

# Florida Tech ASCE Chapter News

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## "Welcome Back!"

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Hello ASCE members! Welcome back to the new school year and another exciting year for Florida Tech's ASCE Student Chapter! This year's goal is to participate in all the competitions at the Southeast Student Conference hosted by Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. This year will be a busy one due to all the preparations needed for the Student Conference and all the fundraising required to pay for all our expenses; however, this year will also be fun because of all the effort that will be put into the competitions throughout the year.

In addition to preparing for the conference, 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).

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

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The 2009 Southeast Student Conference is a wonderful opportunity to learn, meet other engineers from across the country, and participate in some competitive fun. Don't miss out! It's an experience you will never forget. The conference, March 27th to 29th, is being held at the beautiful Vanderbilt campus in Tennessee this year. Sign-up sheets for the various events will be available in Dr. Cosentino's office, in Frueauff, and at every meeting.

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## "Concrete Canoe"

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Our Concrete Canoe Team qualified for the 2008 National Concrete Canoe Competition by placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 2008 Southeast Student Conference back in March. Over the summer, the team was very busy with getting ready for Nationals. We had to finalize our report and presentation, and the biggest thing on our list was our last days of paddling. The two captains drove for 22 hours to reach Montreal with the canoe, while the rest of the team flew into the city. Our national team placed 13<sup>th</sup> in the country. Everyone had an unforgettable time and can't wait for the conference this year. The Concrete Canoe Team will begin brainstorming ideas for this year's competition within the next week.

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## "Steel Bridge"

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The new rules are out for the 2009 Steel Bridge Competition and it's time to start brainstorming and designing. Last year's bridge won 1st place in aesthetics again. It was able to hold the 2500 lb load with less than 2 inches deflection. We strive to improve upon last year's results. Visit [aisc.org](http://aisc.org) and follow "Learning Opportunities" and "University Programs" to the Student Steel Bridge Competition link where you can view this year's rules. Those familiar with the competition will notice a few changes from last year's competition.

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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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 6-8 ASCE 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil  
Engineering Conference in  
Pittsburgh, PA

If you would like any additional information please feel free to contact Carlos Frade, ASCE President, at [cfradega@fit.edu](mailto:cfradega@fit.edu).