

MODIFIED SPRING 2020 CHI EPSILON PLEDGEBOOK

In response to COVID-19 outbreak

Initiates,

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, SDSU has canceled all face-to-face classes as of March 13, 2020.

Health and safety is Chi Epsilon's top priority and will not require face-to-face interactions to complete the initiation process.

I have modified the events under each pillar. It is now possible to complete all initiation requirements **online**. All events that have already been completed and submitted **will still count**.

Initiation will be moved to the end of the Fall 2020 semester and will be combined with the initiation ceremony for Fall 2020 initiates.

If you would like to pause your initiation process and continue in Fall 2020, notify me and your completed events will be saved and passed on to the Fall 2020 VP. You will be refunded and required to pay the initiate fee in Fall 2020.

Major changes include:

- You are no longer required to complete the initiate project.
- You are no longer required to take the initiate quiz.

Let me know if you have any questions!

Best,

Julia Moore
Vice President, Spring 2020

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San Diego State University
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THE NATIONAL CIVIL ENGINEERING HONOR SOCIETY



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Chi Epsilon Historical Background

Preamble

We, students, faculty, and alumni of the Department of Civil Engineering at various colleges and universities, believing that a mark of distinction should be placed on the undergraduate who has upheld the honor of the department by high scholastic ability, and believing that a society with the broad principles of scholarship, character, practicality, and sociability would be an incentive to greater achievements in the civil engineering profession, do adopt this constitution as a guiding instrument for this organization.

Object and Purpose of Chi Epsilon

Dedicated to the purpose of maintaining and promoting the status of civil engineering as an ideal profession, Chi Epsilon was organized to recognize the characteristics of the individual civil engineer deemed to be fundamental to the successful pursuit of an engineering career, and to aid in the development of those characteristics in the civil engineering student. Engineering, the application of scientific principles to the practical needs of society, is assuming a constantly increasing responsibility for the well-being of all people, and thus calling for competence of the highest order. This responsibility can be discharged only by a professional group whose members are possessed of a good basic technical ability, intelligence, moral integrity, and effective social poise in their relationship with the larger community of which they are part. To contribute to the improvement of the profession, Chi Epsilon fosters the development and exercise of sound traits of character and technical ability among civil engineers, and its members, by precept and example, toward an ever-higher standard of professional service.

History of Chi Epsilon

In the spring of 1922, two groups of civil engineering students at the University of Illinois, one calling itself Chi Epsilon, and the other calling itself Chi Delta Chi, independently of each other, took steps to petition the faculty for permission to establish an honorary civil engineering fraternity. As soon as the existence of the two groups became known to each other, plans were immediately propagated to merge the two groups. On May 22, 1922, the Chi Epsilon Fraternity was founded. Since then, Chi Epsilon has grown to more than 130 chapters, with over 120,000 members initiated.

Motto

Chi Epsilon retains as its motto the Greek letters Chi Delta Chi, which formed the name of the junior honor society founded in 1922 at the University of Illinois and which is one of the roots of Chi Epsilon. Chi Delta Chi. These three letters shall symbolize our English motto: Conception, Design, and Construction. These are the three phases of every creative project. Conception is inventive; it perceives the opportunity to do something and recognizes the means of accomplishment. Fitting that means of accomplishment to the specific case and planning a definite method of work is design. Construction is the actual building. It makes a reality of the idea of conception and the plan of design. Conception requires imagination and intelligence. Design requires education and practical experience. Construction requires energy, determination, and perseverance. In these functions, your adherence to the principles of Chi Epsilon will serve you well.



Important Facts About Chi Epsilon

- ❖ Chi Epsilon is dedicated to the advancement of the Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering professions through its four pillars:
 - **Scholarship**
 - **Character**
 - **Practicality**
 - **Sociability**
- ❖ Chi Epsilon was founded at the **University of Illinois** in **1922**.
- ❖ Since then, Chi Epsilon has grown to include **127** active chapters nationwide with over 120,000 members.
- ❖ In **1967**, San Diego State University became the **64th** school to join Chi Epsilon and consists of more than 1,000 members.
- ❖ The letters of Chi Epsilon are **XE**.
- ❖ Chi Epsilon's motto is **CHI DELTA CHI**, which stands for **Conception, Design, and Construction**.
- ❖ The official symbol of Chi Epsilon is the **Builder's Transit**.
- ❖ The colors of Chi Epsilon are **purple and white**.

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Pledge Requirements

The following requirements **must** be fulfilled prior to being initiated into Chi Epsilon.

*Note that all dates are tentative.

- ❖ Complete the minimum required events for each pillar (see the following page) and submit all documentation to Vice President, **Julia Moore**, by **11:59pm on April 21st (last GBM)**.
- ❖ Pay non-refundable, one-time initiate fee of **\$135** to the Treasurer, **Jesse Babauta**, by or on **March 10th (GBM #3)**. Checks must be paid to **Associated Students** with “Chi Epsilon” in the memo. Electronic payments through Venmo to **@XETreasurer** are also acceptable.

Once all these requirements have been met, you will be considered for initiation at a later date, in Fall 2020. **YOU MUST ATTEND THE INITIATION CEREMONY AND BANQUET DINNER TO BECOME A MEMBER.** All black business attire is required for the ceremony. Final admittance into Chi Epsilon will be at the officers’ discretion per review of each initiate.

Fulfilling each requirement does not guarantee initiation, as certain qualities such as professionalism will be factored in to the decision as well.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Pledge Master, **Julia Moore**:

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XE Activities and Events

Legend:

In-person event, NOT OFFERED AFTER MARCH 13, 2020

Events that can be completed online/over the phone

Sociability (Complete 3 Events)

- Attend the Welcome Back BBQ (*February 15th*)
- Attend an SDSU sports game
- Attend a XE social event
- Attend a XE-ASCE event
- Attend a YMF event
- Complete XE member interviews (**Mandatory**)
 - **We will allow these to be done through text messaging/GroupMe/over the phone. Once completed, send photo proof to VP, Julia**
- Update/create LinkedIn profile. Request to join XE SDSU LinkedIn Group
 - Link: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13743813/>
- Have phone call meeting with assigned mentor. Have mentor email VP, Julia, once completed (**Mandatory**)

Character (Complete 3 Events)

- Attend one outreach event
- Volunteer to flyer for **1 hour** at XE fundraising events
- Volunteer at an outside event for **1 hour** (*Must be approved by the VP, Julia*)
- Submit one page paper on a non-profit organization (mission statement, events, why it is important to CCEE fields)
- Submit one page paper on future outreach idea (find the organization, date/time for event, why this would benefit XE)
- Reach out to a City of San Diego Official through email and express concerns you have. BCC VP, Julia
 - Hint: Visit this website for their contact information:
<https://www.sandiego.gov/contact>

Practicality (Complete 4 Events)

- Attend a Resume or LinkedIn Workshop
- Actively attend another engineering organization's GBM (*ex. ASCE, ITE, AGC, EWB, YMF*)
- Complete the Mock Interview (**Mandatory**)
 - **These will be done over the phone or through Skype**
- Contact a GBM guest speaker. Introduce yourself, discuss what you liked about their presentation, and ask any questions you may have about their engineering discipline. (*BCC the VP, Julia on the e-mail*)
 - GBM Speaker's presentations and contact information will be posted to the XE SDSU website

- Apply for an internship (*E-mail the VP, Julia with print screen of the confirmation page.*)
- Submit cover letter to VP, Julia, tailored to a specific job posting

Scholarship (Complete 3 Events)

- Study with another XE member (*E-mail picture to VP, Julia*)
- Take the Graduate Record Exam (*GRE*)
- Take the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam (*FE*)
- Apply for a Scholarship (*Email the VP, Julia, the print screen of the confirmation page.*)
- Complete 5 Practice FE Problems and submit work to VP, Julia, for review
 - Problems are listed on the XE website
- Submit course plan for all remaining semesters of college to VP, Julia

Extra Credit (can fulfill any event and initiate requests)

- Attend PSWC (*April 1st – 4th, counts as 2 event*)**
 - ** ONLY if you are on a team and attending virtually
- Hold a leadership position in an organization (*ex. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.*)