## California Pi Omega

University of California, Berkeley, California
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**Goals for 2008-2009**

This year, the California Pi Omega chapter plans to:

-Increase initiation size and member participation

-Become more involved as a liaison between the students of the ME department, and the department itself

-Participate and host in outreach activities

-Provide stimulus for pledges to get into research, industry, or reach out to the community

**Activities**

In early March, we organized a Mechanical Engineering townhall meeting meant to bring up issues students had with the department, with the hope that changes would be made. We gathered surveys from mechanical engineering undergraduates to present to the faculty, with questions covering what electives students wanted to take, the need for a mechanical engineering lounge, and the request for Professor evaluations to be available for students to see.

The chapter also founded ME advising day during which students, if they wished, could go over their next semesters course schedule with a fellow undergraduate, and be cleared to sign up for those classes, instead of the more complicated process of completing this task with a professor.

The chapter co-hosted Engineering for Kids day, a program that introduces 4th and 6th grade students to engineering through different activities, such as Lego Mindstorms.

The chapter participated in many other community service programs, such as Berkeley project, an all day event where the chapter goes out to different locations throughout Berkeley and performs tasks such as cleaning up grafitti, weeding gardens, building paths, painting schools. Our chapter also goes out to local middle schools to tutor and mentor kids.

Our chapters pledge process pushes our pledges to make contacts in industry, get involved in research, get their hands dirty in a design project, or further delve into outreach, specifically through our pledge projects. These projects are semester long group projects that have final goals to bring about these results.

**Graduates**

Giorgio De Vera – Pursing Masters Degree at UCB
Jeff Yen – Pursuing Masters Degree at Georgia Tech
Perry Johnson – Pursuing Ph.D at UCLA
Roy Lee – Pursuing Masters Degree at UCB
Sam Woodard – Pursuing Masters Degree at UCB
Tony Mercer – Pursuing Masters Degree at UCB
Bin Zhang - Pursuing Masters Degree at UCB
Martin Wissink - Pursuing Masters Degree at UCB
Stephen Wyszomirski – Plans unknown
Andres Hoffman – Pursuing Masters Degree at UCB
Miguel Christophy - Pursuing Masters Degree at UCB
Albert Cheng - Pursuing Masters Degree at University of Illinois
Dillon Sims – Plans unknown
Jonathan Brown - Pursuing Masters Degree at UCB
Bernard Carreon - Pursuing Masters Degree at UCB

**Awards & Recognition**

Dr. Benson Tongue – Professor of the Year, Spring 2009

**Names of New Members**

*Fall 2008 Pledges*

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| Aaron Alpert | Jozef Matlak |
| Morad Alvarez | Tony Mercer |
| Rahul Barwani | Somi Park |
| David Caso | Christopher Pasma |
| Justin Chen | Daniel Pfaff |
| Jared Farr | Samuel Robinson |
| Matthew Farrell | Dillon Simms |
| David Gunther | Sarah Stern |
| Mckay Hansen | Tom Stroberg |
| John Hawkins | Calvin Teng |
| Cherub Kim | Jessica Wan |
| Justin Legg | Haoyu Wang |
| Justin Leong | Stephen Wyszomirski |
| Tony Liu | Ivana Yi |
| Kevin Ma | Michael Yu |

*Spring 2009 Pledges*

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| Suraj Bhogal | Felicia Leung |
| Douglas Fabini | Brian Mahlstedt |
| Michele Fitzhugh | Randy Mallari |
| Chin Fong | Robyn Shaffer |
| Jim Gao | Kevin Wiramihardja |
| Myles Irabarne | Kelly Zhang |

**Transfer of Responsibilities**

We held individual meetings between past and present officers to pass on pertinent information as well as discuss problems incurred and areas to improve upon in the following years. This has an unwritten requirement for the past few years for the Pi Omega chapter.

**Plans for 2009-2010**

Next year, we plan to have a larger impact on the ME department than we have ever had before in the form of setting up the department's first ever career fair with only ME companies, as well as start an ME specific orientation for incoming freshman that, along with checkpoints, will allow incoming students to succeed and learn from the mistakes of past Berkeley graduates.

We also plan on continuing to participate in various community service projects both, as well as helping pledges to become better leaders through different pledge projects and an intensive pledge process.

**Chapter Officers Fall 2009**

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| President | Ajay Patel |
| Internal Vice President | Rahul Barwani |
| External Vice President | Morad Alvarez |
| Treasurer | Robyn Shaffer |
| Secretary | Jozef Matlak |
| Activities Chair | Michael Yu |
| Activities | Justin Legg |
| Activities | Jina Wang |
| Activities | Ivani Yi |
| Industrial Liaison | Sarah Stern |
| Industrial Liaison | Tony Liu |
| Industrial Liaison | Jonathan Brown |
| Industrial Liaison | Kelly Zhang |
| Outreach | Calvin Teng |
| Outreach | Wylie Stroberg |
| Outreach | Myles Iribarne |
| Outreach | Michele Fitzhugh |
| Publicity | Sam Woodard |
| Historian | Suraj Bhogal |
| Web Designer | Somi Park |
| Student Adviser | Martin Wissink |
| Student Adviser | Tony Mercer |
| Student Adviser | Giorgio De Vera |
| Student Adviser | Aaron Alpert |
| Pledge Projects | Brian Mahlstedt |
| Pledge Projects | Randy Mallari |
| Pledge Projects | Jim Gao |

**Chapter Advisor**

Dr. Benson Tongue

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