

# Florida Tech ASCE Chapter News

May 2011

## “General Chapter”

**John Chandler**  
*Fl Tech ASCE Historian*

FL TECH is going to NATIONALS!!! This will be the seventh time Fl Tech has attended the national competition with a canoe team. Fl Tech has won first at the Southeastern ASCE Student Competition (Regionals) twice, once in 2003 and this year's competition. At ASCE National Concrete Canoe Competition (Nationals), the team has placed well four out of the six times the team has attended. The team placed first in 1997, third in 2000, fourth in 1998 and sixth in 1999. This year's team has a great chance to place in the top four and possibly take first place.

The chapter itself has been galvanized by the first place win at Regionals, and continues the hard work needed to prepare the canoe for the National competition. The cost of the trip has been the driving force for the team after school and graduation has ended. The estimated budget for the trip is ranging close to \$20,000, which is close to the amount of money spent on this year's projects. Along with the fundraising needed to travel to Nationals, the canoe itself suffered minor superficial damage at the Regional competition and is currently being touched up for its presentation at Nationals.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be a Student Chapter Car Wash held at the Frueauff Building located off of Babcock Street on May 22 from 10am to 4 pm. The easiest way to get to Frueauff is to turn into the main entrance to campus and turn right into the first parking lot. Please come show your support for our Student Chapter by making a donation to get your car washed.

There will be a second car wash for those who miss the first on June 4 from 10am to 4 pm also at the Frueauff Building

The ASCE National Concrete Canoe Competition will be held in Evansville, Indiana. June 16 – 18. Travel will take a day or two to get there and a day or two to get back. Any donations would be appreciated, Please contact Dr. Pandit.

## Graduated Seniors

**Kimberly Townsend**



Kim plans on doing some scuba diving during the summer and taking a few road trips before starting her job. Kim will be starting her job over the summer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Galveston, Tx. Best of Luck!

**Mckena Richardson**



Mckena is currently living in Melbourne for the summer and will most likely be returning to California. She is currently seeking employment and is staying active when she can. If you would like to contact Mckena about a possible job, her email is [mckenar@gmail.com](mailto:mckenar@gmail.com)

## Other Graduated Seniors

There are 8 other graduating seniors. The ASCE Student Chapter would also like to congratulate Andy Bankert, Lorenzo Fevola, Victoria Nicastro, Gustavo Quiroz, Mike Matern, Ethan Tyson, Brennan Klein and Carlos Fade who graduated with a M.S.

## National Donations

If you like to make a donation, there is a convenient drop at this link. Click next to designation and check the 2011 ASCE Concrete Canoe Nationals Team and the amount you wish to donate. Any amount will help us. If you would like to send a check please send them to Dr. Pandit and the address below.

Thank You! <https://alumni.fit.edu/sslpage.aspx?pid=444>

**For contributions to the chapter's projects please send checks to:**  
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Civil Engineering Department  
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In the memo line put Florida Tech ASCE...thank you!

If you would like any additional information please feel free to contact Priyanka Prakash, ASCE President, at [pprakash2008@my.fit.edu](mailto:pprakash2008@my.fit.edu)