

**Pi Tau Sigma Outstanding Awards**  
**Texas Tech Sigma Epsilon**  
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One of our major goals, as an organization is to have as many service events available to our members and initiates. One of our major service events is volunteering at the local arboretum. At the arboretum we help the grounds keeper clean the place up, clean out old flower beds, clear out old stumps, dispose of dead plants and even help at their fundraisers. This helps our members and initiates become friends, while helping the community at the same time. We go to the arboretum at least once every semester. For the Spring 2016 semesters we got the opportunity to attend twice.

Our next big service event is Meet ME. This is where we bring in middle school students from local schools and show them around the ME building. We give them lab tours, let faculty give speeches, feed them lunch, and even get them to participate in a design competition at the end of the day. We do this to help inspire these middle schoolers to become engineers. At the beginning of the day we have a well know professor give a little spiel about what engineering is all about. Then we take them around to all the engineering labs we have like the robotics lab or the combustion lab. After the tour we feed them some food and then the design competition begins! For the design competition we have them design something in a given amount of time with only the materials we provide to them and then we test it. Many different designs include egg drop contest where they try to prevent the eggs from breaking and building a boat to see how many pennies can fit in it until it sinks. We do Meet ME at the end of every semester to hopefully get as many schools and students involved in engineering.

Our other service events include volunteering at a local animal shelter, where we help clean out the living areas for the animals. Texas Tech Arbor Day celebration where we plant plants all around campus. We also participate at the local Lubbock Lion's Club Pancake Festival, where we help cook and serve food. Another little side service we did was during all the officer's office hours they would tutor people in any classes they felt comfortable tutoring fellow students in. This service was offered every semester all semester long. This helped strengthen our officer's in both personal skills and knowledge of the subject they were tutoring.

We had a total of 31 new members join our organization this past year. We are hoping to get even more new members this coming year, while we also hope our organization gets even more active in our community.