CHI EPSILON
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 137 chapters, with over 118,000 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 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 137 active Chapters nationwide with over 118,000 members.

- In 2007, UC Davis became the 130th 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 at least two general meetings, which include professor and company presentations and development workshops. If you have a conflict with any of the meetings, contact the Marshal as soon as possible.
- Pay the one-time initiate fee of $110 to the treasurer, Jin Low, by October 16th.
- Submit professional resume by October 21st.
- Participate in completion of Initiate Project (Practicality), due by December 4th.
- Complete Professor Discussions (Sociability) no later than December 4th.
- Pass the Initiate Quiz (Scholarship) on December 4th.
- Pledge to be actively involved with and support Chi Epsilon.

Once all these requirements have been met, you will be considered for initiation on December 4th, 2015 (Tentatively). YOU MUST ATTEND THE INITIATION CEREMONY AND BANQUET DINNER TO BECOME A MEMBER.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Marshal, Alex Sweat.

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XE Activities and Events

Sociability (Complete 2 events)
- Intramural Competition (TBD, Friday or Saturday)
- Cross-chapter social with Berkeley (Saturday, 10/17)
- Picnic in the Park (Sunday Afternoon, 10/10)
- Bi-Weekly Dinner/Trivia Nights (Wednesday Nights at 8PM)
- BBQ/Football Game (TBD, Saturday Afternoon)

Character
As a pledge group:
- Complete 8 hours (a full work day) of volunteer work.
  - Examples include Habitat for Humanity, local food bank
- Or
  - Organize a fundraising event.

Practicality
- Attend Pacific District Conference (PDC), Nov. 6-8 in San Jose.
- Or
  - Choose to construct either the Exhibit or Announcement Board for PDC (2 teams)

Scholarship
- Apply for a Scholarship (Email Vice President with proof).
- Pass the Initiate Quiz.