

Florida Tech ASCE Chapter News

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"General Chapter"

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This month from was a busy month for the chapter. The chapter has scheduled its sponsor banquet for February 6, 2009. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you need more information on this event, please email myself at pnunes@fit.edu. The chapter also had a guest speaker at one of its meeting last month. This was a great opportunity to interact with engineers in the working world. We look forward to another busy month.

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.

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

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

Kelsey McGinnis
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Sign-up sheets for the different events were passed around at the last October meeting. As we had hoped, we have participants in all of the events this year. There are still some spots open, so email Kelsey or attend the next meeting to sign up. Be sure to check out the competitions' rules. They are posted on the recently developed conference website: www.vuse.vanderbilt.edu/asce. Any students who still want to go to the conference but have not signed up for any events, please email Kelsey. We do not have the travel budget figured out yet; a lot will depend on the success of our fundraisers, but we should have a definite cost per student by next month.

For more information, email Kelsey McGinnis at mcginnik@fit.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 6-8 ASCE 138th Annual Civil
Engineering Conference in
Pittsburgh, PA

"Concrete Canoe"

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This month the Canoe Team will be very busy. We will be testing our second concrete test mix and doing some analysis with our results. Within the next week we will be finalizing this year's theme and looking at different concrete dyes and stains to use for the canoe's design. The fabrication of the canoe mold will be done this month with the assistance of Vector Works Marine in Titusville. A CNC milling machine will be used to produce a male mold of the canoe. Once this is finished we will begin prep work for the concrete canoe pour. Practices have become more intense, working on the team's endurance, strength, and techniques in and out of the water. For more information, email Troy Dudich at tdudich@fit.edu

"Steel Bridge"

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Design and analysis is complete for this year's bridge. Materials have been donated by Industrial Steel, Inc., and should be ready for pick up in the upcoming weeks. This will allow the team to get a head start on fabrication. Hopefully the pieces for fabrication will be cut before the approaching Holiday Break.

For more information, email Dana Buccelli at dbuccell@fit.edu



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

If you would like any additional information please feel free to contact Carlos Frade, ASCE President, at cfradega@fit.edu.