



USF Student Chapter of American Society of Civil Engineers

ASCE Student Chapter Takes First Place in Steel Bridge Competition at Southeastern Student Conference

TAMPA, Fla. (April 13, 2012) – The USF Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) took first place overall in the Steel Bridge Competition held during the ASCE Southeastern Student Conference at the FAMU – FSU College of Engineering in Tallahassee.

The team placed eighth overall for the competition – the combination of all competitions. The competitions comprise various projects that allow the team to utilize the information that is learned in the classroom. Perennial competitors, the USF team competed along with 25 other universities in the Southeast. The competitions include: Geotech, Plans Reading, Mystery, Visual Display, Environmental, Surveying, Professional Paper, Hydraulics, Balsa Tower, Concrete Skee Ball, Concrete Member, T-shirt design and Visual Display (based on Conference Theme), Steel Bridge, and Concrete Canoe. Steel Bridge and Concrete Canoe are National Competitions.

“We are very proud of this, and hope to continue this winning tradition,” said Justin Bowen, ASCE Student Chapter President.

The USF team also finished in 10th place in the concrete canoe event and fourth in final product.



ASCE Steel Bridge Team

The USF Team placed:

- First in Visual Display (Natalie Baker, and Christina Matsuo)
- First overall in the Steel Bridge Competition (qualifying the team compete at the Nationals at to Clemson University in May)
 - Steel Bridge Competition:
 - Second in lightness and in Construction Speed
 - First in Efficiency; Economy, Stiffness

The team also won the Spirit Award for the Conference, which goes to the school that shows the most school spirit. May 2012 will be the team’s third trip to national competition in the past four years.

The steel bridge captain is **Trent Ligouri** and Co-captain is **Nate Henderson**. The team also includes **Andres Rodriguez, Liz Mitchell, Danny Happel, and Vincent DePianta** (secretary of the organization).

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