PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
2012-2013
San Diego Beta Delta

A. Initiations

For our selection process, we emailed students of the upper 25% of first term juniors, upper 33% of second term juniors, and upper 35% of first term seniors. Anyone who was willing to join and had sound engineering ethical standards was admitted. We require all new initiates a one-time $30 membership fee and their pledge to Pi Tau Sigma.

Our chapter, Beta Delta held one initiation ceremony per semester. Both initiation ceremonies followed the Pi Tau Sigma Rituals format outlined in the Chapter Guide. During the fall initiation, held on December 12, 2012, we inducted five active members, and during the spring initiation, held on April 11, 2013, we inducted one honorary member and two active members.

B. Chapter Activities

This year we spent most of our time and energy coordinating semi-annual engineering picnics held at Mission Beach. The picnics were held on October 26, 2012 and May 3, 2013. Officers and some members were directed to bring food while others brought outdoor games like Can Jam, Cornhole, volleyball and football. The events were sponsored by USD's Associated Students and publicized to the entire engineering department. Both picnics had a great turn out and we plan to continue to host them. Photos from these events can be seen below.

Picnic
2012
Niki Yamamura
Vanessa Donnelly
Ben Methakul
Paulina Yoo
Jessica Buckley
Vidana Ross
Liz Kimbrell
ENGINEERING
Nicholas Perez
Hannah Halofoff
Kris Wittman
Sophie Fallon
AMANDA GATES

We also designed and ordered Pi Tau Sigma tank tops (pictured below) for members who plan to proudly wear our colors and Greek letters around the USD campus. In addition to the tank tops, we developed a Facebook group as a portal for members to be kept updated with meetings and events.

C. Other

San Diego Beta Delta's long-term goals include a growth in campus exposure, student representation and defining a legacy at USD. As our mechanical engineering department expands, we hope to encourage eligible students to join our organization. Although we only inducted two active members as mentioned previously, we had eleven eligible initiates for the spring 2013 initiation. In order to acquire a strong interest, we would like to present awards, one to a graduating senior at the honors convocation and one to a lower classmen with high academic standings.

We also hope to follow through on community activities, making Pi Tau Sigma known for our service to the community. Our plans to do so comprise of developing a scholarship available for a graduating high school senior within the San Diego area, serving as judges or referees at tournaments and/or science fairs, or hosting a college panel/engineering presentation for prospective engineering students in high school.