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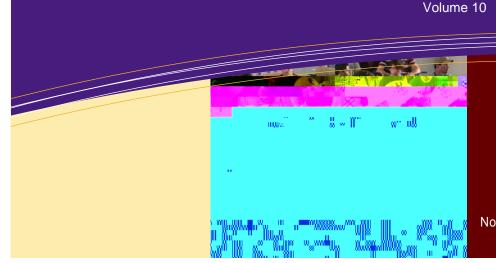
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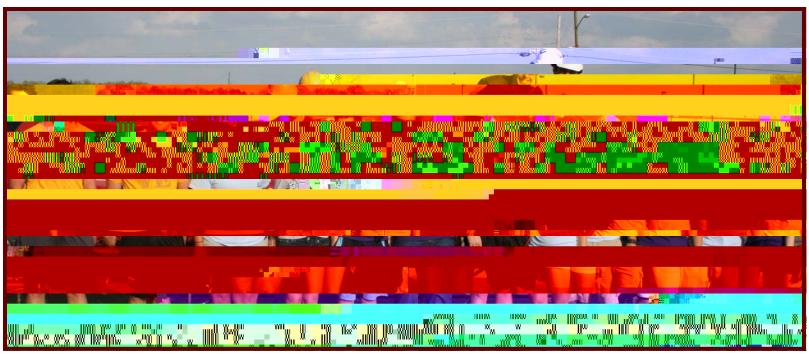
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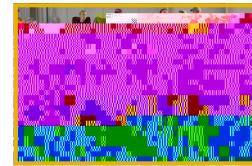
## Message from the Chair

Though we've come to a close of another academic year, the Department continues its success and achievements. I would like to thank you all for a very successful year in which our achievements were particularly impressive.

The Department would first like to congratulate our students on their recent awards and accomplishments. The Spring 2010 Commencement recognized 114 graduates from the undergraduate Civil Engineering program and 8 graduates from the undergraduate Environmental Engineering program. Of these graduates, several received significant awards in recognition for their outstanding academic performance. Holly Elizabeth Samaha, who received

#### **A Foundation of Excellence Program**





At their annual banquet, the LSU ASCE Student Chapter wrapped up the Fall 2010 semester with the election of officers for 2011:

President – Josh Bradley
Vice President – Andrew Cook
Secretary – Brittany Alexander
Treasurer – Doug Ferrara
Webmaster - Philip Goppelt
Meeting Coordinator- Melissa Young
Community Service Chair – Lesley Cates
Fundraising Chair - Kristina Galindo

Officers Josh Bradley and Melissa Young attended the 2011 ASCE Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders in Portland, Maine in January. Despite braving the freezing cold weather, both officers came away with many ideas on improving the chapter for the future. Josh and Melissa were able to meet student leaders from different schools across the Eastern region. The workshop allowed student leaders from each school to share ideas and receive input on chapter leadership.

During the annual Engineering week in February the chapter was able to participate by going to local from the profile of the p

budget and works closely with federal, regional and local officials to ensure the citizens and businesses of Louisiana have the best infrastructure possible.

> Dr. Song-kai Yan, the 2011 inductee, received his bachelor's degree in 1964 from the Hydraulic Structure Design & Construction De-

partment of Beijing College of Hydraulic Engineering and his master's degree in civil engineering from Colorado State University in 1983. After over two decades of engineering experience, Dr. Yan

came to LSU to pursue his Ph.D. degree in civil engineering which he received in 1989. While in the Ph.D. program, Dr. Yan began working with Woodward-Clyde Consultants as a Project Engineer, where he remained after graduation until 1991. He then went on to IT Corpoaration which, in 2002, became part of Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc. Dr. Yan remained with Shaw from then on serving as a Senior Staff Consultant and Director of Hydrology/hydraulics.

Since his graduation from LSU, Dr. Yan remained a very active part of the CEE Department in various capacities. He served as instructor of various courses, including Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection and Hydrology. Dr. Yan was also a long-standing member of the CEE External Advisory Board.

Shortly after the induction banquet, Dr. Yan passed away after a year-long battle with cancer. He was a dedicated alum who was very actively involved in the CEE Department. He was loved by students and very well respected by faculty and staff alike. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

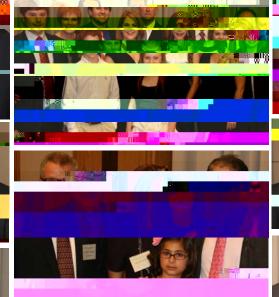




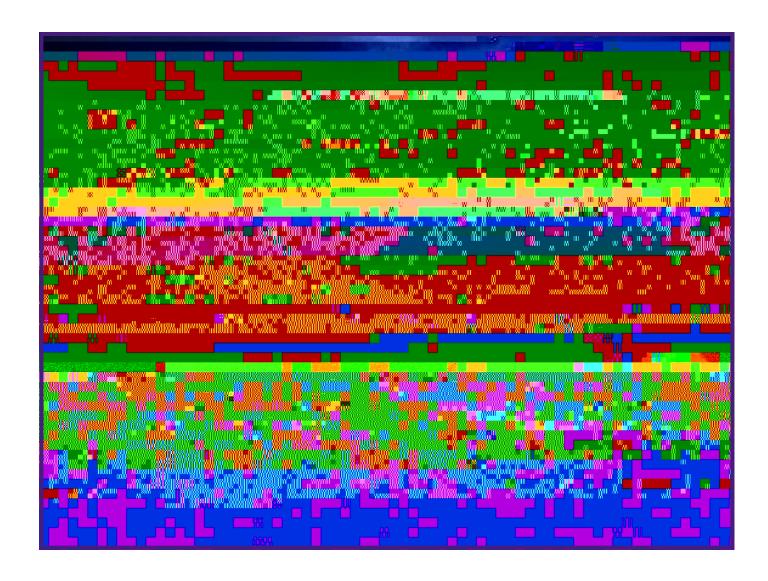








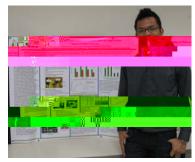




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# **CEE Graduate Student Research Conference**

















## **Faculty Highlights**

Dr. George Z. Voyiadjis, Chair of and Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Louisiana State University, was

recently honored with the ASCE Associate Editor Award. Dr. Voyiadjis, was chosen as one of two recipients of this American Society of Civil Engineers award, recognizing his consistent and excellent service to ASCE publications and ASCE publication activities. Dr. Voyiadjis currently serves as the Associate Editor of the ASCE Journal of Engineering Mechanics, a position he held from 1997-1999 and has again been serving since 2005. He also is the founder and Chief Editor of the new