

The UH Manoa ASCE Student Chapter took 50 students and their faculty advisor, Dr. Babcock, to participate in 19 different events at the Pacific Southwest Conference (PSWC) hosted by University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ on April 9-11, 2015. The team placed 11th overall in the conference of 18 schools (over 1,400 students total). Their greatest success was the Steel Bridge Team which placed Third and earned a spot to compete at the National Student Steel Bridge Competition (NSSBC) at the University of Missouri (Kansas City) on May 22-23, 2015. UHM participated in NSSBC in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2014. The steel bridge competition consists of 6 categories and the 2015 team placed third in lightness, third in stiffness, third in efficiency, and third in construction economy. The Concrete Canoe team placed 10th. In other events, the Impromptu team placed 1st, the Concrete Bowling team placed 3rd, the Technical Paper on engineering ethics (written and presented by Keri Ogoshi) placed 4th, the soccer team placed 5th, and the Surveying team and Transportation Design team both placed 8th. The entire team worked very hard preparing for this event and all were tough competitors in Tuscon. The PSWC is the second largest in the USA and probably the most competitive. The UHM Conference co-Chairs were Michelle Chinen and Reyn Sugihara who worked tirelessly to ensure everything worked out well and everyone had a good time. The chapter was led in this past year by the following officers: President – Alexandra Unpingco; Vice-President – Keri Ogoshi; Treasurer – Jefferson Young; Recording Secretary – Colin Nguyen; and Corresponding Secretary – Hazel Wong.

The Student Chapter is very grateful to the 30 companies, the College of Engineering, ASCE Hawaii Section, and UH Manoa SAPFB who together made donations/grants totaling over \$40,000 to help enable the team to prepare for and participate in PSWC in Tucson AZ this year. The students also individually had to pay \$400 to participate. The Steel Bridge Team is currently requesting donations to help defray costs to attend the NSSBC in Missouri on May 22nd and 23rd. Please contact Dr. Babcock (rbabcock@hawaii.edu) if you are able to make a donation. The steel bridge team consists of the following students: Design Captain Bryce Iwami, fabrication Captain John Kim, Build Captain Hans Reppuhn, Arshia Taeb, Charlie Belmes, Xavier Visaya, Weimarlyn Martin, Jewel Montgomery, Daren Crisostomo, and Keith Migita.