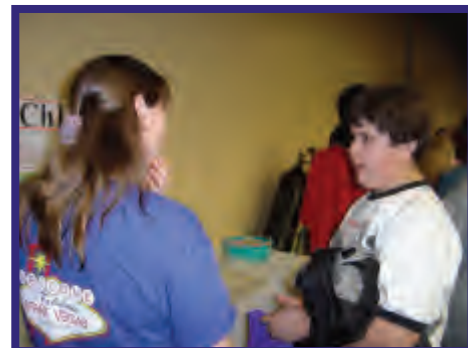


## AIChE Participates in Organization Expo



Many chemical engineering students are members of Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. This year, Tau Beta Pi hosted the first ever **Engineering & Science Week**. There were a variety of events including an organizations expo for local 8th grade Algebra I students. AIChE had a booth where members explained chemical engineering to the students and conducted small experiments.

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## ChemE Graduate Inducted Into Academy

On April 5, 2006, '63 B.S. and '65 M.S. ChE graduate, **Wade Harris Ponder**, was honored by being inducted into the Thomas Green Clemson Academy of Engineers and Scientists.

The Thomas Green Clemson Academy of Engineers and Scientists was established to recognize outstanding College of Engineering & Science alumni and a select few non-alumni having a strong association with Clemson. Recipients of this honor have brought distinction to Clemson University through (1) conspicuous success in their career, (2) significant contributions to society through professional or service activities, and (3) notable contributions to engineering/science practice. Members of the Academy serve as role models for current and future Clemson engineering and science students. This year Wade Ponder was one of only two inductees into the Academy. Ed Samulski of Textile Chemistry was the other inductee.

During his 33-year career at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Ponder has made significant and lasting contributions to society by developing innovative engineering solutions to complex environmental problems. His work has led to significant improvements in the quality of life for people of the United States, and around the world.

Ponder received EPA's third highest award, the Bronze Medal, for the development and implementation of the Control Technology Center, a highly successful technology transfer program that provided control technology and pollution prevention information to thousands of users worldwide.

As the current Chief of the Technical Services Branch in EPA's National Risk Management Research Laboratory, Ponder and his staff conducted analyses after the terrorist attacks on 9/11, to identify the chemical constituents of dust samples taken from the World Trade Center disaster site. These studies provided critical information to police, firefighters, EMS crews, and the general public about air quality and potential health effects in the area.

In addition to his work for the EPA, Ponder has been a proponent for sound dietary and lifestyle choices. A family tendency toward cardiovascular disease led him to write a software program entitled "The 8 Week Cholesterol Cure with the Aid of Your Computer." The program simplified calculating nutritional information so that people would be more likely to follow the program long enough to achieve considerable results for a healthier life.

teaching children and adults to play tennis free of charge, singing for Alzheimer's patients, tutoring and lecturing middle and high school students in math and science, supporting Clemson's Communications Department, and leading his community in raising funds for cancer research.

Mr. Ponder is married to Karen Wall Ponder, formerly of Anderson, South Carolina. Mrs. Ponder is a graduate of Anderson University in Anderson, South Carolina, and North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Mrs. Ponder is President and CEO of the North Carolina Partnership for Children, also known as Smart Start, Inc. Mr. and Mrs. Ponder will celebrate their forty-third wedding anniversary on June 14, 2006.

Mr. and Mrs. Ponder have two children, Dr. Philip Wade Ponder, a physician in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Kelly Ponder Wiley, a marriage and family therapist in Boone, North Carolina. The Ponders have five grandchildren, Cameron Ponder, Carly Ponder, Megan Wiley, Jaxon Wiley, and Lucas Wiley.



Upon receiving his award from Dean Keinath, Ponder recognized four people at Clemson for their guidance, encouragement, and support: **Prof. F.C. Alley**, **Prof. Bill Barlage**, **Dean Keinath**, and **Prof. C.E. Littlejohn**. Ponder told a very amusing story about how Prof. Littlejohn "convinced" him to stick with Chemical Engineering by signing his change of major form and then graciously tearing it apart. Ponder stated, "...this award is the capstone to my 41-year career."

Ponder is involved in a variety of activities outside of his work. A few of his non-scientific contributions include



Ponder's "first love" after his family and his work is tennis. He has played for over 50 years and during that time, he has taught many others how to play.

Congratulations to Wade for receiving this honor and representing our University and Department with such dignity and distinction.

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## Note from the Chair

With another term over and another class of graduates leaving Earle Hall, it may seem as though the number of members of the Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering Department are decreasing, however, members of the Department are not leaving the Department, their positions are simply changing.

Our alumni play an important role in the success of the Department. As you can tell by the front page of this newsletter, Wade Ponder has represented us with immense esteem. Other distinguished alumni such as Scott Radford and Walter Chapman have also positively contributed to the advancement of the Department.

We are very proud to have such an outstanding group of alumni and now we have added 31 new alumni to this group. Good luck to those who have recently graduated.



## Joint AIChE Meeting

On February 21, 2006, the annual joint AIChE meeting between the student chapter and the local chapter brought about two very exciting events. First of all, junior **Abigail Banaszek** was chosen as the recipient of the 2006 AIChE \$1,000 scholarship.

Secondly, **Dr. Anthony Guiseppi-Elie** gave a brief lecture entitled "An Implantable Biochip to Measure Critical Body Chemistry in Mass Casualty." Prof. Guiseppi-Elie spoke specifically about the microchip that he and his research group have developed to monitor the glucose and lactate levels of trauma patients in combat situations.

The microchip is implanted under the skin to measure the body's chemistry. The measurement results are then sent wirelessly to a receiver, in a process called telemetry. Prof. Guiseppi-Elie also discussed the electrochemistry of the design and the challenges associated with manufacturing the biochips.

Be sure to visit Prof. Guiseppi-Elie's portion of the website to learn more about biochips and his latest research at: <http://www.ces.clemson.edu/chemeng/facultypages/guiseppi-elie/main.html>.



Abigail Banaszek receiving scholarship from Western SC AIChE section Chair Ann Marie Jones.



Prof. Guiseppi-Elie speaking to local chapter about biochips.

## Thies Recognized By Student



As a National Scholar, Senior **Jamie Kearns** was allowed to invite one professor to dinner in the President's Box. Jamie chose to recognize **Dr. Mark Thies** as the most influential professor to him at Clemson. Dr. Thies was honored with the 2006 Award of Distinction for his "...tireless commitment to the National Scholars' intellectual, professional and personal development."

During Jamie's sophomore year, he switched his major to Biochemistry and although he had never met Jamie, Dr. Thies took an interest in him and his education. Jamie ended up switching his major back to Chemical Engineering. "I was surprised that a professor would take such an interest in someone he had never met," stated Jamie.

Jamie, just as many others, had Dr. Thies for Thermo I. "He is one of the best teachers I have ever had." Jamie continued by saying, "[Dr. Thies] made a big difference when it came to my experience at Clemson."

*"As one who has not received much recognition for his commitment to teaching and mentoring over the years (instead, students call me the gatekeeper), I am truly flattered that one of our best and brightest would recognize me for such an award." ~ Mark Thies*

## Ways to Support Your Department

Private support is critical to the success and day-to-day operation of the Department of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering. Supporting the Department provides a better experience for current students, improve communication between the Department and alumni, and upgrade the facilities within Earle Hall.

The 2005 University percentage for alumni support was 26%. The 2005 ChBE percentage for alumni support was approximately 7%. This Department is notorious for its close-knit community. Many alumni still communicate with professors and classmates from Clemson. If we can improve our percentage of alumni support, the Department could receive positive internal and external recognition.



There are a variety of ways to support the ChBE Department. This includes, but is not limited to, outright unrestricted gifts, pledges, setting up scholarships for students in the department, and participating in matching gift programs with the organization in which you work. A complete list of ways to give can be found at <http://www.clemson.edu/giving/ways>.

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## Dr. Walter G. Chapman Appointment

Rice University has recognized Clemson ChBE '83 alumni, **Walter G. Chapman**, as the first holder of the William W. Akers Endowed Chair in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering. Chapman has also been appointed as the Director of the Environmental and Energy Systems Institute (EESI) at Rice. The EESI "organizes interdisciplinary research, education, and community outreach activities."

After graduating with a B.S. from Clemson in 1983, Chapman attended Cornell University and received his Ph.D. in 1988. He worked for Shell Development Company until 1990 and has been a part of the Rice University faculty since then. His research interests include thermodynamics, statistical mechanics, and molecular simulation.

The Department would like to congratulate Walter on his two appointments.



## Tiger Treatment Team Wins Award

On April 2-7, 2006, the Clemson Tiger Treatment Team competed in the Sixteenth Annual WERC (Waste-management, Education, and Research Consortium) International Environmental Design Contest in Las Cruces, New Mexico. **William Vining**, a senior in Chemical Engineering, collaborated with **Brian Pool**, a '01 ChBE graduate and masters student in Environmental Engineering and Science and Dr. Jim Navratil, Environmental Engineering Professor, on a Task 1 project: Arsenic Treatment for Water in Rural, Isolated Communities.

Teams were judged on simplicity of the design, cost effectiveness, and energy efficiency of the treatment. The Clemson Tiger Treatment Team received the Oak Ridge Associated Universities 2006 Environmental Improvement Realization Award for Achievement and Technical Communication.



L to R: Brian Pool, William Vining, Dr. Jim Navratil

## Alumni Corner

### Password-Protected Alumni Information Exchange

There is now a password-protected section for alumni of the ChBE department to access. It can be found off of the alumni portion of the Department's website. (Go to <http://www.ces.clemson.edu/chemeng/alumni.html> and click on **Alumni Information Exchange**.)

Just register on the website and wait for approval. Once approved you will be able to see what your fellow alumni are doing, search for classmates, and update your information. Soon you will be able to upload photos of yourself and your family, as well as utilize a message board to communicate with other ChBE Alumni. Please log on, register, and see what everyone else is up to!

### Submit Information

If anything new has happened to you and would like to share it with your fellow ChBE alums in the Fall Newsletter, please submit information to Layla Hakamiun via email at [layla@clemson.edu](mailto:layla@clemson.edu).

### Homecoming & Other Events

Homecoming is scheduled for October 21st. The Tigers will be playing against the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. The Department will be hosting the annual Homecoming Drop-In for ChBE alumni and their families. Football tickets should be available after July 1st, so reserve your tickets ASAP!

Please visit the Department's homepage, <http://www.ces.clemson.edu/chemeng>, for updates on the Homecoming Drop-In and other departmental events.

## Kitchens to Join Faculty

**Christopher Kitchens** will join the ChBE faculty as an Assistant Professor this summer. His research interests include nanotechnology, surface science, and renewable resources. Kitchens comes from GA Tech where he is completing his post-doctoral research. He worked with tunable fluids as a novel media for reactions and separations, including homogeneous catalysis and recovery of value-added chemicals from biomass.

Kitchens was born and raised in the mountains of Boone, North Carolina. He received a B.S. in Chemistry from Appalachian State University in 1999, where his parents Larry and Anita are faculty in the Department of Mathematical Sciences. Kitchens received his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Auburn University in 2004 where he investigated efficient and cost-effective methods for synthesizing metallic nanoparticles.

Kitchens has been happily married to his wife Ashley for five years and they have 3 dogs. They enjoy playing golf, being outdoors, and traveling. Both Christopher and Ashley are excited about joining the Clemson family. For additional information, please visit [http://www.ces.clemson.edu/chemeng/faculty\\_staff.html](http://www.ces.clemson.edu/chemeng/faculty_staff.html).



## Benevolent Alum Visits

One of the most philanthropic alumni to come out of the Department of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, **R. Scott Radford** B.S. '86, visited with a few students, the Dean, and the Department Chair on March 31st. Scott was able to speak one-on-one with two students and Dean Keinath, meet with the ChBE Department Chair Jim Goodwin, and take a brief tour of Earle Hall.

Scott has decided to contribute to Clemson and future students by setting up a scholarship. The scholarship is designated for "engineering students, with preference given to chemical engineering students who are residents of SC." When asked why he decided to create a scholarship, Scott said, "I received some partial scholarships when I attended Clemson. I decided to establish a scholarship in order to provide the same opportunity for future engineering students." Senior **Brian French** and Junior **Melissa Clevenger** were the two recipients of Scott's scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic year.

"I believe that the engineering profession is vital to our society because through the practical application of science we can solve problems, develop better and faster ways of getting things done, provide new and improved products for consumers and businesses, and enhance our quality of life," stated Scott. "I want to ensure that any student willing to take on this responsibility is given the educational opportunity to do so."

*"Scott Radford is a great example of an alum going beyond his obligations to help ensure students like me can afford an education. He was in my shoes not long ago and knows personally the struggle a student can go through to finance school on top of completing a major that requires almost complete devotion of one's time. He's everything the university could ask for in an alum." ~ Brian French*



## Dr. Guiseppi-Elie AIMBE Fellow

The newest addition to the ChBE faculty, **Dr. Anthony Guiseppi-Elie**, has been elected and inducted as a fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering. He was nominated for his outstanding accomplishments in medical and biological engineering.

Earlier this year, Dr. Guiseppi-Elie was recognized with the other 97 inductees for his accomplishments. "The College of Fellows leads the way in technological advancement, advocating for public policies that facilitate further progress and preparing young scientists and engineers to build on that progress in the decades to come. Over the years, AIMBE Fellows have helped to revolutionize medicine, engineering and related fields that enhance and extend the lives of people all over the world."



## Clemson Ambassadors

This year, the ChBE Department had 8 outstanding students volunteer their time and participate as not only Clemson Ambassadors, but also as College of Engineering & Science Ambassadors. These ambassadors took potential students and their families around campus and to each of the Engineering & Science departments.

**Austin Crooks, Mark Edling, Stephen Finley, Michelle Harrold, Tara Hudak, Jamie Kearns, Michael McCulley, and Laura Reid** were all excellent Ambassadors for the University, the College, and especially the Department of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering. They represent all of these entities and have done an exemplary job. The Department would like to thank these students for being so generous with their time and for representing Clemson.



*"I enjoy showing others my 'home,' Earle Hall. It is where I learn and where I do research. Basically, it is where I spend most of my time and I like to show it off to incoming freshmen and their families." ~ Mark Edling*

## ChBE Student Wins Ethics Essay Contest

Junior **Abigail Banaszek** won first-prize in the 5th Annual J.T. Barton, Jr. Ethics Essay Scholarship Competition. The question put forward was "should the government actively discourage the use of 'gas-guzzling' vehicles?" Abigail's winning essay was chosen over 80 entries. She will receive a \$1,500 scholarship for obtaining first place.

## E&S Honors & Awards Day

On April 15, 2006, a number of students and family members gathered in the Brackett Auditorium for the College of Engineering & Science Honors and Awards Day. This event brings together the top students of each engineering and science discipline.

This year four ChBE students were recognized for their academic prowess. **Nripen Singh** was one of only two recipients of the College *Outstanding Graduate Researcher Award*. **Jamie Kearns** received the *Samuel B. Earle Award*, a College award given in Earle's name to the most outstanding senior in Engineering on the basis of scholarship and character. **Megan Owings** received the *AICHE Award* for completing her sophomore year the highest scholastic average.

The *Western S.C. Section AICHE Scholastic Achievement Award* is presented to the graduating senior in Chemical Engineering with the highest scholastic average. This year two seniors, **Jamie Kearns** and **William Vining**, were recognized because they both graduated with perfect 4.0's. Kearns will be attending Columbia University Medical School in New York City and Vining will be pursuing a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the University of California - Berkeley. Both will begin this fall. The Department is delighted to have two such outstanding students receive this award this year.



Seniors **Jamie Kearns** and **William Vining** accepting their Western S.C. Section AICHE Scholastic Achievement Awards from Department Chair, **Jim Goodwin**.

## Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering Family Album

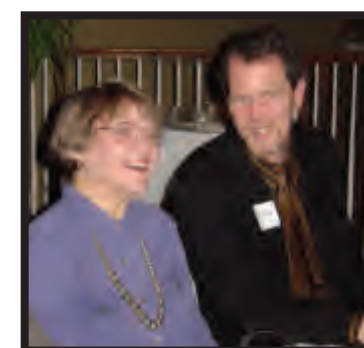
### Dr. Edie's Retirement Dinner



**Kerry Robinson** MS&E PhD '95 and **MS&E Prof. Mike Drews** catching up at Dr. Edie's retirement dinner.



**Harald Dobberstein** MS&E PhD '03 chatting with **Dan Edie** after flying from England just to be in attendance.



**Marge Edie** and **Gary Hayes** ChE MS '89 PhD '93 conversing over dinner.

### Graduation Celebration



**Matt Kessing** BS '06 (far right) and his family.



May Graduates enjoying lunch with their families after graduation.

### AICHE Annual Pig Roast



The AICHE officers decided to start a new tradition of activities at the Annual Pig Roast. This year there was an undergraduates vs. graduate students/faculty softball game, an egg toss, and a water balloon toss. To see additional photos, please visit the AICHE Photo Gallery: <http://www.ces.clemson.edu/chemeng/AICHE/PhotoGallery.html>.

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