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## For Immediate Release

### Second DFI Student Chapter Formed

April 19, 2010, Hawthorne, NJ: In March of this year, the Deep Foundations Institute at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Chapter (DFI at UIUC) was formally formed. Andrew C. Anderson, Ph.D. Candidate in the Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering spoke to DFI president, Rudolph Frizzi, P.E., G.E. and DFI Executive Director, Theresa Rappaport at the DFI's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Deep Foundations in Kansas City, Missouri after hearing about the DFI chapter formed at UC-Berkeley. His enthusiasm for starting a chapter at UIUC was enough to get the ball rolling. He quickly had the support of Professor James Long, P.E., Ph.D. and officially registered DFI at UIUC last month.

Andrew leads the Chapter, serving as President, along with Jamie Javier as Treasurer and Jason Funk as representative to the school's Engineering Council. Professor Long supports them as Faculty Advisor and Rudy Frizzi, a UIUC alumni, is gathering other DFI members to form the chapter's link to the industry. The industry advisory group will connect the Student Chapter with opportunities for presentations and jobsite tours.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, Rudy Frizzi gave a lecture to U of I faculty, undergraduates and graduates on *Non-Destructive and Full-scale Testing, Evaluation, and Re-Use of Deep Foundation Systems* and the following day attended the University's Civil and Environmental Engineering Awards Convocation where three recipient's received this year's DFI Educational Trust-Berkel and Company Contractors Inc. Scholarship.



This year's recipients were Jason Fifarek, who is expected to graduate in May 2011 with his B.S. in Civil Engineering specializing in Structural Engineering and a secondary in Geotechnical Engineering, Daniel Friedrich, who is starting his fourth semester in pursuit of a degree in Civil Engineering with a primary in Construction Engineering and considering his secondary in Geotechnical Engineering and James Pforr, who is expected to graduate in December 2011 with a degree in Civil Engineering. The three are pictured above at the Convocation receiving their scholarships with DFI's President Mr. Frizzi (left), Senior Principal of Langan Engineering and Environmental Services.