PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2009-2010

Tennessee Tau Eta
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee
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Goals for 2009-2010

The goals for the Tau Eta chapter included inducting new members who uphold the ideals of the organization, giving the Excellence in Teaching Award in the spring, and increasing its presence within the department by taking a more active role in department activities.

Activities

During the past year Tau Eta held two initiation ceremonies, participated in the University of Tennessee's annual Engineer's Day, sponsored the Excellence in Teaching Award in the Mechanical, Aerospace, and Biomedical Engineering Department.

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 spoke to the high school students about current senior projects and experiences as a Mechanical Engineering student.

Graduates

Stanley Atherton – Pursuing a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Tennessee
Steven Coley – Pursuing a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Tennessee
Barrett Hachey – Eaton Corporation, Leadership Development Program, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
John Higgins – Pursuing a JD at the University of Tennessee
Robert Jones – Plans Unknown
Sarah Keedy – Pursuing a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Tennessee
Greg Peterson – Pursing a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering at Pennsylvania State University
Danny Sale – Pursing a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Washington
Benjamin Yeager – Joining the Army as an infantry officer

Awards & Recognition

Dr. Gary V. Smith– 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. Students of the department nominate and vote for the professor in the spring term.

This year, the award was given to Dr. Gary V. Smith for his enthusiastic teaching and contribution to the MABE Department.

Names of New Members

Fall 2009 Pledges

Blake Adams	Julie Pender
Michael Dacey	Susan Reid
William Henson	Jason Terrill
Robert Jones	Ryan Whitted
Brittany Kopcsak	Stephen Yontz
Janie Miller	

Spring 2010 Pledges

Neal Baltuth	Colby Jarrett
John Berg	Nick Jones
Brian Daniel	Troy Karsten
Timothy Floyd	Nikolay Linnik
Danielle Gennett	Aaron Myers
Coary Hathaway	Greg Peterson
Karl Hughes	John Utley

Plans for 2010-2011

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	Steven Coley
Vice President	John Higgins
Treasurer	Jacob Swafford
Secretary	Barrett Hachey

Chapter Advisor

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Reporter

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