PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2010-2011

Tri-State Delta Delta

A. Initiations

The Tri-State Delta Delta Chapter of Pi Tau Sigma held two initiations in the past year. Candidates for initiation were chosen based on their academic merit, per national standards. Fall initiation took place on December 9th, 2010. Eight students were inducted into the Delta Delta Chapter during the fall ceremony. The spring initiation ceremony took place on April 19th, 2011, and saw five students inducted. Both induction ceremonies were performed in accordance with Pi Tau Sigma guidelines.

I. Fall Initiation

The inductees were led into a dimly lit room where the current officers sat behind a long table. The key and crest were positioned on either side of the officers. For the fall initiation, initiates sat on the side of the table opposite the officers, and current members stood around the room. The President and Vice-President read the guidelines, honors, and responsibilities of membership to the initiates. The initiates were then asked if they agreed to uphold these principles for the remainder of their careers. Upon acceptance, initiates signed their names into the Tri-State Delta Delta Record's Book and were congratulated by active members. At the end of the meeting, chapter business was discussed and officers were elected. New officers included:

- President: Kramer Pursell (Junior)
- Vice-President: Mike Abbott (Senior)
- Treasurer: Andrea DiRuzza (Junior)
- Secretary: Hannah Thomas (Junior)

II. Spring Initiation

Inductees were led into a dimly lit room, again, with current officers behind a long table. The key and crest were positioned either side of the officers. Initiates sat in the front row of a small theater, with current members sitting in rows behind them. The President and Vice-President read the guidelines, honors, and responsibilities of membership to the initiates. The initiates were asked if they agreed to support the responsibilities set in place that night for the rest of their careers. After agreement, initiates signed the Tri-State Delta Delta Record's Book and were congratulated by members in attendance. New officers were then elected, with the exception of the President. Referencing the list above, the only new officer was Cody Wolfle (Junior), the new Vice-President. At the end of the meeting, newly initiated members were able to mingle with attending members while eating pizza and discussing chapter business. All members in attendance were given an idea of activities planned for the following year, as well as a review of events from the previous.

B. Chapter Activities

With funding from the Mechanical Engineering Department and Trine University Student Senate, the Tri-State Delta Delta Chapter was able to send two members to the National Convention in Chicago, at the University of Illinois- Chicago. Both members benefitted from the experience, and came up with ideas on how to better our chapter through talking with members of other Pi Tau Sigma chapters.

The Tri-State Delta Delta Chapter also took a photo of graduating seniors to be included in the Senior Honors Day Celebration held on campus. Also, we used chapter fees to buy honors cords for our graduates.

C. Other

Graduates' Future Plans:

Mike Abbott- Test Engineer at Navistar- Ft. Wayne, IN

Chris Armstrong- Process Engineer at Steel Dynamics- Jeffersonville, IN; and pursuing Masters Degree in Business Administration at Indiana University Southeast

Kara Benschneider- SkySight Technologies, LLC- Ft. Wayne, IN

JP Benner- Eagle Technologies, LLC- Hampton, VA

Jordan Buchanan- plans unknown

Shawn Grooms- Navistar- Lisle, IL

Nick Gullette- General Electric Hitachi Nuclear- Wilmington, NC; and pursuing Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering at North Carolina State University

Tom Laderach- Navy Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program- Charleston, SC

Jason Paff- Associate Development Engineer at Hitchiner Manufacturing

Michelle Tscheulin- plans unknown