

USF Student Society of the American Society of Civil Engineers Places in Top 10 at 2013 National ASCE / AISC Steel Bridge Competition

TAMPA, Fla (June 11, 2013) – The University of South Florida’s Steel Bridge Team led by their captain Vince DePianta competed this year at the 2013 National ASCE/AISC Student Steel Bridge Competition and earned an overall score of \$3,148,000, which ranked USF in ninth place out of 49 schools. This year’s competition was held at the University of Washington in Seattle



The students that participated in this year’s competition were **Vince DePianta** (Captain), **Daniel Happel** (Co-Captain), **Andres Rodriguez**, **Kelly Costello**, **Gerson Monroy**, **Winsome Jackson**, **Lynn Carter**, **Alex Bourne**, and **Elizabeth Mitchell**.

The team qualified for the national competition by taking first place in the steel bridge competition at the ASCE Southeast Student Conference held in Miami this past March. This is the third straight year that USF has qualified to attend the national competition.

USF will be the host of the 2014 ASCE Southeast Conference in March 2014. The team's hard work in designing, fabricating, and constructing the bridge has decorated this year's Steel Bridge Team with the following awards:

National Competition

Regional Competition

Overall - 9th

Overall – 1st

Efficiency – 9th

Efficiency – 1st

Weight – 6th

Weight – 1st

Economy – 15th

Economy – 3rd

Speed – 23rd

Speed – 1st

Stiffness – 24th

Stiffness – 9th

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