PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2015-2016

UAB Phi Tau

A. Initiations

Initiates were chosen from the top 25% of the junior class and top 35% of the senior class for both the fall 2015 and spring 2016 inductions. Four new members were inducted at the fall induction ceremony, which was held in the Spencer Honors House on October 12, 2015. The ceremony was followed by an ice cream social with existing members. Ten new members were inducted at the spring ceremony on April 20th, 2016. This ceremony was also followed by an ice cream social with existing members.

Fall 2015 Induction Ceremony

B. Chapter Activities

For the 2015-2016 academic year, our chapter focused on increasing member involvement with professional development and networking activities. We also decided to join with the UAB ASME chapter for several events. Because our engineering department is small, joining with other student groups from the engineering department allowed us to accomplish more than we could alone. The activities were as follows:

- Phi Tau chapter hosted lecture on the topic of electric vehicles with a speaker from the research & technology management department of Southern Company. Attendees were able to inspect and ride in a BMW i3.

- Toured the Huntsville Space & Rocket Center at the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center.

- Toured the Mercedes-Benz manufacturing facility in Vance, AL. The Mercedes tour was a joint event with the UAB chapter of ASME.

- Kenny Lee, our vice president, attended the Pi Tau Sigma convention in Los Angeles.

- Pi Tau Sigma members volunteered in the 2016 UAB ASME Brent Newman Memorial Egg Drop. This is a community outreach event in which students from local middle and high schools engineer devices to protect an egg that is dropped from a height of 124 ft.

- Hosted an end-of-the-year paintball social event that included UAB faculty and members of ASME.

C. Other

Our focus on member involvement and promoting Pi Tau Sigma on campus was beneficial to our chapter. As can be seen in section A, the number of new inductees in the spring of 2016 was 2.5 times greater than fall of 2015. We hope to continue working with other engineering groups on campus to grow our organization and promote fellowship with other engineering students and the engineering community.