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## SPRING 2010

I'd like to start off by welcoming you to a new semester! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break and are finally getting back into the swing of things.

This newsletter will be distributed monthly to provide an update on club activities. I know we throw a lot at you during the meetings, so hopefully this will be a solid source of information in case you happen to miss something. It will encompass upcoming socials, field trips, and various activities. It will also include useful information such as upcoming career fairs and birthdays. A list of current club donors can also be found; be sure to show your appreciation to our sponsors! If you have any requests or suggestions, please let me know.

Your ASCE officers have a lot planned for the upcoming semesters. From social activities, field trips, and conferences, the next few months are sure to be busy. We hope you'll find the time to be involved in these activities!

I wish you all the best of luck with the first round of midterms coming up!

Best wishes,

*Brittany Barkshire*  
UAA ASCE Vice President

## 2010 CLUB OFFICERS

*Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in actions.*

- Harold S. Geneen

**President:** Anna Ferntheil

**Vice President:** Brittany Barkshire

**Secretary:** Jessica Jaroma

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**Club Council Representative:** Kris Homerding

**Conference Coordinator:** Rachel Kidwell

**Activities Coordinator:** Kim Anderson

**Special Projects Chair:** Walter Graham

**Fundraising Chair:** Daniel King

**Freshman Representative:** Crystal Dosser

**Webmaster:** Danielle Dance

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- ALEX WEST
- DANIELLE DANCE
- RACHEL KIDWELL

## CHECK US OUT ONLINE!

- <http://asce-uaa.com>
- Facebook Group: ASCE UAA-Student Chapter

There are many leadership roles available in ASCE. The officers work diligently to maintain the success of the club. The aforementioned people are essential to the proper functioning of ASCE. The officers do everything from arranging food and speakers for the meetings, to planning socials, field trips, and community involvement. If there is anything that we can do to make this organization better for you, please let us know.

**ADVISORY CHANGES**

Advisors are professionals within the school and the community that aid the ASCE student chapter. They provide advice, guidance, and encouragement.

UAA has both a faculty advisor as well as a practitioner advisor.

Our Faculty Advisor is Dr. Bart Quimby, P.E.. He has been extremely helpful over the years. Dr. Quimby helps to keep the club officers on track and organized. His many years of ASCE

involvement make him an insightful advisor. If anyone has any questions about ASCE National, UAA Engineering, or Engineering in general, Dr. Quimby is an excellent resource.

For many years, our Practitioner Advisor has been Daniel Nichols, P.E. from DOWL HKM. He has been helpful with advice and ideas. Unfortunately, because of a very busy schedule, Daniel Nichols is stepping down from the position. On behalf of the UAA ASCE

Student Chapter, I would like to thank Daniel for the amount of work and time he has put into this club. We understand his reasons for leaving, but we appreciate everything he has done, so Daniel, Thank You.

Karthik Murugesan, from USKH, has accepted the position of practitioner advisor. Karthik has already been very involved in the student chapter of ASCE. He has many good ideas and resources. We look forward to working with him!

**UPCOMING EVENTS  
[LOCATIONS] AND  
DEADLINES:**

**FEBRUARY:**

- 9: ASCE Meeting [ANSEP]
- 12: Bayou Bash [Viking Hall]
- 15: UAA General Scholarships Due
- 16: ASCE Branch Meeting [Moose Lodge]
- 17: Engineering Career Fair [UAA]
- 18: Airport Tour [Airport-3:30]
- 20: E-Week Activities [UAA]
- 23: ASCE Meeting [ANSEP]
- 25-26: Leadership Conference [San Diego, CA]

**MARCH:**

- 1: Mead Paper Deadline
- 9-12: Spring Break
- 16: ASCE Branch Meeting [Moose Lodge]
- 23: ASCE Meeting [ANSEP]
- 26: Concrete Canoe Report Due

**APRIL:**

- 5: Class Registration Opens
- 13: ASCE Meeting [ANSEP]
- 20: ASCE Branch Meeting [Moose Lodge]
- 22-24: NW Regional Conference [Pullman, WA]
- 27-30: Finals

**MAY:**

- 2: Commencement
- 15: Bowl-A-Thon [Lucky Strike]
- 18: Host Branch Meeting [Moose Lodge]

**MORE TO COME!**

**CAREER FAIR TIPS!**

The Engineering career fair will be Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-2PM in the Student Union. Many companies will be looking for interns and full time employees.

Last year, Molly Webb from USKH gave the following hints to help students be successful at job fairs:

**Presentation:**

- 1. Dress Professionally
- 2. Research the company ahead of time
- 3. Bring both resumes and cover letters

**Resume:**

- 1. Tailor your resume to fit each company
- 2. Keep your resume to one page
- 3. Leave out high school information
- 4. Have multiple people review for mistakes

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

*"To develop and maintain personal relationships within the student body and community while providing opportunities for success by expanding academic principles into a professional setting."*

-2010 Club Officers

**THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS!**

The student chapter of ASCE functions primarily on donations from people and companies within the community. Without their support none of the successful activities we are involved in would be possible. The following sponsors have contributed to our club this year (as of January 31, 2010). We would like to thank them for supporting our organization and further aiding our education:

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