The Ohio State University chapter of Chi Epsilon would like to congratulate the following members on their spring 2011 initiation: David Burchnall, William Cheng, Joshua Cosgrove, Brian Dudley, Hannah Gamm, Charles Grabner, Andrew Helser, Brooke Lowrie, Matthew Malich, Clark Michael, Christopher Miller, Rebecca Moser, Alexander Sichko, Clay Tietjen, Christina Thyen, and Nathan Yencho. (see photo at right) Additionally, the following officers were elected by the members and installed during the ceremony: Andrian Lee, president; Hannah Gamm, vice-president; William Cheng, treasurer; Rebecca Moser, secretary; Andrew Helser, associate editor; and Alexander Sichko, marshal. They replace the leadership and achievements of the departing officers: Angela Nappi, president; Anthony Ewers, vice-president; Nicholas Karlin, treasurer; Cody Beucler, secretary; Matthew Rosebrock, associate editor; and Chris Stanuch, marshal.

The initiation ceremony was held in Stander Community Room, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Geodetic Science, on the campus of The Ohio State University. Supportive civil engineering professors, proud friends and family members of the new initiates, and existing Chi Epsilon members, as well as the initiates, were in attendance. The initiation ceremony was followed by a short reception for the attendees.

Chi Epsilon continues to have students available to conduct tours for prospective civil engineering students whenever the Civil Engineering Department has a need. It is a great opportunity for Chi Epsilon students to inform prospective engineering students about the benefits of Ohio State and the civil engineering profession in general.

Chi Epsilon is currently researching other ways to continue to provide assistance to the civil engineering department and local community in the future. This year Chi Epsilon is planning on working more closely with the ASCE student chapter and to coordinate socials and community service projects. One option Chi Epsilon is pursuing in the greater Columbus area is volunteering time for Habitat for Humanity.

The Ohio State Chi Epsilon student chapter will be sending two delegates to 42nd National Conclave in Los Angeles on March 8th-10th, 2012. The Ohio State University chapter would like to wish our fellow chapters much success in the upcoming year!

The University of Oklahoma Chi Epsilon chapter initiated 6 new members at the spring 2011 meeting. The new members initiated were Jacquelyn Baker, Aissata Cisse, Duncan Fugitt, Logan Liles, Jesse Roswurm, and Seth Roswurm. Existing officers led the initiation as well as the selection of the new members. These officers included: Hassan Essaili, president; Zackary Bright, vice-president; Chris Hill, secretary; Amy Hufnagel, treasurer; and Jeremy Christiansen, marshal. The new officers selected for 2010-2011 include: Aissata Cisse, president; Jacquelyn Baker, vice-president; Hassan Essaili, secretary; Logan Liles, treasurer; and Zackary Bright, marshal.
This fall, our chapter members organized and hosted review sessions for students in the CEES department who were taking the FE Exam. Chi Epsilon members were in charge of finding teachers for the review sessions as well as coordinating times and locations for hosting each session. Many students within the CEES department had expressed interest in having review sessions for the FE, primarily since there were not many organized efforts to aid students in their preparation for the exam. The review sessions proved to be a valuable tool in assisting students in their exam preparations.

In the upcoming spring of 2012, the University of Oklahoma chapter will be sending three chapter members as delegates to the 2012 Chi Epsilon National Conclave hosted by the chapters of the Pacific District. Active President Aissata Cisse, Marshal Zackary Bright, and Associate Editor Duncan Fugitt will be attending the conclave and are eager for the opportunity to meet and interact with other Chi Epsilon members from across the country. While at the conclave, the delegates hope to gain a deeper understanding of Chi Epsilon as a whole and to work with other chapters on certain issues involving Chi Epsilon on our individual campuses.

This past winter, Chi Epsilon hosted a service event for students in the CEES department at the University of Oklahoma. Chi Epsilon members participated in the Toys for Tots program hosted by the United States Marine Corps. Students were encouraged to bring a toy for children in need that often do not receive gifts during the holidays. Also, Chi Epsilon will be participating in Big Event next semester hosted by the University of Oklahoma. The Big Event is the University of Oklahoma’s official day of community service. Chi Epsilon members will be assigned a service project, which they will complete on a Saturday afternoon in the Norman or Oklahoma City area.

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The Oklahoma State University chapter of Chi Epsilon completed another year under Dr. Dee Ann Sanders, faculty advisor. During spring 2011, six members of the Oklahoma State University chapter of Chi Epsilon attended the Central District Conference at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. It was a great conference. The UMKC chapter did a very commendable job with the formal and informal sessions of the conference. We held a pizza party for prospective pledges in January 2011, and a cook-out at the home of Zachary Keith, our vice-president, in the fall. At our spring initiation, Dr. Garry Gregory was initiated as our Chapter Honor Member. Dr. Gregory is a foundations expert who is known around the world.

Officers: (see photo at left) Isabelle Velasco, 2011 secretary and 2012 pledge marshal; Rachel Funkhouser, 2012 CEAT Student Council Representative; Angela Case, 2012 co-secretary; Emily Cloud, 2012 co-secretary; Zach Keith, 2011 vice-president and fall 2012 president; Jared Krittenbrink, 2011 pledge marshal and 2012 spring semester president; Colin Ogilvie, 2011 CEAT Student Council Representative and 2012 associate editor; Blake Shadid, 2011 treasurer and 2012 vice-president; and Kristen Perry, 2012 treasurer. Head showing above Kristen: Evan Dicks.