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Dear friends, family, and supporters of UMass Amherst ASCE,

It is with humble gratitude I relinquish my duties as Student Chapter President to my friend, Katelyn Evans. The past year has been a challenging and rewarding experience, and one I will not soon forget. Let me provide a few highlights from the last year, in case you missed the news:

- Seismic Design Team placed sixth internationally at the 2016 EERI Seismic Design Competition in San Francisco
- Team Build Day with Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity to help build affordable housing
- Two trips into the woods in Amherst to clean up the trails and investigate footbridge repair
- Seven Chapter Meetings, which included alumni guest speakers from VHB; Tighe & Bond; Thornton Tomasetti; Symmes, Maini, & McKee Associates; and the New England Water Works Association
- Graduate school meet-and-greet information session with graduate students from every discipline within Civil Engineering offered at UMass
- Inaugural CE-specific dinner-dance to bring members together for a social event

This work would not have been possible without a dedicated team, and I want to publicly thank my Executive Board as well as our Faculty Advisors. I was often a spokesperson for the group, but we were all part of the engine that drove the Chapter's success. We stayed up late working on flyers, proposals, presentations, reports, and tower, bridge, and canoe designs, and then somehow made time to do homework, work on research projects, and have social lives. Thank you all for your hard work and for putting up with me as a leader.

**Thank you 2016 E-Board!**

Zack Bartula, Zach Medeiros,  
Jill Rossini, Sam Schmitt, Nate Yu,  
and all our Class Representatives

**And thank you Advisors!**

Dr. Sergio Brena, Dr. Scott Civjan,  
Jodi Ozdarski, Elaine Palmer,  
and Peter Quigley P.E.

If you would like to find out more about the Chapter and how you can get involved, you can check the attached page or visit us online at [UMassASCE.com](http://UMassASCE.com). The Chapter is always grateful to receive individual donations, materials donations, and engineering consulting, *especially since UMass Amherst is slated to host the ASCE Northeast Regional Student Conference in 2018!*

Thank you all for your support! Being involved in the ASCE Student Chapter has been critical to my personal development, and I will support the Chapter in all the ways I can as an alumnus.

Cheers!

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### Regional Conference Host 2018?!

Pending successful participation in this year's competitions and a confirmatory vote in the spring, UMass Amherst ASCE will host the 2018 Northeast Regional Student Conference, which makes excellence this year even more important! It's time to engage!



Students assemble "Towerglass," last year's Seismic Design entry.

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### 2017 Fundraising Goals

#### **General Chapter Expenses**

7 Chapter Meetings	\$900
2 Social Events	\$600
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>

#### **Seismic Design Competition**

Registration	\$500
Balsa Wood	\$300
Consumables	\$200
Crating & Transportation	\$1,500
Hotel	\$800
Airfare, 6 students	\$3,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,300</b>

#### **Steel Bridge Competition**

Registration	\$740
Steel	\$500
Fabrication	\$2,000
Welding	\$800
Hotel	\$150
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,190</b>

#### **Concrete Canoe Competition**

Registration	\$760
Tools	\$200
Materials	\$1,000
Trailer Rental & Gas	\$500
Hotel	\$150
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,610</b>

<b>FUNDRAISING GOAL</b>	<b>\$14,600</b>
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