

University of Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma Chi Epsilon chapter initiated 2 new members at their spring 2009 meeting. The initiates were **Wassim Tabet** and **Brian Haskins**. Outgoing officers led the initiation and the selection of new officers. These officers were: **Seth Boydstun**, president; **David Frank**, vice-president; **James McLane**, treasurer; **Amy Hufnagel**, secretary; **Michaela Campbell**, associate editor; and **Chris Hill**, marshal. The new officers selected for 2009-2010 include: **Amy Hufnagel**, president; **Chris Hill**, vice-president; **Wassim Tabet**, treasurer and secretary; and **Jacob Grasmick**, marshal.

This past spring, our chapter members participated in the Sooner Elementary Engineering and Science Club at a local elementary school in Norman, Oklahoma. This is an after-school program that encourages students to expand their learning using hands-on experiments. We spent an afternoon interacting with young children and sharing our passion for science and engineering. We helped the students as they worked together in groups to design and build a cost effective, but sturdy boat using supplies including masking tape, popsicle sticks, aluminum foil, and straws. The boats that could hold the most washers for the most economic design won the competition. We all had a great time helping the students and showing them that learning can be fun.

This fall, our chapter participated in the Josh Heupel #14 Foundation for Children's Charity (*see photo at right*). In the spirit of the holidays, we went to Wal-Mart and bought Christmas presents for a child in need. We were able to provide a nine-year-old boy with a remote control car and a football, when otherwise he would not have had anything to open on Christmas morning. We had a great time celebrating the holiday season by helping out others in need.



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The Oklahoma State University chapter of Chi Epsilon completed another year under **Dr. Dee Ann Sanders**, faculty advisor. During 2009, seven members of our chapter attended the Central District Conference at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas. We held a pizza party for prospective pledges in the spring and a cook-out at Boomer Lake in the fall. At our spring initiation, **Mr. Ralph Kinder** was elevated to Chapter Honor Member. **Mr. Kinder** is a director of public works for the City of Stillwater and a graduate of our program. He decided to return to his home area after a career in the U.S. Marine Corps. Mr. Kinder is a strong supporter of our program; he has helped to give a practice-oriented viewpoint to many of our