Good News!

The ASCE chapter at UCI now has a bi-quarterly newsletter. You can receive updates, future events, and professional tips all on this newsletter. So, keep a lookout for these issues every quarter.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We went around looking for a new member that just joined ASCE this year and found Vanessa Paneto, a senior student civil engineer. We asked her a quick question, lets see what she had to say.

Q: What have you gained from ASCE-UCI, so far?
A: I have been really involved with all the events and I have had the chance to network more and meet other civil engineering students. Each event has given me the chance to spend time and bond with students I didn’t know before. It is definitely something that I can appreciate most since joining ASCE.

WELCOME.

Welcome to all first years and transfer students. We look forward to meeting you and introducing ourselves. This year is up to a great start and it will continue to better as we learn and share more. Thank you to all of you that visited our booths for the Week 0 and Engineering Involvement Fair. Congratulations to all those that got free shirts.

CEE Career Fair

This year ASCE held its first ever, very own Career Fair specific to only CEE students! We were able to fill a conference room in the UCI Student center with major companies from Southern California who also had other locations across the country. It was great to be able to offer the CEE students of UCI a career fair catered to them where they didn’t have to sift through companies of other engineering specifications. Making sure companies pertaining to all specifications of CEE were present at the fair, all students were offered opportunities for jobs as well as internships. We hope everyone made many connections and learned from the experience. We wish everyone the best of luck in hearing back from any prospective companies!

Companies who attended:

Berger ABAM /VA Consulting/ Iters Inc./GHD/SSC Construction, Inc./Stantec/RBF Consulting/Tetratech/Kimley-Horn/NMG Geotechnical/City of Irvine Public Works/HDR
“Motivation is knowing you are learning, growing, and succeeding towards your desired outcome while sustaining positive momentum” – Jaren L. Davis

FIRST GENERAL MEETING
Thank you to everyone who showed up to ASCE’s first general meeting! With the work of our current members at the time, we were able fill the entire Mcdonnell Douglas Engineering Auditorium to capacity with many new members recruited from the involvement fair, to see what ASCE has to offer in their prospective CEE futures. From steel bridge to concrete canoe, new members were introduced to the horizon broadening facets of ASCE. They were also introduced to the excited new executive board for the 2013-2014 school year whose main goal is to extend outreach of our student chapter to new lengths.

SAM HOUT GUEST SPEAKER
ASCE was pleased to have Sam A. Hout P.E at our general meeting. Hout has recently joined CH2M HILL, a global full-service consulting, design, construction and operations firm, as senior vice president for transportation in Southern California.

Hout brings more than 30 years of experience in the design and construction of transportation infrastructure projects, including freeway, highway, rail and aviation assignments worldwide. He has previously held the positions of vice president of business/project development with nationally and internationally recognized firms and as chairman and CEO of his own company, specializing in program management and design oversight for public and private clients. Hout is also a fellow member and past president of the Technical Group for the American Society of Civil Engineers.

In his new position with CH2M HILL, Hout will be responsible for leading business development and client relationships in Southern California for the firm’s aviation, bridge, highways, ports and transit markets. He will work in the firm’s Santa Ana, Calif., office.
He was able to offer members information about the ins and outs of his career for members curious in going in a similar direction he did with Civil Engineering. We will continue to bring in guest speakers as the year progresses so stay tuned!

**LET IT FLOAT**

As you probably know, colleges have ASCE competitions on a regional level. Our competition is called the Pacific Southwest Conference (PSWC). This Pacific Southwest region does not fall within any of the above-mentioned regional breakdowns of ASCE. There are 18 colleges that participate in PSWC, hailing from Southern California, Nevada, Arizona, and Hawaii. The winners of the Concrete Canoe and Steel Bridge competitions go on to compete in the national competitions.

**GET THE PICTURE**

To make the most out of ASCE, in addition to becoming a member of the UCI ASCE chapter, sign up to become a national ASCE member! National membership is FREE while you are a student and for the following 6 months, and from there, the dues increase slowly as you advance from Student Membership to Associate Membership. Once you earn your Professional Engineer License, you can advance your Associate Membership to full Membership. If you leave a big enough mark on the civil engineering field, you could get advanced to Fellow Membership. This is a prestigious honor held by less than 4% of members in ASCE.

**YMF WINE TASTING TOUR**

After joining ASCE National, I also joined the Young Members Forum (YMF) as a way to meet other members in Orange County. Eager to network amongst colleagues, I daringly decided to do some wine tasting in Temecula for my first YMF event. There were members that work locally and a couple students from CSU Long Beach. At each location we would get a glass of fine wine and then go outside to talk about our dreams and aspirations within the civil engineering realm. One student was interested in pursuing water resources. Another engineer worked as a signal engineer in the transportation division. In general, there was a broad collection of civil engineers all keen to talk about their choices and current positions. Talking over Brie bread bowls, cheese, and crackers I got a better sense of the type of engineer I want to be. I was satisfied to have embarked on this day trip on a perfect SoCal day out in the hills with fellow engineers. –Angie M.

**RIDDLE ME THIS?**

Why is a raven like a writing desk?

**Answer:** Because it can produce a few notes, though they are very flat; and it is never put with the wrong end in front! (From Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland)

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