



# SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF THE SCHOOL OF CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

### Greetings

It has been another successful year with many accomplishments for our faculty, students, and staff.

We use our LinkedIn group to post regular updates. Join us on LinkedIn to keep up with news about the School:

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12013094/>



If you have items to suggest for our next newsletter, please email them to me.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPRING 2023 GRADUATES!

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering			
<b>May &amp; August* 2023</b>			
Abusheeba, Mezyad Acuna, Alexander Alfadhli, Ali Alfarhan, Salman Alkandari, Faisal Alkhaledi, Barak (envr)	Alsaqay, Mahdy Baker, Evelyn Barrier Wyatt (envr) Bruce, Hannah Cotton, Isaiah (envr) Howerton, Megan (envr) Johnston, Emily (envr) Lee, Josephine	Lyons, Kayla Maldonado, Christian (envr) Merkel, Lela (envr) Modhaffr, Maryam Patovisti, Camden Pikett, Christian Powell Kassidy Sportsman, Chance*	Stout, Lawson Thompson, Philip Trammell, Bethany* (envr) Tyler, Hailey Wilson, Madison (envr)
Master of Science in Civil Engineering			
Babu, Rabecca Branch, Christian Davis, Isaac Harbert, Jenna	Hess, Kendra Khadka, Alka* Lopez Armendariz, Javier		
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)			
Acheli, Alla Eddine Javid, Amir Hossein			

## FACULTY NEWS – PROMOTIONS AND PERSONNEL ACTIONS

**Dr. Jorge Gonzalez Estrella** – reappointment as Assistant Professor

**Dr. Debakanta Mishra** – reappointment as Associate Professor, with tenure

**Dr. Bruce Russell** – promotion to Professor

**Dr. Tyler Ley** – promotion to Regents Professor (only the third in the history of the department)

## OUR NEW THERAPY DOG



Welcome Maxx!

Meet our newest (and furriest) addition to the department – Maxx. Maxx recently graduated with the 2023 Class of Pete’s Pet Posse. To graduate, Maxx and Dr. Schussler completed a rigorous selection and training program throughout the 2022-2023 academic year. Maxx has since earned the AKC Canine Good Citizen award and is certified with Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Together, they will act as a pet therapy team serving our department and the Stillwater campus! He will be providing emotional support to students, staff, faculty, and department heads. Stop by Dr. Schussler’s office (EN 242) to congratulate Maxx with some pets and snacks (he loves apples, carrots, and bell peppers most).

Visit <https://lnkd.in/g/ghiQpYkg> to learn more about Pete’s Pet Posse and read Maxx’s biography.

## LEFEVRE AWARD PRESENTATION JUNE 13, 2023

The School of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Oklahoma State University received the 2023 Walter LeFevre Award for excellence in promoting professionalism, ethics and licensure in its civil engineering education curriculum. The award was presented at the 2023 National Civil Engineering Department Heads Conference on June 13 at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

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## SENIOR DESIGN EXPO PRESENTATIONS – FRIDAY APRIL 28, 2023

Thanks to the members of the advisory board who showed up to give the students feedback on their design projects.



*Left to right: Norb Delatte, Chad Grinsteiner, Kristi Simpson, Jenny Sallee, Shawnita Sterrett, Anthony Delce, John Kelly, Paul Green, Michael Winterscheidt, Jason Cobb, Mark Nealis, Shannon Koeninger*



Next Expo is December 1, 2023 – plan to attend.

## ASCE OSU STUDENT CHAPTER 100TH ANNIVERSARY

The ASCE OSU Student Chapter is celebrating 100 years! The American Society of Civil Engineers Oklahoma State University Student Chapter is celebrating 100 years this year.



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## THE DEPARTMENT IN THE NEWS

### Project to rehabilitate the Washington School in Stillwater, KOCO News 5



### Inside OSU-The Front Row featuring Dr. Jaime Schussler



Dr. Jaime Schussler, a Civil and Environmental Engineering Assistant Professor, talks to her students about the solution to stormwater when Inside OSU, The Front Row visited.

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### Sloane Johnston Outstanding Senior



Sloane Johnston named 2022-2023 Outstanding Senior by the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association.

The Outstanding Seniors award recognizes seniors who show excellence through academic achievement; campus and community involvement; academic, athletic or extracurricular honors or awards; scholarships; and work ethic during their time at OSU.

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### OSU's CIVE selected by ASCE to receive the 2023 Walter LeFevre Award



The School of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CIVE) at Oklahoma State University (OSU) has been selected by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Committee on Education to receive the 2023 Walter LeFevre Award in the large program category for contributions to promoting licensure, ethics and professionalism in an undergraduate civil engineering program.

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## AWARDS

Each year, the college holds an awards banquet to recognize faculty, staff and students. This year, CIVE received multiple recognitions and awards.



(From left to right)

**Liz Jordan:** CEAT Outstanding Performance Award-Academic Unit

**Josephine Lee** – CIVE Outstanding Senior Student AND Dean's Overall Outstanding Senior Student

**Dr. Norb Delatte**

**Lizzie Long:** CIVE Outstanding Graduate Student

**Dr. Jorge Gonzalez Estrella:** CEAT Excellent Scholar Award (Junior Status)



We have one more important award to announce, Lela Merkel was one of a small number of CEAT students receiving the St. Patrick's Award at the CEAT Awards Banquet on Tuesday. She wasn't there to receive it because she was taking her FE exam - which is a pretty good reason.

## AWARDS (CONT.)



### Mohammad Jobaer Uddin awarded prestigious ACI Fellowship

The ACI Foundation is pleased to announce its 2023-2024 fellowship and scholarship recipients. The ACI Foundation is a non-profit subsidiary of ACI that promotes progress, innovation, and collaboration in the concrete industry through strategic investments in ideas, research, and people to create the future of the concrete industry.

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## CIVE team takes third place in the WERC Environmental Competition



Left to right: Christian Maldonado, Bethany Trammell, Madi Wilson, Wyatt Barrier



Left to right: Wyatt, Bethany, Madi, Christian

Congratulations to the Team and to advisors Dr. Greg Wilber and Dr. Jorge Gonzalez Estrella!

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## HONORS



Spring Honors College Hooding and Cording Ceremony: With Josephine Lee, Lela Merkel, and Sloane Johnston

## CEAT DISCOVERY DAYS



Discovery Days camp for CIVE Friday, June 2. After a tour of the Bert Cooper Lab, the campers did hands on water analysis and treatment experiments with Dr. Jaime Schussler, Dr. Mary Foltz, Madi, and Victoria. Keep an eye on the calendar for next summer's CEAT Discovery Days.

## FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Civil and Environmental Engineering Fund (26-66000) is probably our single most important fund. This is the general purpose fund that we can use to support all of our departmental initiatives. This fund supports:

- Recognition of our graduates, which traditionally includes the Senior Dinner and the Cowboy Hard Hats and safety vests
- Support to student clubs and organizations
- The Engineering North renovation project, as well as furniture and other enhancements for the new spaces
- Study Abroad travel scholarships
- Supporting our efforts to recruit high quality faculty for the program.

Therefore, I would like to ask you to help us out with that fund. Through summer 2019, the School has awarded over 3,000 BSCE degrees. If half of our graduates gave just \$ 50 every year, that would provide \$ 75,000 to support these efforts.

Opportunities remain to support the Engineering North 2nd Floor Renovation Project. The figure below shows the spaces that have been named in gray. There are several faculty offices and other spaces that you can sponsor.

Did you know?... You can make a bigger impact by donating long-term appreciated securities (like stock, bonds or mutual funds) directly to the OSU Foundation. Compared with donating cash or selling your appreciated securities and contributing the after-tax proceeds, you may be able to automatically increase your gift and your tax deduction by bypassing capital gains while you take a tax deduction for the full fair market value.



### Meeting Spaces

80-Person Classroom | \$250,000  
 Student Lounge | \$75,000  
 Faculty Commons | \$25,000  
 Lactation Space | \$10,000

### Conference Rooms

Shared Conference Room | \$100,000  
 Small Conference Room | \$20,000

### Office Spaces

School Head Office | \$10,000  
 TA Office | \$10,000  
 Program Coordinator Office | \$10,000  
 Faculty Office | \$10,000  
 Staff Office | \$10,000  
 Advisor Office | \$10,000  
 Visiting Faculty Office | \$10,000

### Named

Flexible Seminar  
 Student Commons  
 Visitor/Reception Area  
 Survey Equipment Room  
 Medium Conference Room  
 Student Org. Flex Space



#### For more information, contact:

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## KEEPING UP WITH THE PROGRAM

Some time ago I recorded a new recruiting **VIDEO**

Please pass this on to any potential students for our program.

Do you want to get regular updates on the school? Join our OSU CIVE **LINKEDIN GROUP**

Please support the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering! You can click on the box below:

Payment options -- Please note Fund #26-66000 CIVE on all gifts:

- Check, made out to Oklahoma State University Foundation -Mail to: OSU FOUNDATION, Attn: Jill Johnson, 400 S. Monroe, Stillwater, OK 74074
- **Give online at [OSUgiving.com/GiveNow](https://osugiving.com/GiveNow) (Search for Fund #26-66000; Can be one-time or recurring gift)**
- Call the OSU Foundation at (800) 622-4678
- Pledge your naming gift using the form on the next page





**In consideration of my/our interest in supporting the mission of Oklahoma State University, I/we wish to make a gift as outlined below:**

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**26-66000 Civil and Environmental Engineering Fund**

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*Please make check payable to OSU Foundation. A pledge reminder letter will be sent to you prior to each pledge payment date.*

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Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

*You will receive receipts for the tax-deductible portion of your payment itemizing your contribution.*

**Corporate Matching Gifts**

\_\_\_\_\_ This gift will be matched by my employer, \_\_\_\_\_.

*(Please obtain and complete a matching gift form and send with your gift.)*