

# Florida Tech ASCE Chapter News

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## "General Chapter"

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The semester is coming to a close. We are still in preparation for the banquet on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2009. Please let us know if you are planning on attending the banquet. In other news the chapter is planning on attending the central Florida field trip in January. The chapter is also planning on doing a kayaking trip in the January and February time. More fun things to come! Stay tuned!

In addition to preparing for our chapter events, the student chapter also looks forward to awarding several scholarships to its members by the end of the year. Last year several different students received an accumulated amount of \$3000.00 worth of scholarship funds. These contributions are made possible by organizations such as the ASCE Florida Section, ASCE Cape Canaveral Branch, and the Eric Primavera Endowment Fund. Keep an eye out for the Scholarship application and get yours in on time.

For more information about sponsoring our chapter or speaking at one of our meetings contact Christel Noyes at 321-674-8048 or [cnoyes@fit.edu](mailto:cnoyes@fit.edu).

For more information about the general chapter, email Carlos Frade, ASCE President, at [cfradega@fit.edu](mailto:cfradega@fit.edu) or Peter Nunes, ASCE Vice-President, at [pnunes@fit.edu](mailto:pnunes@fit.edu)

2009 Southeast Student Conference Hosted by  
Vanderbilt University March 27-29 2009

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The theme for the 2009 Southeast Student Conference is "We Built This City." Next semester we will start holding mini-tutorials for each small event during or after our regular meetings to better prepare students for the competitions. A list of the small events and links to their rules are available on the 2009 Conference website: <http://engssws.vuse.vanderbilt.edu/asce/>. We've finished a preliminary estimate of the prices for the conference. It will cost approximately \$15,000 to attend. This includes transportation, lodging, rental truck(s), and food for the entire 5 day trip. We're holding a raffle at our banquet in February (for details, email Dana Buccelli at [dbuccell@fit.edu](mailto:dbuccell@fit.edu)) to help raise the necessary funds. Donations are greatly appreciated! If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Kelsey McGinnis at [mcginnik@fit.edu](mailto:mcginnik@fit.edu).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 23, 2009 ASCE Central Florida Field  
Trip

## "Concrete Canoe"

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For this month the canoe team will be preparing for pour day which is set for January 16. We will begin preparing the canoe mold and getting supplies and aggregates for the mix. We will also be testing one more test mix with different types of reinforcement to use on the canoe.

Everything done this month is very important to our success at the competition coming up in March.

For more information, email Troy Dudich at [tdudich@fit.edu](mailto:tdudich@fit.edu)

## "Steel Bridge"

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The steel is finally in the lab ready for work, thanks to the donation from Industrial Steel, Inc. Work will begin immediately upon the start of the Spring semester. Pieces will be measured, cut, and welded to form every member of this year's bridge. Fabrication is going to take a lot of hard work, time, and dedication.

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For contributions to the chapter's projects please send checks to:

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In the memo line put Concrete Canoe or Steel Bridge... Thank you