

## PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL SUMMARY

2015-2016

### Auburn Chi

For the 2015-2016 academic year, the Auburn Chi chapter of Pi Tau Sigma conducted initiations, actively donated service hours, hosted several new social events, and held chapter wide meetings to elect officers, vote on amending the national Pi Tau Sigma constitution, and discuss new ideas to expand the outreach of the chapter. Auburn Chi maintained its support of the Mechanical Engineering department and set forth a path to create closer bonds of fellowship, continue to coordinate departmental activities, and promote the professional welfare of its members.

This past year, an emphasis was made to incorporate more social and service events for the new initiates and current members. In the fall and spring semesters Auburn Chi hosted several bent polishing parties. Each party allowed new initiates access to a dremel to polish their bent and an opportunity to connect with their fellow initiates. Two movie nights were held. Members came together to watch *Avengers: Age of Ultron* in the fall semester and *The Martian* in the spring semester. A Mario Kart/ Super Smash Brothers party was hosted in the fall for members to participate in an evening of friendly competition. In the spring semester Auburn Chi hosted a student panel consisting of Pi Tau Sigma members created to answer any questions that underclassmen had about the coursework in Mechanical engineering, what technical electives were offered and which they recommended to take, as well as what professor students recommended taking for each course. Several senior and junior Mechanical students participated in the event, and plans have been discussed to further expand sophomore and freshman participation in the upcoming semesters. It has been decided to host a similar panel in both the fall and spring semesters just prior to registration. This past spring, Auburn Chi contributed a team to Auburn University's Big Event service project. Members spent an entire morning helping with yardwork for an elderly member of the community. Auburn Chi continued to support the Mechanical Engineering department by providing tours and speaking to the visiting high school and middle school students at E-day. Two members, Anna Bradley and Jessica Dyk, attended the national convention hosted by UCLA in February. Both returned with several ideas on how to further expand Auburn Chi's impact on campus including more outreach to freshmen and sophomores, furthering efforts to establish alumni relations, fundraising, creating more social and service opportunities, and establishing a points system in an effort to get more members actively involved. The current board of officers has already set plans to incorporate these suggestions and the suggestions of current members to further expand the role of the Auburn Chi chapter on campus.

By further expanding the social and service events hosted, and exploring new methods of increasing the community between current members, Auburn Chi will continue to grow and looks forward to a year full of new ideas, fellowship, and continued service to the Mechanical Engineering department on Auburn University's campus.