

# THE MOMENT

## *Cecil T. Lobo ASCE Student Chapter of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology*

In this issue we are reflecting upon the 2007 Winter Banquet, reporting on the chapter's latest wheelchair ramp project, talking about our most recent "Explore Engineering" event, and encouraging our members to participate in this year's Tribune Star Christmas Basket Fund. Since this will be the last issue of 2007, have a happy holiday season! -Justin Perry

## **Another Winter Banquet Come and Gone**

**-Andrew Pinkstaff**



The largest on-campus event of the year for the ASCE Cecil T. Lobo Student Chapter is the Winter Banquet. On Wednesday November 28, the Rose-Hulman CE Board of Advisors, faculty, staff, and students came together for a delicious luncheon and presentation. Our keynote speaker this year was Tarelle Osborn, President of Osborn Consulting, Inc. in Bellevue, WA. Mrs. Osborn is a 2001 Civil Engineering graduate of Rose-Hulman and holds Professional Engineering licenses in both California and Washington. Her engineering approach includes utilizing natural processes along with the engineered structure to balance habitat and safety requirements with an overall goal of innovation and cost-effectiveness. She presented on "The Entrepreneurial Spirit" of young civil engineers and how to launch your own civil firm. A couple of necessities in starting your own firm she shared with us included never turning away work and learning how to play golf. Mrs. Osborn's work ethic and drive for success at such a young age is a great model for all civil engineering professionals and students to strive to achieve. She and her husband are currently expecting a little Fighting-Engineer, and all those with the Rose-Hulman Civil Engineering Department wish them the best!



## ASCE Community Service Project: Wheelchair Ramp for Local 7-year-old Boy

-Jon Seger

The ASCE student chapter recently completed another community service project in which they constructed a wheelchair ramp for a local boy. Previously there was no ground level entrance into the house and he had to be assisted to get through the door. The ramp consists of one 25 foot span onto a 7 x 9 foot landing and was built according to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) specifications. ASCE built the ramp in conjunction with a local volunteer group, "Ramp It Up", which is headed by Patty Jones. "Ramp It Up" raised the funding while ASCE provided the design for the ramp. Both groups brought many volunteer workers to help with the construction. Thanks to everyone who contributed to another very successful project.



## **“Explore Engineering” Is Another Success!**

**-Andrew Pinkstaff**

A very exciting evening for both the chapter members and the community was our “Explore Engineering” event held on November 6<sup>th</sup>. “Explore Engineering” is a series of events in which college students at Rose-Hulman have an ongoing partnership with local elementary and middle schools to expose young people to the elements of engineering. The highlight of our night was a popsicle bridge competition in which groups of four students were given 50 popsicle sticks, a glue gun, a few small rules, and 30 minutes to make the bridge a reality. The younger students learned a little, had a lot fun, and even taught a few of the older students a thing or two about maximizing a glue gun’s potential.

## **Tribune Star Christmas Basket Fund 2007**

**- Sebastian Mendes**

Rose-Hulman’s ASCE Student Chapter kicked off its collections for the annual Tribune Star Christmas Basket Fundraiser at this year’s Winter Banquet on Wednesday, November 28, 2007. The Fundraiser is a broad campaign led by Terre Haute’s Tribune Star newspaper to collect money from various donors so that food baskets may be distributed to the less fortunate in the Terre Haute community during the Holiday Season. ASCE plans to do its part sending out volunteer Civil Engineering students to collect donations from the various departments across the campus during a two week period lasting from November 28 to December 12. Last year volunteers collected a total of \$2951.57, but this year we hope to break the \$4000.00 mark. The generosity of the donors and dedication of the volunteers will only make that possible.

### **Upcoming Events**

December 19—ASCE Monthly Meeting: NTH Geotech Presentation

January 23—Winter Career Fair

*Did we forget something? Please contact an ASCE officer to contribute items to include on our calendar.*

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