The 2009 school year was eventful for Chi Epsilon. In the spring, Chi Epsilon, along with the Civil Engineering Student Advisory Council and ASCE student chapter, held a date auction at Boiler Market to raise money for Relay for Life. The date auction was a huge success. Along with the date auction, members of Chi Epsilon also participated in the actual relay which benefitted the American Cancer Society.

In March, Emily Chavez, Rachael Bisnett, Steve Lauer, and David Troung attended the Regional Conclave in Cincinnati. At the conclave, the delegates considered making Chi Epsilon an international organization.

The faculty breakfasts were held in February and October and, as always, they were a great success. It was a wonderful opportunity for students and faculty to get to know each other better and for pledges and officers to interact. We also welcomed the new civil engineering faculty to the breakfast. The pledge retreats were held in April and November at Happy Hollow Park in West Lafayette. The weather for the retreats was perfect. The pledges enjoyed sunny skies to play Frisbee, grill out and to socialize.

During the fall semester, Chi Epsilon held a graduate school information session for prospective graduate students. Dr. Rao S. Govindaraju discussed what to expect from graduate school and steps for application. A student panel of current graduate students was also available to answer questions and share their experiences.

A minimum of three hours of service was established as a new requirement for active Chi Epsilon Members. As part of this requirement, Chi Epsilon held tutoring sessions on Wednesdays for students struggling with their class work.

Chi Epsilon held review sessions for students preparing for the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam. Professors from different emphasis areas led reviews for their respective subjects.

Both the spring and fall semesters concluded with the initiation of pledges and the semi-annual banquets at the Purdue Memorial Union. We were pleased to have a great turnout to honor our newest members and award recipients.
Leonard and Margaret Wood Award

The Leonard and Margaret Wood Award is an honor given to a student(s) in Chi Epsilon that best exemplifies excellence in both academics and leadership activities. This award is made possible through the generosity of the Wood family. Candidates are nominated by both students and faculty members, and the recipient is selected by a panel consisting of the trustees, the faculty advisor, and the president. The winner is honored at the banquet and receives a monetary award. The recipient of the Leonard and Margaret Wood Award for Fall 2009 was Cal Bearman. The Spring 2009 recipient was David Troung. Congratulations to these students for their hard work, dedication, and leadership!
The Burke Awards

Each spring, the Purdue University Chapter of Chi Epsilon honors a member of the faculty with the Edmund M. Burke Outstanding Civil Engineering Professor Award. Professors are nominated by students based on the following criteria: willingness to counsel, freely giving of their time, participating in undergraduate activities and showing concern for students. We are proud to announce that Dr. Robert Connor was the recipient of this award for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Each semester, our chapter recognizes the graduating senior with the highest GPA with the Rosemary K. Burke Outstanding Student Award. The recipient of the Rosemary Burke Award for Spring 2009 was Nam Nguyen, and the recipient for Fall 2009 was Eka Linwood. We thank the Burke family for their generosity, and congratulations award recipients!

Rosemary M. Burke Outstanding Students for 2009

Spring 2009: Nam Nguyen receives award from Rachael Bisnett

Fall 2009: Eka Linwood receives award from Mallory Schaus

Edmund M. Burke Outstanding Professor for 2009 presented to Dr. Robert Connor by Rachael Bisnett

CONGRATULATIONS!

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