PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
2012-2013
California State University, Los Angeles Sigma Kappa Chapter

A. Initiation

Pi Tau Sigma, California State University, Los Angeles Sigma Kappa Chapter had two initiations during the 2012-2013 academic year. Our first initiation was held on Saturday, July 7th 2012 at 11:00 A.M. when we initiated 26 new members including a faculty member. Our second initiation was held during the second quarter of the school year on April 6th 2013 at 11:00 A.M. when 21 new members got initiated.

There were a set of requirements that candidates had to comply with in order to be eligible to initiate into this honor society. The initial requirement was having a certain grade point average, which was set as top 35% for the juniors and top 25% for the seniors. After sending invitations to the qualified candidates they had to attend an orientation where we provided them with introductory information about the society and the deadlines for resume submission, initiation fee and community service hours. Once these requirements were met, they received an invitation to the ceremony and whoever attended got initiated.

Candidates attended the ceremony professionally dressed. The president and the vice president followed the standard initiation procedures, explained The Pi Tau Sigma's objective, commitment and history. At the end we took a group picture of the new members and asked them to sign an album where their picture would be placed. We had also invited the former members of PTS to attend right after the initiation ceremony to get recognized and meet the new initiates. They also got the opportunity to sign the album with their picture from the previous year placed in the album. After this was completed, our chapter provided food and refreshments for the participants.

B. Activities

As mentioned in the previous section, candidates from 2012-2013 had to complete community service hours in order to qualify to initiate in PTS. For this, the chapter officers organized the LA Food Bank in July 2012 and also March 2013 where the members attended to help package foods for low-income families. This activity not only benefited the non-profit organization to help those in need, but it also helped the Sigma Kappa Chapter to bond as an organization and work together as a team for a good cause.

Members of our chapter also did individual community service hours to help the community on behalf of Pi Tau Sigma. Anthony Annarino helped with the Easter Craft station for kids at the Tyler Mall near Riverside.

Another member helped the Hacienda Heights Jr. All-American Football and Cheerleading team with designing their T-shirts, invites, sweatshirts, and also with their annual banquet. Two other members of the 2012 initiates participated in the Meal Service at the Union Rescue Mission where they provided meals for the families in need around the area and also helped the staff at Fun with Kids at Gramercy Court where they took care of the kids while their parents attended workshops on financial resources.

During the year the board which consisted of five officers and one faculty advisor met to organize the initiation ceremony and the overall goals of the organization. These meetings were held bi-quarterly with everyone and on regular basis between the advisor, the president and the secretary.

Our vice president Jaime Jimenez attended the Pi Tau Sigma National Convention at the Ohio State University during February 22nd to 24th of 2013. Through this experience he was able to network with other chapter along with professionals while contributing and gaining knowledge of current PTS activities, goals and objectives.

C. Chapter Members Accomplishments

Many of our members have received scholarships and internships due to their high academic performance, and skills. John Licup, an initiate from the summer of 2011 has currently been offered an internship at Glenair, one of the leading manufacturer and suppliers of electrical parts and equipments. Phoebe Sulzen received the SWE-Ford Motor Company and Boeing Scholarship and also finished one term of an internship opportunity past summer at JPL. She has been offered to return this summer to continue the experience of working with them. Arsine Baghdasarian was the recipient of NACME and Victoria Allegra Scholarship during the academic year of 2011-2012. Meline Baghdasarian received an internship offer at the Covanta Energy facility during the summer of 2012 and has currently returned this summer to continue learning and enriching her experience. Yessenia Toscano, who recently graduated worked with the CSULA Eco Car 2 over the past year. This team was sponsored by General Motors and received 2nd place while competing with 15 different schools this past quarter. Alexander De-Soto also received an internship last year with Lexus headquarters and this year with Toyota, he is also the recipient of the NACME and TELACU scholarships.