsilon student chapter with ample space for chapter meetings. Our chapter is currently considering ways to publicly recognize our members in the new building. We have discussed the possibility of inscribing new initiates’ names onto a large transit-shaped plaque to display in the building, recording the history of the chapter for years to come.

In 2013, the Chi Epsilon student chapter partnered with the UNC-Charlotte chapter of ASCE to host our second annual quiz bowl competition, featuring hybrid teams of civil and environmental engineering students and faculty. The event was once again very interesting and entertaining,
though dominated by one professor’s team of quick-thinking students. This tradition will be continued for a third year in the spring of 2014.

Throughout the 2012-2013 academic year, members of Chi Epsilon volunteered at EXPLORE UNCC, a university-wide open house event held twice each semester. At EXPLORE, students and faculty from our department talked to high-school students and their parents about our department and the field of civil engineering. Chi Epsilon will continue representing our department at EXPLORE this academic year, again led by William Boivin.

On November 16, 2013, our chapter had the privilege of initiating twenty-one new members: Ardalan Arabi, Travis Ball, Erica Barber, Lauren Bush, Holden Cheek, Islam Elsayed, Alan Gaines, Bhargavi Golluru, Pieter Grobbelaar, Maxwell Karr, Yangguang Liu, Jonathan Moss, Joanna Olmedo, Joshua Peeler, Caitlin Purvis, Carl Schuett, Houston Sims, Praja Subedi, Maria Trejo, Christopher Walker, and Peng Wang. (see photo) This group includes a number of involved students and student-leaders to help propel our chapter forward in many ways over the coming year.

Ohio State University

The Ohio State University chapter of Chi Epsilon, under the advisement of Dr. Ethan Kubatko, would like to congratulate the following members on their spring 2012 initiation: Gregory Conroy, Sang Kim, Ryan Laber, John Laing, Charles Merriam, Melvin Ming, Nicholas White, and Mariah Yaufman. (see photo) In addition, the following officers (also new members) were elected and installed at the spring initiation ceremony: James Alderman, president; Natalie Sakian, vice-president; Melissa Tewart-Darwin, secretary; Stanley Roland, treasurer; William Kuhlman, associate editor; and John Wade, marshal. They strive to achieve the same accomplishments and leadership as the departing officers: Lyndsay Mikolajewski, president; Grant Whittaker, vice-president; Benjamin Phillips, secretary; Jacob Schroeder, treasurer; Robert Nevers, associate editor; and Dustin West, marshal.

The initiation ceremony was held on Friday, April 19th at Hitchcock Hall, which is home to the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Geodetic Science at The Ohio State University. The initiates, proud parents and friends, existing Chi Epsilon members, as
well as supportive civil engineering professors, were in attendance. A short reception followed the ceremony.

This year has been a productive one for members of Chi Epsilon at Ohio State. Members participated in a site visit of the Dublin Road Water Plant, hosted a guest presentation on the removal of the 5th Avenue Dam on the Olentangy River, and have helped collect non-perishable foods for the “Battle Against Hunger” food drive. Members also participated in a social dinner in November. Upcoming activities for the chapter include a visit to Dublin City School, an FE exam book sale, a grad school panel which will be hosted alongside ASCE, a resume workshop, a visit to the OSU planetarium, and several site tours to projects such as the Riverside Hospital renovation and the Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and Chemistry (CBEC) building on campus.

Ohio University

The Ohio University chapter of Chi Epsilon initiated the following undergraduate members in April 2013: Kevin Meade, Andrew Doles, Nathaniel Miller, Jocelyn Nelson, and Erica Toussant. The following officers were installed during the initiation ceremony: Christopher DelGallo, president; Emily Siler, vice-president; Julianna Murphy, secretary; Evan Boso, treasurer; Raven King, associate editor; and Joe Cook, marshal. The initiation ceremony was held in the Stocker Center at Ohio University and was attended by civil engineering faculty, existing Chi Epsilon members, and friends of the new initiates. After the initiation ceremony, the existing Chi Epsilon members and initiates assembled for refreshments. The 2013 graduating Chi Epsilon members included 10 students: Ivan Caballero, Sarah El-Dabaja, Jayson Gray, Benjamin Jordan, Andrew Long, Grace Sallar, Matthew Scheer, John Ubbing, Jake Hunter, and Nicholas Brady.

In the past year, Chi Epsilon provided guidance for the STEMfest competition for Licking County High School students for the toothpick bridge contest. STEMfest was organized by The Works, a Center for History, Art and Technology, a hands-on learning facility, in order to encourage high school students to explore science, technology, engineering, and math. In the upcoming year, Chi Epsilon members will continue to serve in this capacity.

Oklahoma State University

The Oklahoma State University chapter of Chi Epsilon held a pizza party for prospective pledges in January 2013, and a cook-out at Boomer Lake in the fall. At our spring initiation, Prof. Steven O’Hara was initiated.
as our Chapter Honor Member. Prof. O’Hara is a much-loved and respected member of the OSU faculty. He’s been at OSU for 25 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 Fundamentals of Engineering 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 2013 semester included: Dylan Adame, Connor Bowen, Aiden Carmichael, Michael Carpenter, Michael Johnson, Audrey Scneirman, Ryan Shafter, and Heidi Wallace. The fall 2013 pledge class includes: Morgan Brun, Alexander Campbell, Taylor Cannella, Daniel Cook, Chance Dyess, Cole Griffin, Shenyoong Hoh, Patrick Lippitt, Nick Seader, David Sherier, Ashley Smith, and Sam Zsiga. (see photo) We also installed a new faculty advisor for the first time in 16 years - Dr. Mark Krzmarzick. Dr. Dee Ann Sanders has been the faculty advisor for the past 16 years, and she left the position due to her soon retirement. She was an excellent advisor and will still remain active within Chi Epsilon.

**University of Oklahoma**

The year 2013 has been a time of rebirth and reestablishment for the University of Oklahoma Chi Epsilon chapter. Under the direction of new chapter president, Brittany Cranor, the chapter reevaluated its direction and scope within the university and set new goals and standards for itself. An initiation ceremony was held during the fall 2013 semester and saw the initiation of 10 new members into the chapter: Derrick Nguyen, Katherine Ngo, Erin Thornton, Jason Laubacher, Corey Wirkman, Jessica Johnston, Matthew Steenson, Samantha Heinrich, Stephen Collins, and Daniel Koehler. New chapter officers were installed as follows: Stephen Collins, associate editor; Katherine Ngo, secretary; and Derek Garcia, treasurer.

This year, the chapter increased its activity within the OU College of Engineering by partnering with the OU ASCE student chapter to sponsor two major events: a Welcome Back barbecue to begin the fall semester and a career fair meet and greet between students and potential employers. The chapter has also taken steps independently to develop its image on the OU campus through the development of social events such as movie nights for current and prospective chapter members. As a result of the chapter’s increased involvement and activity, the 2013-2014 academic year will be the first in chapter history to include two initiation ceremonies. The OU
chapter of Chi Epsilon looks forward to continued involvement and new initiatives going into the next year.

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 welcomed a new president, Matthew Shaver, and we will be saying farewell to our associate editor, Michelle Berry, as she will be taking a part in the North Carolina Department of Transportation’s Transportation Engineer Associate training program. We are looking forward to the next National Conclave in Salt Lake City, UT in March 2014. During the spring 2013 initiation ceremony, we welcomed seven new members. They were: Sara Wood, Kevin Warwick, Kenneth Coleman, Moises Finale, Neil Haner, Gregory Fowler, and Paul Johnson. During the fall 2013 initiation ceremony, we welcomed to our chapter: Theresa Riel, Theodore Denny, Shesh Shah, Andrew Tiefenback, Graham Evans, Leslie Manning, Andrew Newbold, and Gordon R. Jones. (see photo) We are thrilled to have 15 new members in 2013, and hope to have many more in the coming year. We would like to congratulate our member, Khairul Anuar, on two academic achievements. He won first place in the annual ODU GIS Day poster contest for the graduate level, and he had an article published in the Transportation Research Journal. His article is entitled “For Whom the Tunnel be Tolled: A Four-Factor Model for Explaining Willingness-to-Pay Tolls,” a research article on willingness to pay tolls in the Hampton Roads region.

In the past year, our chapter has continued with its goals of serving and facilitating a sense of community among the students and faculty 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. We also provide opportunities for social interaction among chapter members through meetings and social events. We have continued hosting a weekly soccer game for students and faculty to interact and have fun outside of classes. We are planning to host another bowling social to take place this December. Furthermore, we are planning to promote community awareness and responsibility through community service plans.
University of Pittsburgh

This fall, the University of Pittsburgh’s chapter of Chi Epsilon initiated 2 new members. During the induction ceremony, the new members were introduced to Chi Epsilon and to the newly elected chapter officers. All current board members are graduating seniors and were succeeded in the initiation ceremony. The officers for 2014 include: Robert Zupan, president; Sarah Watte, vice-president; Stephanie Fleck, secretary; Caleb Angle, associate editor; Joshua Wenk, marshal; Michael Poole, treasurer; and Dr. John Brigham, faculty advisor.

During the year, our chapter again organized the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) 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.

Also during this semester, we have continued to sell civil and environmental engineering fleece jackets to our fellow students. It was a success as usual, helping us raise money to support our ceremonies and activities. A new idea that came up this semester was holding a sophomore mentoring program. We planned on having current Chi Epsilon members be available at predetermined times to help sophomores with their introductory civil engineering classes. Sophomores and members showed interest, but scheduling became an issue and there was only small progress made. We plan to continue this into next semester and hope to handle the scheduling better in order to help sophomores. We believe this is a great way to help our peers and get them interested in Chi Epsilon; we will continue to improve on this idea.

We would like to send one last congratulations to all our graduating board members. We hope they move on to success and happiness in all they do. We plan to continue our FE review sessions, our fundraising, our sophomore mentoring program, and participating in our E-week programs in cooperation with ASCE.

Portland State University

The Portland State University Chi Epsilon chapter welcomed 19 members during the May 31, 2013, initiation ceremony. The newly elected officers for the 2013-2014 school year are (see photo): Leland Scantlebury, president; Jeff Tilton, vice-president; Julia DeGagne, secretary; John Edwards, treasurer; AnnaMarie Mohsen, associate editor; Brooke Harmon, marshal; and Dr. Christopher Monsere, faculty advisor. Chapter president, Leland Scantlebury, and secretary, Julia DeGagne, represented Portland State University at the Rocky Mountain Conclave Planning Meeting in Corvallis,
The chapter held a resume workshop in the spring, where three professionals from various civil engineering disciplines gave advice. (see photo) The Portland State chapter members are proactively part of numerous student groups and events, including the American Waterworks Association (AWWA), Bridges to Prosperity (B2P), and Engineers Without Borders (EWB). Several of the members have also participated in internships this past summer in their respective areas of interest.

Purdue University

The Purdue University chapter of Chi Epsilon has had an eventful year. The chapter has held graduate school information sessions each semester to inform prospective graduate students about life as a grad student and the various steps involved in the application process. The chapter also hosted tutoring sessions for sophomore students who needed help with their general engineering course work. Additionally, the Purdue chapter organized review sessions for Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination. The review sessions were advertised and open to all engineering students. These sessions covered a wide range of the subject areas on the exam. The FE review sessions were conducted by faculty members from various disciplines in the weeks prior to the test. This was a successful activity and many students benefitted from these reviews. The chapter also sponsored site tours of new construction projects on campus. In the spring, members toured the new addition of the Center for Student Excellence and Leadership building. In the fall, Purdue XE also co-sponsored a bowling event between its members and the members of Purdue’s chapter of Beta Tau to provide an opportunity for students in the two organizations to socialize and get to know one another.

The spring 2013 semester was led by: 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, co-marshal; Nick Hardisty, co-marshal; Ron Moore, co-pledge coordinator; William (Billy) Pacheco, co-pledge coordinator; Nick Wentink, co-social chair; Jeremy Ehrlich, co-social chair; and Collin Carter, webmaster.

The spring semester activities concluded with an initiation ceremony and banquet. The following people were honored at the banquet: Mr. Mark Swatek (Chapter Honor Member), Kyle Zak (Leonard and Margaret Wood Academic and Leadership Scholarship), and Adam Clauss (Rosemary K. Burke Outstanding Student-the graduating senior with the highest cumulative GPA).

During the fall 2013 semester, the chapter was under the leadership
of William (Billy) Pacheco, president; Barnard Mondal, vice-president; Emi Knuth, secretary; Christina Wierzbowski, treasurer; Wayne Bunnell, co-associate editor; Ernesto Camarena, co-associate editor; Mike Ficcaglia, co-marshall; Andrew Wiese, co-marshall; Martin Teufel, co-pledge coordinator; Alec Bangs, co-pledge coordinator; Jeff Baran, co-social chair; Andrea Bailey, co-social chair; and Katie Sakai, webmaster. A total of twenty-one new members were added to the Purdue University chapter of Chi Epsilon in the fall semester. (see photo) The pledges took part in various activities, such as the pledge retreat, faculty breakfast, community service, and board signing. Two awards were presented to Andrea Bailey at the fall initiation banquet: the Rosemary K. Burke Outstanding Student award and the Leonard and Margaret Wood Academic and Leadership Scholarship award. The Purdue University chapter of Chi Epsilon was under the guidance of Faculty Advisor Dr. Mark Bowman for both semesters.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) chapter of Chi Epsilon proudly initiated 23 new members in April 2013, including students: Alan Bai, Matthew Bechtel, Edward Cofrancesco, Lucas Deyglun, Lia Estrada, Kacey Gardner, Jenna Hastings, Natthapong Khanthatat, Sarah Krolus, Stacey Kurian, Lauren Laing, Vicki Lam, Derek Loush, Jonathan Malmut, Ungelli Picardal, Linda Quartner, Rojing Rajkarnikar, Alexandra Rosch, John Scheetz, Ryan Schenning, and Paul Tegnazian. In addition, the initiation included two RPI faculty: Dr. Tarek Abdoun and Dr. Marianne Nyman. (see photo)

The outgoing executive board set the bar high for the newly elected officers. The outgoing officers included: John Miner, president; Matt Coughlin, vice-president; Briana Earle, secretary; Joshua Falon, treasurer; Meredith Mayes, marshal; and Elizabeth Wroe, associate editor. The new executive board consists of: Alan Bai, president; Vicki Lam, vice-president; Lauren Laing, secretary; Edward Confrancesco, treasurer; Liz Estrada, marshal; and Matthew Bechtel, associate editor.

Throughout 2012 and 2013, the RPI chapter of Chi Epsilon designed and implemented a mentorship program that pairs upperclassmen civil and environmental engineering students with underclassmen looking for advice and perspective on their college decisions. The program provided Chi Epsilon members with materials to be effective supporters of their
mentee’s aspirations and career goals. Another effort galvanized by Chi Epsilon is the FE exam preparation and review classes for all majors at RPI. The chapter hosted sessions on the exam’s new format and registration procedures, as well as began to organize professor-taught review sessions for each of the civil engineering topics presented on the exam. Finally, the chapter again participated in hosting an Exploring Engineering Day, where elementary and middle school students spend a day on RPI’s campus and are exposed to various facets of engineering in order spark interest in engineering fields. (see photo) These three programs proved successful and provided rich supplemental academic and volunteer opportunities to chapter members.

San Jose State University

The 2013 academic year for San Jose State University’s Chi Epsilon chapter has been a dynamic one. The priority of chapter 79 of this prestigious organization was to improve membership retention, activity, and cohesion. Aside from conclave and PDC, the chapter tailored events for initiates, making sure to touch upon all four pillars emphasizing the importance of these attributes to the initiates.

In spring 2013, the San Jose State University chapter brought back FE exam preparation sessions. These sessions were offered for free this semester as the chapter learned to organize and coordinate with faculty and volunteers for running each session. Additionally, the chapter cleaned up a portion of the Guadalupe River near campus. The fall semester was led by officers: Chris Wong, president; Habid Coronado, vice-president; Jose Oropeza, secretary; Niron Than, treasurer; Jason Hallare, associate editor; Samuel Gutierrez, webmaster; Rebecca Mckee, marshal; Alronil Pacheco, public relations; Adam Rondeau, PDC chair; Hazan Demirkol, and Pirouzan Razavi, event coordinators.

On campus, chapter 79 works closely with the resident ASCE branch sharing events and resources. With the assistance of the ASCE president and Chi Epsilon member, Chad Leege, the chapter was offered opportunities to join more projects and gatherings. Events such as Broomball offer a chance for members and initiates to build up friendships and promote Chi Epsilon among other civil engineering students. (see photo) During the fall semester, the FE exam sessions began charging for attendance to raise funds for the chapter. At the end of fall 2013, Habid Coronado was voted in as chapter president along with the other officers: Niron Than, vice-president; Jason Hallare, marshal; Satnam
Kaur, treasurer; Jason Day, secretary; Greg Zirkel, associate editor; German Valdez, webmaster; Michelle Vera Cruz, public relations; and Christina Cheng, event coordinator.

South Dakota State University

The South Dakota State University chapter of Chi Epsilon is proud to announce the initiation of 7 new student members in the year of 2013. The following new member was added to the chapter in spring of 2013: Donovan Carson. The following new members were added to the chapter in the fall of 2013: Andrea Barahona, Melvin Lee, Rachel Lee, Christopher Jankowski, Evan Protexter, and Nicholas Rock.

In the fall semester of 2013, the chapter elected new officers for 2014 academic year. The new officers for 2014 are: Christopher Jankowski, president; Evan Protexter, vice-president; Andrea Barahona, secretary/treasurer; Eduardo Torres, marshal/associate editor. The outgoing officers of 2013 are: Casey Janisch, president; Wiphawi Phifer, vice-president; Eduardo Torres, secretary/treasurer; Angela Vermeer, marshal/associate editor. (see photo)

The SDSU chapter would like to congratulate our 2013 North Central District Scholarship award winner, Wiphawi Phifer, on her success. We would also 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 2014 will be Dr. Xiao Qin, who took over advising duties from Dr. Nadim Wehbe during the 2013 academic year.

The SDSU chapter organized and provided tutoring sessions for underclassmen 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 2014 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

The 2013-2014 academic year saw the University of South Florida chapter continuing to grow toward its goal of becoming the most recognized and prestigious honor society in the College of Engineering. This year the
chapter once again served the university community in various valuable ways.

We are proud to recognize our new members initiated in the spring of 2013: **Qing Wang, Ellis Wright, Shannon Burg, Jeremiah Mosley, Matthew Norman, Richard Johnson, Ryan Haskins, Behnaz Hosseinzadeh Zaribaf**, and **Daniel Happel**. (see photo at left)

The newly elected officers for the 2013-2014 academic year include: **Qing Wang**, president; **Shannon Burg**, vice-president; **Daniel Happel**, secretary/treasurer; **George Dick**, marshal; and **Jermaine Klopsis**, associate editor. (see photo below)

During the fall semester of 2013, the USF chapter held regular board meetings at least once per month to discuss the chapter events and activities. Chapter duties are clearly divided among five officers. Our Facebook page was successfully established as a communication platform for all members and is maintained by officers actively with chapter news and updates. A chapter social event was held in early November to gather potential and current members together, and an informative presentation about our chapter was given at the beginning of the event. And 11 new members are successfully initiated during the ceremony on November 23: **Xiaodong Lu, Joel Hobbs, Kellie Fissinger, Anthony Morales, Akbar Bakhshi Zanjani, Alexander Bourne, Adib Amini, Sean Myers, Andres Rodriguez, Amit Gulati**, and **Ajay Gulati**.

In February of 2014, our chapter will join the College of Engineering to participate the ENG EXPO to educate K-12 students on the importance of math, science, engineering, and technology within their lives.

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**Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville**

The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville chapter of Chi Epsilon is proud to recognize its new members initiated in the spring of 2013: **Lacey Albers, Bradley Behrends, Kendra Deerhake, Jeffery Dinkelmann, Michael Disper, James Hoffmann, Eric Hunter, Mohammad Jalayer, Rouzbeh Khajehdehi, Sree Lakkaraju, Drew Ruholl, Michael Spanberger**, and **Rebecca Standefer**. (see photo)

The newly elected officers for academic year 2013-2014 include: **Bradley Behrends**, president; **Drew Ruholl**, vice-president; **Lacey**
Albers, treasurer; Eric Hunter, secretary; James Hoffmann, associate editor; and Rebecca Standefer, marshal. The chapter is currently in the process of selecting new members to initiate in the spring of 2014. The chapter would also like to thank the 2012-2013 officers for their devotion and smooth transition. The 2012-2013 officers are as follows: Bradley Walwer, president; Bradley Ripley, vice-president; Thomas Packman, treasurer; Frank Sottosanto, secretary; Dennis Entwistle, associate editor; and Keith Munter, marshal.

During the fall semester of 2013, the SIUE chapter organized FE review sessions with the 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 was 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

This past year saw some familiar occurrences and some new ones for the Stevens Institute of Technology chapter of Chi Epsilon. As the chapter has been doing since its inception in 2000, two groups of new initiates were invited to join. After approval from the current members, each group was initiated: 10 in May 2013, and 15 this past November.

On March 3, 2013, the chapter hosted the Metropolitan District Conference. The one-day event featured two seminars and a site visit. Mrs. Andrea Brocker, an engineer at Port Authority of NY/NJ, spoke about her experiences working on the George Washington Bridge. The second seminar was given by Ms. Joanne Muccione from Moretrench. She presented her advice to college students preparing to enter the corporate world. Both seminars were highly informative and sparked follow up questions and discussions on the topics. After networking during lunch, Dr. Hank Dobbelaar led the attendees to a construction site right off the Hudson River. This project was the replacement of a soccer field after some of the piles supporting the previous field had failed.

This year also saw a shift in advisors. Our previous advisor was Professor Dobbelaar. Starting in September, our new advisor became Dr. Sophia Hassiotis. As for student leadership, our elections occurred in early May last year and the incoming officers were: Steven Paul, president; Joanna Paglino, vice-president; Grace Ridge, treasurer; Rebecca Dunn, secretary; Andrew Golding, marshal; and Sarah McDonald, associate editor.

Syracuse University

Throughout the duration of the 2013-2014 school year, the Syracuse University Chi Epsilon chapter has continued to remain involved in a number of events. The chapter had the privilege of sending members to
O’Brien & Gere, help perform tutoring services for underclassmen, and initiate 19 new members to the chapter for the upcoming year. At O’Brien & Gere, the members performed a day of professional development. This day included presentations on a typical work day at O’Brien & Gere—advantages of gaining a master’s degree and what it means to be a professional. The members thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and found it very helpful for decision making for the future. The tutoring program improved tremendously this year. The chapter was able to tutor students in multiple classes, most notably in structural analysis. This program became much more known throughout the Civil Engineering Department this year and will certainly continue to grow into next year. Finally, the chapter initiated 19 new members into the society this year at our initiation ceremony. (see photo) After the ceremony, the chapter held a dinner sponsored by the Civil Engineering Department and had the honor of having Thomas Trytek of TDK Engineering Associates speak about the design of the spire and beacon on top of the new One World Trade Center. The presentation was riveting and allowed the future engineers in the room to see how structures are truly designed in the real world and not in a text book. Elections for future officers will take place in the spring at the start of the spring semester.


Texas A&M University - Kingsville

This fall, on December 4, 2013, the Texas A&M University-Kingsville chapter initiated 8 new members. These new members include: Mario Villarreal, Victor Murillo, Rosa Gonzalez, Richard Everett, Sergio Galindo Jr., George Perkins, Ashlynn Castro, and Jacqueline Fuentes.

Our chapter’s preceding officers that served in the spring of 2013 are: Katherine Lopez, president; Jose Adame, vice-president; Alyssa Salinas, secretary/treasurer; Laura Rodriguez, associate editor; and Joshua Rodriguez marshal. In the fall of 2013, after some officers graduated, we held elections for new officers. The officers for the academic year of 2013/2014 are: Alyssa Salinas, president; Laura Rodriguez, vice-
During this year, we have participated in community service events. We had several volunteers help at the ASCE Texas Section Centennial Spring Conference in Corpus Christi, Texas, in March 2013. Several members also competed in the concrete canoe race that was held at the conference. (see photo) In December, our chapter held a toy drive for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. Additionally, our chapter participated in the Texas A&M University Kingsville’s Spring Fling and Fall Carnival, which served as a successful fundraiser for many organizations on campus.

University of Texas - Arlington

The University of Texas at Arlington Chi Epsilon chapter had an eventful year for 2013. The chapter had social events/fundraisers at the local restaurant and bar, Old School Pizza and Suds. The initiation for both the spring and fall semesters went successfully.

During the fall semester, some of our officers participated in mentoring. The officers spoke to students having difficulty in the University of Texas at Arlington’s lower level Calculus courses. For the spring pizza party we had guest speaker Walter Chang from CP&Y, and for the fall semester, Dr. Siamak Ardekani from the University of Texas at Arlington was the guest speaker.

No current members were elevated to Chapter Honor Member during this year. The officers for the spring 2013 semester were the following: Kieran Prabhu, president; Amanda Gentry, vice-president; Dmetrius Wright, marshal; Jeffrey Philipp, treasurer; Andy Pechacek, secretary; and Arturo Benitez, associate editor. For the fall semester, the following officers were elected: Arturo Benitez, president; Ariel Deval, vice-president; Martin Ramirez, marshal; Nathaniel Norton, treasurer; Kenneth Wallace, secretary; and Christopher Cervenka, associate editor. In addition, a new officer position was established to organize all fundraising and social events. Reece Bierhalter was elected for this position, currently titled ambassador, for the fall 2013 semester. The newly elected officers for the spring of 2014 are: Ariel Deval, president; Thuy-Nu Nguyen, vice-president; Jordan Hasler, associate editor; and Zachary Graves, ambassador. Kenneth Wallace, secretary, and Martin Ramirez, marshal, both retained their officer position for the spring 2014 semester.

The initiates for the spring of 2013 are: Quadri Akamo, Jeremy
Almaraz, Ariel Deval, Kelsey Fort, Matthew Kuykendall, Ken Maeshima, Nathaniel Norton, Kavitha Ramaswamy, Martin Ramirez, Mohammad Razavi, Rachel Simer, David Walker, Xuan Wang, and Lauren Wollmershauser. The initiates for the fall of 2013 are: Austin Carr, Thuy-Nhu Nguyen, Sina Pourabdollah, Travis Rosenbaum, Alireza Sayah, and Zackary Walters.

University of Texas - Austin

In the fall, Chi Epsilon volunteered in conjunction with the ASCE student chapter to rebuild and clean a nearby park. We mended fences, poured new concrete, and cleaned the surrounding area. Members and initiates alike deemed this service event to be extremely rewarding.

Also during the fall semester, the chapter held two large social events. A large group of initiates and members rock climbed and bowled at the Main Event. Late in October, the chapter went to a nearby movie theater for a show. New friendships and memories were formed at these events.

Since December 15, 2012, The University of Texas at Austin chapter has hosted two initiations. In the spring, we initiated four (4) new members. In the fall, we initiated our largest class in recent years and added twenty-one (21) new members.

Fall 2013 officers are: Stephen Stacey, president; Leif Moore, vice-president; Osama El-Quqa, secretary; Jamie Byers, treasurer/associate editor; Matthew Reiter, marshal; and Steven Natale, SEC representative. Spring 2014 officers are: Osama El-Quqa, president; Edgar Perez, vice-president; Megan Jordan, secretary; Melody Quach, treasurer; Winston Lee, marshal; Shelby Wiedrich, SEC representative; and Joshua Parker, associate editor.

Texas Tech University

The Texas Tech chapter of Chi Epsilon began the fall of 2013 with new officers and new goals set for the coming year. Fall 2013 officers were: Cameron Ballman, president; Shelby Schoepf, vice-president; Paul Bartel, secretary; Marita Moya, treasurer; Marshall Patton, marshal; and Mark Galvan, associate editor. In addition, Donald Auld and Desirae Dalton will be future president and future vice-president, respectively for Chi Epsilon.

The chapter had seven general meetings to discuss initiation, events, and community service for 2013-2014 year. For the fall of 2013, the Texas Tech chapter continued to provide assistance in academic studies through tutoring services. Members of the chapter met Mondays and Wednesdays every week, for three hours a week, to help students in engineering courses.
This was a great opportunity for the organization to present itself to more underclassmen by the members who tutor them. In addition, the chapter organized volunteer services and social events for members and initiates. Current members and initiates volunteered at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore to help employees and customers. The chapter plans to work more with Habitat for Humanity in the future.

Chi Epsilon also put together an event called the Physics Circus. For the fall semester, the event was held on the 16th of November for children in grade school and middle school. The Physics Circus was composed of several experiments performed by the members and initiates in order to expose children to engineering and science while having fun (see photo). It was a great success with more children attending compared to the previous spring semester. For the next year, the chapter plans to provide more social and volunteer activities as well as custom shirts for current members.

This year, a total of 41 students, 28 in the spring and 13 in the fall, were initiated as new members of Chi Epsilon. The Texas Tech chapter has had a successful year and hopes to continue the tradition of helping and reaching out to others through the traits of individuals that Chi Epsilon seeks: Scholarship, Character, Practically, and Sociability.

**Vanderbilt University**

The Vanderbilt University chapter of Chi Epsilon gathered in Featheringill Hall on February 17, 2013, to initiate Bikang Zhang, Ellen O’Brien, Ian Shaw, David Aronoff, Peter Kozey, Wes Langham, Matt Ginn, and Ted Lawrence. We also gathered in Featheringill Hall on April 25, 2013, to initiate Taylor Zurcher. In addition, the Vanderbilt University chapter elected the following officers for the 2013-2014 term: Matt Ginn, president; Ted Lawrence, vice-president; Wes Langham, treasurer; Ian Shaw, secretary; David Aronoff, associate editor; and Peter Kozey, marshal.

After the second initiation, the new members, our chapter advisor, Dr. Gene LeBoeuf, and the current members celebrated at Goten in Nashville. On March 30, 2013, members participated in a tree planting service project. The Vanderbilt student chapter will have its fall/winter initiation in January 2014, where it looks forward to initiating its newest members.
Special Activities and Projects:

Over the past year, the University of Washington chapter of Chi Epsilon has focused on benefiting the educational experience of the civil engineering student body. Efforts have been made to improve the environment in which we all learn and study. Surveys were taken of the student body in order to determine what was most important to students and what changes should be made to accommodate their academic well-being. The vast majority of responses concerned the aesthetics and easy access to technology in More Hall’s study areas.

One solution was proposed to enhance the aesthetic environment present in the main student computer lab, affectionately called “the Dungeon” by most students, where there are no windows and students often complain about the dreariness of the domain. Color photos of prominent structural and civil projects were hung on the walls, and the response of students was overwhelmingly positive. As a result of Chi Epsilon’s efforts to improve the study environment surrounding UW’s civil engineering students, other measures have been put into motion in accord with the aesthetic supplementation of the computer lab. One of the small, hardly-used, classrooms was recently transformed into a secondary study room with new furnishings and is constantly in use by students.

Several events were very successful including the 2013 CEE Department Party that was organized in part by Chi Epsilon for juniors, seniors, and graduate students to relax and have fun together and with faculty. This event was a great success and will be put on annually from now on.

Projects put in motion by the newly initiated officers of the UW chapter will focus on face to face and online student networking to easily facilitate studying, professional development, textbook exchange, and underclassmen mentoring. Existing campus networking services will be used to create a civil engineering department forum to allow students to exchange information about classes, instructors, internships, graduate school, etc. A mentoring service is also in the works to allow newly accepted civil engineering juniors to be matched up with a compatible senior mentor to help them as an up and coming civil engineering program member. The goal of this service is to allow it to become self-sustaining and adaptive. Future civil engineering students will be able to evolve the service and continue its use after newer initiates have repopulated our chapter.

New Officers and Initiates:

Hannah Snow, president; Kevin Tsuchida, vice-president; Kelli Slaven, secretary; Charles Dewey, marshal; Jerald Lim, treasurer; and Lucas Whitesell, associate editor. Nick Jacoby, Joe Ellington, and Connor Lester, round out the rest of the initiates this past year.
This year has seen much change at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Chi Epsilon chapter. New officers were installed at the spring 2013 initiation. These included: **Hunter Waldschmidt**, president; **Erik Meyer**, vice-president; **Devin Brinks**, secretary; **Sarah Thorman**, treasurer; **Jake Gregerson**, marshal; and **Laura Horstmann**, associate editor. (see photo) Many new members were also inducted into our group. Fall 2013 initiates include: **Ms. Lauren P. Goodale**, **Mr. Drake E. Rooney**, **Mr. James D. Seibert**, **Ms. Nancy M. Streu**, **Mr. Daniel L. Monroe**, **Mr. Brandon S. Rounsville**, **Mr. James W. Costigan**, **Mr. Brett T. Kraemer**, **Ms. Megan L. Melbye**, **Mr. Travis J. Weaver**, **Mr. Josh O. Koopmann**, **Mr. Garrett E. Scholl**, **Mr. Andrew W. Peterson**, **Mr. Aaron R. Thomas**, **Mr. Nathan J. Sharnebrook**, **Mr. Rick N. Peggar**, **Ms. Chelsea E. Bullen**, **Mr. Lawrence E. Hasken**, **Mr. Rhett C. Schaefer**, **Ms. Janelle S. Skoyen**, **Mr. Kyle J. Besaw**, **Mr. Ryan K. Meiners**, and **Ms. Hannah Molitor**. Our new chapter advisor is **Dr. Mark Meyers**.

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 fall’s 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. We are also organizing a kickball game against the mechanical engineers.