PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2016-2017

California State University of Los Angeles Sigma Kappa

A. Initiations

We receive a list of initiates and their emails. From this list, we only choose the top 25% of juniors and top 35% of seniors who meet the GPA requirement. After that, we email the initiates about an informational meeting and at these meetings, we tell them the requirements they need to complete if they want to join. The requirements are: to send in their resume to csula.pitausigma@gmail.com, pay a fee of $55 dollars to our Treasurer, and provide proof of volunteer work; all the requirements must be completed before the initiation ceremony. Fall ceremony was done on November 4, 2016 and we initiated 5 people. The spring ceremony was held on April 21, 2017 and we initiated 9 people. The ceremony starts by having the initiates meet the board members at a specific location, then we have them blindfolded for a trust walk around campus. The trust walk ends at the initiation room where the president, vice president, and secretary are waiting for them. Once they're all sat down, we start the initiation process. We go through the ritual and the initiation ends after everyone pledges and receives their bents. After the ceremony is officially over we offer the new initiates to hang out and eat some food with us. We use this time to answer any questions they have, we also inform them of what events we've done in the past and future events we have in mind. Below are photos of the initiation ceremony.

Photo 1: Trust Walk

Photo 2: Fall 2016 Initiates

Photo 3: Spring 2017 Initiates

B. Chapter Activities

In total, we had 2 chapter meetings per semester. The chapter meetings were held right after every initiation ceremony. Most communication between the board was held through a group messaging platform which lessoned our need to meet up in person to discuss chapter activities and responsibilities. We hosted one event in the spring semester, in which we had Riccardo Desalvo, a physics professor, talk to students about his life, the work he did with CERN, and his current work with Facebook/Oculus. Below is the flyer.

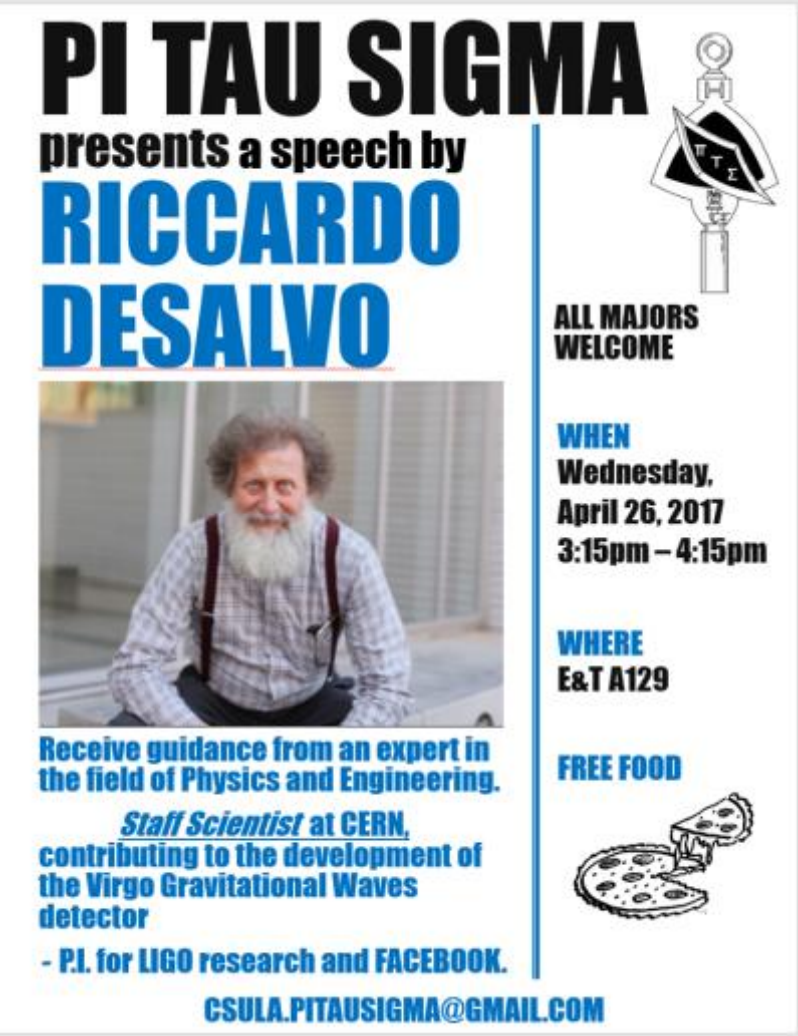

Photo 4: Flyer for Spring Event