

CHI EPSILON

CIVIL ENGINEERING HONOR SOCIETY



SDSU CHAPTER
SPRING 2012 PLEDGEBOOK



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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 130 chapters, with over 108,000 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.



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Important Facts about Chi Epsilon

- ❖ Chi Epsilon is dedicated to the advancement of the Civil and Environmental Engineering profession 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 130 active Chapters nationwide with over 108,000 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.

- ❖ Participate in stated activities/events from each pillar (see following page)
- ❖ **Attend all initiate meetings.** If you have a conflict with any of the meetings, contact the Vice President, Jennifer Kabling, as soon as possible.
- ❖ Pay non-refundable, one-time, initiate fee of \$90 to the treasurer, Laura Byrd, by or on **February 16th**.
- ❖ Complete initiate project. Project begins **April 2nd**.
- ❖ Complete initiation competition – Fundraising, due by **March 1st**.
- ❖ Complete XE member interviews no later than **March 1st**.
- ❖ Submit resume by **March 1st**.
- ❖ Pass the Initiate Quiz on **April 2nd**.
- ❖ Pledge to be actively involved with and support Chi Epsilon.

Once all these requirements have been met, you will be considered for initiation on **May 4, 2012**. **YOU MUST ATTEND THE INITIATION CEREMONY AND BANQUET DINNER TO BECOME A MEMBER.**

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Pledge Master: Jennifer Kabling.

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XE Activities and Events

More Events than what is listed below will be announced periodically

Sociability (Complete 3 events)

Welcome BBQ at Dr. Westermo's
Attend XE Conclave (March 8-10)
Kickball
Game night

Character (Complete 3 events)

Volunteering (4 hours required)
Volunteer for Conclave
Committee Participation
Organize fundraising events
Attend SDSU event (must be approved by VP)

Practicality (Complete 3 events)

Mock Interview
Resume Workshop
Attend XE Conclave
Attend ASCE Professional Development Day (speak with 4 representatives)
Attend Professional Meeting ASCE/EWB/ITE/AGC

Scholarship (Complete 3 events)

Apply for Scholarship (Email Vice President with printscreen of confirmation page)
Complete Master Plan (Email scanned copy)
Attend any EIT Review sessions
Take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
Attend XE Study Hall sessions
Daniel Mead Paper (Due March 1, 2012) – Will satisfy Scholarship requirement!

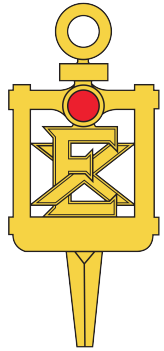


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Interview Sheet

DUE: March 1, 2012

Interviewee:	
Question	Response
(Academic)	
(Career)	
(Hobby)	
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Volunteering Log

All initiates must complete 4 hours of volunteer. If there are difficulties researching opportunities, there are links under “Volunteering” at xe.sdsu.edu. You may suggest a volunteer opportunity; however, you must gain approval for the event from the Vice President. ***Reminder: Extra volunteering will as extra Character events.*

Date & Hour(s) Completed	Description/Comments	Signature of Fellow Participant