

# PANTHER NEWS

Concrete Canoe | Steel Bridge | SE Conference 2016

## Canoe Update

The concrete canoe, or the Martian Racer, was phenomenal this year! Our 22 foot long orange paddling machine was the STRONGEST boat at Southeastern Regionals by a factor of 3! We placed 11th overall for the canoe, with 4th place finishes for the Women's Endurance and Sprint and 5th for the Mens Sprint and Co-ed Endurance! Great work out of our project this year!

## Bridge Update

Unfortunately due to some damage from the transportation process, the Steel Bridge was unable to compete in the Southeastern Conference. Next year we plan to refine our process and put an amazing Bridge out!

## Smaller Projects

All of our small teams did amazing this year, with none finishing under 15th place! Most notably, our surveying team won 1st place!!! Way to go Surveyors!!



## Panther ASCE Rebuilt!

This year was a year of tests and realizations, and we found all of the things we need to improve on. This new team of officers has been spending most of their time devoted to the reorganization, restructuring, reconnecting, and rebranding of our image to students and everyone else. An amazing amount of progress has been made, and our chapter is really getting back on track. The chapter as a whole has improved based on our annual report and the statistical analysis portion of that report. We improved by 55% over last years numbers!



## Message from the President

I am really excited to announce that our chapter is more successful this year than years past, and we have reached many of our goals!

- Working with Habitat for Humanity, The Port of Canaveral, and IEEE we have reached our community service hours goal!
- We have had a measurable increase in involvement, membership, activities, and results as found in our 2015-2016 Annual Report to ASCE National.
- We finished 11th at the Regional Conference out of 29 Universities including notables such as Alabama, University of Florida, Vanderbilt, University of Puerto Rico... Great Job!
- Congratulations to the new officers!

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-Spenser Puffenbarger, President

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Our funding has been better than previous years, but we still fall short of our funding goals. We have planned several fundraisers for 2016 including a paintball outing, tutoring, and an end of the year banquet in partnership with ASCE Cape Canaveral and ABC Florida Tech.

Next Year our chapter will partner ABC (Associated Builders and Contractors), IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers), Innovation Council, and the Student Rocket Society for many projects and events!

### *Southeastern Conference in Alabama*

Last year in Chattanooga our chapter placed 10th out of 26 Universities from across the Southeast United States. This year, we placed 11th, competed in every competition and showed improvement in smaller competitions over last year! We thank our sponsors for donating the much needed materials, time, labor, and funding that we need to accomplish our goals!



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