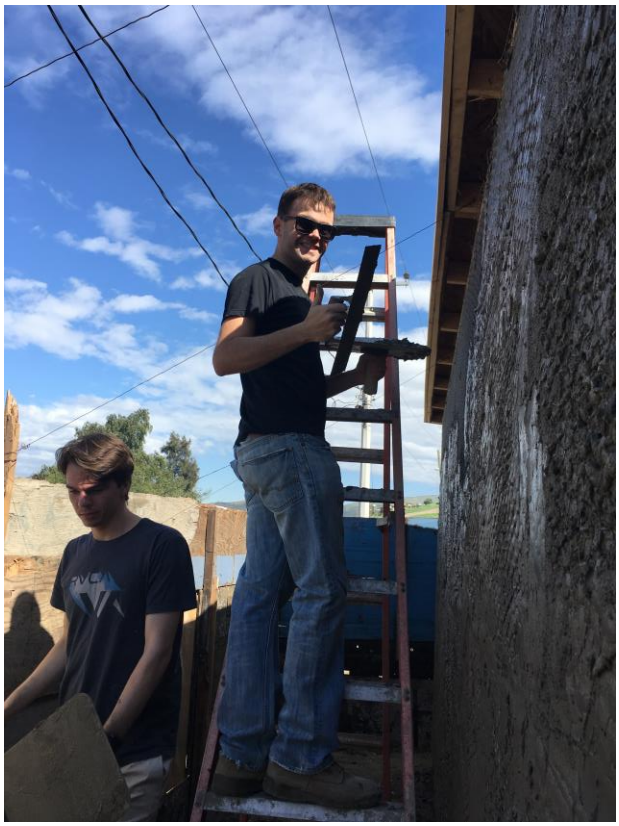
PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
2017
Beta Delta Chapter of the University of San Diego

A. Initiations

Our advisor, Dr. Ming Huang, selected the initiates based on the minimum academic GPA announced by the Pi Tau Sigma. The top third of the junior class and the top fourth of the senior class were chosen to join Pi Tau Sigma. The Initiation took place on April 11, 2017, and 14 members attended this event. All guidelines at the initiation were followed as the President and Vice President read the history of Pi Tau Sigma and the history of our particular chapter, along with the Code of Ethics put forth my ASME. Our chapter's secret handshake was passed down to the new initiates as well. After the ceremony, we gathered in our school's courtyard for refreshments.

B. Chapter Activities

This year our chapter held a professional development event, as speaker Dr. Parviz Shamlou came to USD to speak to Pi Tau Sigma students about careers in bioprocessing and some programs that are offered in this field. In this general body meeting we also discussed graduate school opportunities and other career development ideas. We also had members volunteer to help at the Celebration of Life Ceremony for our previous advisor, Dr. Malicky. We conducted a joint volunteer trip with Global Engineering Brigades to Tijuana, Mexico to help build houses for families in need. We will hold Executive Board elections for our new members on Tuesday, May 9th where we will also conduct a makeup Initiation Ceremony, and then we will go over general body information. Finally, our last event of the semester will be during Faculty Appreciation Week, where we will be holding an event at our engineering school in order to honor our wonderful faculty. Below are some photos of our members participating in the house-building trips.



C. Other

This year our chapter sent our President, Vice President, and Treasurer to the Pi Tau Sigma International Convention in Philadelphia. This was a large step for our chapter, as we were approved for funding from our university in order to attend. This accomplishment has not been done in the past. Our chapter has never sent this many students to the International Convention before, and we have never been able to travel this far in order to attend. Hopefully this will set a new standard for our members in years to come. Below is a photo of our officers at the 2017 Convention.