Miami Sigma Upsilon

University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

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Goals for 2014-2015

For this academic year, the goals of the Miami Sigma Upsilon chapter of Pi Tau Sigma was transition to a new faculty advisor as well as continue tutoring services during finals. We also wanted to increase our presence in the community.

Activities

Two groups of new members were initiated; one in the fall and one in the spring. Tutoring sessions were held for finals in the fall semester. Members also volunteered to judge a local science and engineering fair in the spring. Pi Tau Sigma members also held active positions in many other engineering organizations such as ASME, AIAA, SHPE, and SWE. The President and Vice President also attended the national Pi Tau Sigma conference.

Graduates

These students graduated from the University of Miami following the end of 2014-2015 academic year and the Sigma Upsilon chapter wishes them the best of luck in their future academic and professional careers.

Andres Casas	James Johnston
Brian Jozefat	Silvana Lopez
Tyler Lovelle	Christian Perez
William Sanchez	John Santucci
Gabriel Soto	Weiqi Wang

New Members

The Sigma Upsilon chapter is excited to welcome these new members into the Pi Tau Sigma community

Roland Dahl	Mike McKay
Alex Christodoulides	Zach Garland
Hannah Arnholt	Ricardo Palacios
Matthew Montiel	

Plans for 2015-2016

For the next academic year the chapter wants to create a larger presence on the Coral Gables campus. We want to coordinate with AIAA and ASME to have a department event during the first few weeks of the semester for incoming freshman. We also want to host an event where engineering students come talk about previous internships and research opportunities and the process of applying for them. We also plan to attend the annual Pi Tau Sigma conference, which will be held at USC this upcoming year. Finally, we would like to have an event for the juniors in the department, where seniors come and talk about their senior design projects and the process of senior design. Tutoring services will continue to be offered with a focus on classes where students most frequently seek help.

Chapter Officers

We are happy to welcome these new-elected officers to the Sigma Upsilon chapter

President – Thomas Mills
Vice President – Charles Pecora
Treasurer – Matthew Montiel
Secretary – Hannah Arnholt

Chapter Advisor

Dr. Ines M. Basalo

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Pi Tau Sigma National Convention

The Pi Tau Sigma National Convention was held at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign from February 26th to March 1st. The members of the Alpha chapter coordinated events over the course of the convention. Travel plans went smoothly for the most part despite occasional weather. The University of Miami Sigma Upsilon Chapter was represented at the convention by Chapter President Benton Patterson and Vice President James Johnston. Sigma Upsilon's members arrived late in the evening on Thursday.

Guests stayed at several hotels over the weekend, the Sigma Upsilon chapter stayed at the iHotel where the majority of convention events took place. On Friday, the Better Practices Think Tank allowed members of the various chapters to discuss way in which they run their organizations. Sigma Upsilon took careful notes and has marked several suggestions for implementation in our own branch of Pi Tau Sigma. Thursday also saw tours of several of the Research Park facilities on the Illinois campus including Caterpillar. Sigma Upsilon attended the tour of several smaller research facilities. In the evening a panel met to discuss the running of various Mechanical Engineering departments.

On Saturday morning, all of the chapters competed in an event called "Combine-It" where they were asked to combine to disparate products and make a commercial for the result. The event was entertaining and encouraged meeting new people. On Saturday afternoon, there was a career panel where guests discussed the differences between industry and academia. After this, shuttles took guests to the main engineering quad at the university where there was a career fair and tours of the various facilities. On Saturday evening, the Alpha chapter hosted a social event for all attendees.

On Sunday morning, guests were addressed and thanked for attending, next year's convention at the University of Southern California was discussed, and then everyone departed. Sigma Upsilon returned to Chicago via shuttle.