

Florida Tech ASCE Chapter News

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"General Chapter"

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The semester is off to a good start. The chapter is doing well, preparing for our Southeast Student Conference and the other conferences that ASCE offers. We are in the middle of organizing our trip to the ASCE National Conference in Pittsburg this year. The chapter is looking to send two student members and myself to the conference. Look for an update in the next newsletter to see how the conference was!

In addition to preparing for the conference(s), 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

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The conference is still scheduled for March 26-28, 2009 at Vanderbilt University. We are currently investigating the different busing options for the trip to Tennessee. We might share a bus with another university, but no concrete plans have been made (no pun intended). Sign up lists will soon be posted for the different competitions. We have contacted Vanderbilt for further information regarding the conference accommodations, schedule, etc. and are awaiting their response. Details concerning the conference will be made available as soon as possible.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

TBA Central Florida Field Trip

"Concrete Canoe"

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Throughout the next month the Concrete Canoe Team will be working on many tasks in preparation for competition this year. Some things to be done this month include brainstorming for a theme, taking inventory and getting new supplies, starting to look at the concrete mix designs to use, and running structural analysis calculations on the canoe. Practice, as always, is one major and important part each week for the success of the team. This next month will be very busy and this year's team is ready for it.

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"Steel Bridge"

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The team is completing design drawings and calculations. The goal in design this year is to decrease deflection and weight while maintaining title as the "Pretty Bridge." It's going to be a new challenge for the team to fabricate the bridge completely at Florida Tech's facilities for the first time. Donations are welcome and greatly appreciated in order to cover the costs of the materials for this year's agenda.

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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