Tennessee Tau Eta

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee
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Goals for 2007-2008

The goals for the Tau Eta Chapter included initiating new members, honoring faculty who have gone above and beyond, and fostering greater interaction between mechanical engineering students and the community.

Activities

During the past year, the Tau Eta chapter activities included two initiation/recruitment periods. In addition, the chapter was also involved in the university's annual Engineer's Day event.

The University of Tennessee hosts an annual event honoring the achievements of the college of engineering. On that day, approximately a thousand high school students visit the college and look through presentations and exhibits created by engineering students. This year, the Tau Eta chapter presented an exhibit titled "Robotics." Chapter members used robotic arms and mobile robots to explain to the high school students how the machines function.

Graduates

Brent Beatty – Pursuing Masters Degree in Nuclear Engineering
Michael Carkeet – Shaw Industries, Dalton, Georgia
Stuart Daniels – ExxonMobil, Houston, TX
Soumya Dutta – Pursuing Masters Degree in Aerospace Engineering, Georgia Tech
Tricia Goetzka – Maintainibility Engineer, Dow Chemical Co, Baton Rouge, LA
Hoa Hoang - Plans Unknown
Andrew Jordan - Plans Unknown
Carl Justice - Plans Unknown
Sean Mailen – Pursuing a job in industry
Darrell O'Kain – Pursuing a job in industry
Anthony Ragghianti – Pusuing Masters Degree
Ben Shepard – Pursuing Masters Degree in Engineering Management, Duke University

Awards & Recognition

Dr. J.A.M. Boulet – Excellence in Teaching Award

The Excellence in Teaching award is given every year to the most outstanding teacher in the Mechanical, Aerospace, and Biomedical Engineering Department at the University of Tennessee. Pi Tau Sigma members nominate and vote for the professor in the spring term. This year, the award was given to Dr. J.A.M. Boulet for his enthusiastic teaching and contribution to the MABE Department.

Names of New Members

Fall 2007 Pledges

Andrew Galbraith	Anthony Ragghianti
Alexandra Jordan	Lisa Zachary

Spring 2007 Pledges

Travis Breeden	Justin Koozer
Joshua Carter	Sean Mailen
Jennifer Faulkner	Matthew Pulliam
Andrew Frye	Matthew Reasor
Pankaj Gandhi	Jonathan Russ
Gregory Grim	Michael Wolfe

Plans for 2008-2009

During the next academic year Tau Eta intends to continue inducting new members who uphold the ideals of the organization. The Excellence in Teaching Award will also be given in the spring. Pi Tau Sigma will also strive to increase awareness of its presence within the department by taking a more active role in departmental activities. In addition, the chapter will continue to present exhibits in the Engineer's Day event held at the university.

In order to start planning for next year, outgoing officers from this year met the newly elected officers after the spring initiation. Old records and electronic files related to chapter business were passed down. The new officers were briefed about the duties of the office as well as important deadlines to follow. Finally, the outgoing treasurer described the chapter's current financial standing.

Chapter Officers

President	Ben Shepard
Vice President	Brent Beatty
Treasurer	Did Not Elect Treasurer
Secretary	Did Not Elect Secretary

Chapter Advisor

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Reporter

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