

Pi Tau Sigma Outstanding Awards

Drexel Xi

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The 2015-2016 academic school year has been an exciting and successful year. After attending the national convention at University of Southern California this year, the Drexel Xi chapter is pleased to take on the task of hosting the Pi Tau Sigma National Convention in 2017. With 33 new members inducted this year we are excited to get everyone on board to help plan the convention.

Along with beginning to plan the National Convention in 2017, we hosted a variety of different events this past year. We had a number of social events that helped unite the student body, through quarterly events like Pizza with Professors, which gave students the opportunity to meet up with professors in a casual setting, along with teambuilding outings at the Drexel rock wall and a trip to the Philadelphia Car Show. In addition to social events, we remained active in our community by volunteering at numerous university events including: Accepted Students Day, Mechanical Engineering and Mechanics Open House, and College of Engineering Open House, where we educated prospective students about engineering at Drexel and Pi Tau Sigma.

Pi Tau Sigma Drexel Xi works hard to keep a line of communication between faculty and students to better improve the department. We conduct a yearly survey that gives mechanical engineering students the opportunity to share their honest opinions about the department, which allow us to learn the strengths and weaknesses. After recording all the responses, we analyzed and prepared a presentation for the Mechanical Engineering Department. The reports have helped reshape the academic landscape at Drexel. We also set up a Teaching Excellence Award that allowed students to vote on their favorite undergraduate and graduate mechanical engineering professors. Both students and professors were excited about these awards and is a great way to recognize professors that go above and beyond in inspiring and teaching students.

During the past year Drexel Xi worked hard to promote professional events for our members along with other students in the College of Engineering. We hosted a speaker panel that including five different speakers from different industries that provided insight to students on what they expect of college graduates as well as offered advice for what they would have done differently if they were in our shoes again. We also hosted a number of different professors to talk about a variety of topics that included: graduate school information session, FE exam information session, study abroad information session, and how to get a job after graduation information session. It is important to us to give our members the opportunity to educate themselves on a number of different career paths.

We have had a lot of fun in hosting a wide variety of events and further connecting and improving the Mechanical Engineering Department. We are very excited to host the next convention and will continue to strive to promote and uphold the values of PTS each step of the way.