PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2015-2016

UL Lafayette Sigma Alpha

A. Initiations

This past year we held two initiations, one in the Fall semester and one in the Spring semester. Our selection process starts when our advisor selects junior and senior students with the highest GPAs. After he gives us the list of possible inductees, we draft the invitation letters. Our invitation letters consist of 3 parts. The first part is the invitation part, where we congratulate the student for his or her academic accomplishments and encourage him or her to join our prestigious and selective organization. This letter is signed by the president, the recording secretary and the corresponding secretary.

The second part of the letter outlines the benefits of joining our chapter and the organization in general. It also breaks down the membership fee (organization dues, chapter dues, and an optional polo). It also lists the date, place and time of the induction ceremony.

The third and last part of the letter is the Recommendations part. Inductees are required to obtain 10 signatures: UL Lafayette Sigma Alpha Pi Tau Sigma advisor, three Pi Tau Sigma Faculty Members, and six student members. This page lists the names of the advisor, the faculty members, and student members that can recommend them, and a blank next to their name where they can sign.

This past year we moved the initiation ceremony from the Alumni House to our brand new Student Union. Our induction ceremony has been passed down from previous presidents. All of our officers are required to attend the induction. The president, vice president, both secretaries, and treasurer participate in the ceremony, where we share with the new inductees the Insignia and Crest of Pi Tau Sigma, history of the organization, mission, requisites, the Fundamental Principles and Canons, and traditions. Initiates are required to individually express their desire to form part of the organization.

After the ceremony, we have a celebratory banquet catered by University Dining. Gumbo, jambalaya, Cajun pasta, ribs, and bread pudding were served, along with soft drinks and water. The inductees' guests are invited to participate in the banquet.

Our Fall semester ceremony was held November 17th, 2015. Eight new members were initiated. Our Spring semester ceremony was held April 19th, 2016. Nine new members were initiated.

The following pictures show the inductions that were held this year.

Figure 1: Setting up before the Fall 2015 Induction

Figure 2: Directing the inductees to their seats before the ceremony

Figure 3: Spring 2016 New Members

B. Chapter Activities

For Engineering Week this year, the College of Engineering encouraged all engineering student organizations to repaint their tiles outside of the Engineering Building. Madison Hall, home to civil engineering, electrical engineering, and chemical engineering has big tiles outside, one for every student organization. The president, the corresponding secretary and a student member repainted the Pi Tau Sigma tile as shown below.

Figure 4: Tile painting

Figure 5: Tile painting

C. Other

In the fall, the university implemented a recertification process for all existing student organizations on campus. The presidents of all student organizations on campus were required to attend a meeting for this purpose. There was also a mandatory training session for OrgSync, a network that connects student organizations with students on campus.