The Kansas Board of Regents action authorized the Department of Civil and Highway Engineering in 1907. The first classes began in Fall 1908.
East Seaton Hall, original home of the department, opened in 1909 with drafting rooms for CE.
CE students were quite involved in infrastructure development on campus in the early years.
Central Seaton Hall was constructed in 1922.
The Civil Engineering Society was formed in 1912 and became the ASCE Student Chapter in 1922.
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Civil Engineering Society students constructed the “K” on Prospect Hill in 1921 at a cost of about $350.
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Professor L. E. Conrad, Head of CE from 1907-1949, did the complete design for World War I Memorial Stadium; West Stadium cost $50K in 1922 and East, $55K in 1924.
The “S” was added to the “K” in 1930.
Engineers’ Open House began in 1917. Here are photos of the CE exhibits in 1940.
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Engineers’ Open House Exhibits in 1940.
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Engineering Open House continues to be an important part of student activities.
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CE Faculty and Staff in 1940.
The first woman student in CE, Evelyn Dalrymple, was a part of the ASCE Student Chapter in 1947.
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A CE classroom in the 1950s.
West Seaton Hall opened in 1952 and provided a new home for several parts of CE.
Our history shows that surveying has been a required class for all CE students throughout.
The Kansas State Chi Epsilon Chapter of the CE honorary society was installed at K-State in 1960.
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The ASCE Student Chapter has maintained a record of excellence for more than 50 years; 45 certificates of commendation or better since 1956.
Technology transfer to industry and practicing engineers has been an important aspect of the department for the past 90 years.
ASCE Concrete Canoe Student Design Competitions have become a tradition in the department since they were started in 1965. Nationally, they started in 1988.
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The KSU Telefund is the only all-student volunteer one in the U.S. In 2008, CE students called CE alumni in the 28th annual event. Were you called?
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CE Faculty about 1984.
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ASCE/AISC Student Steel Bridge Competition is a tradition in the department since 1988.
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CE picnics are an ongoing tradition for students and faculty.
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Today, Fiedler Hall, opened in 2000, is the new home of the department.
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Robert Thorn, ASCE Student Chapter Honor Contact has been serving our students for more than 50 years.
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William Marcuson, ASCE President, presented the Student Chapter its 2007 Certificate of Commendation during his visit to help us to celebrate 100 years and he presented the 2007 Robert Thorn Lecture.
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Our 100 years is only a milestone along the path of the department to a bright and challenging future.
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Graduation, a proud moment for every CE alum
for all 100 years.

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Department Heads Through the Years:

- 1907-1949 L. E. Conrad
- 1949-1963 Reed F. Morse
- 1963-1972 Jack B. Blackburn
- 1992-2000 Stuart E. Swartz
- 2000-2007 Lakshmi E. Reddi
- 2007- James K. Koelliker (Interim)
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Some of the Department Heads
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The Department has a history and a bright future as we work together make the next 100 years as significant and successful as the first 100 years.
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Thank you for attending and making our celebration a part of our first 100 years.

Jim Koelliker, Interim Department Head