

# Florida Tech ASCE Chapter News

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## "General Chapter"

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The past month was a busy month with the third annual central Florida field trip. We sent 17 members to the all day event in Orlando. The members that went had the opportunity to see two of the new buildings for the new UCF campus, a wastewater treatment plant, a green development and also construction on the 408 turnpike. This month we have the banquet quickly approaching. We are hoping for a good turnout. Also we are continuing preparations for the regional competition in Tennessee.

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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March is fast approaching, so we need to get out there and raise funds! Small groups of students will be traveling to local businesses looking for donations over the next couple weeks. We need everyone's help to make this trip a success! For those of you going to Tennessee with us in March, your first payment of \$35 is due by February 10th to guarantee you a spot. Anyone who plans on going should make their payment to Kelsey McGinnis, Conference Chair, or Michael DePaolo, Treasurer, at our next meeting. Meetings are every Tuesday in Frueauff from 6:30 to 7:00 PM. See you there!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 6, 2009      2009 Florida Tech ASCE  
Student Chapter Banquet

## "Concrete Canoe"

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This month the canoe team will be very busy finishing the canoe for competition. Sanding and polishing has begun on the canoe and sectional display. The foot braces, and other inside designs will be fabricated and stains will be applied on the exterior for a good finish. Compression and flexural tests of the canoe's test cylinders and plates take place each week to ensure the concrete has the required strength. The results thus far are just as expected and the canoe will be ready for next month's competition. Paddling practices are also becoming more intense as we get closer to the competition date.

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## "Steel Bridge"

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The bridge team is working hard to complete this year's bridge. The decking portion is 90% complete with a few alterations left. Next the truss will be completed. A portion of this year's bridge will be on display at the 2009 Banquet. Still on the list of things to do are paint and display board, along with preparing anything else necessary for the 2009 Southeast Student Conference in Tennessee.

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

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