Texas Kappa

University of Texas, Austin, Texas
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Goals for 2008-2009

Our goals for 2008-2009 were to increase membership rates, increase the number of activities offered to our members, and expand active members' participation

Activities

The Texas Kappa chapter continues to remain active in both service and social activities. During 2008-2009, we have proudly maintained our activity with a local elementary school in which members and initiates teach the students short science experiments after school. It is a rewarding opportunity to increase the students' penchant for science and engineering.

The chapter has also instituted a mid-semester dinner in which the initiates, members, and officers gather to socialize and form ties of community within the organization. Furthermore, the chapter formed an intramural soccer team during the fall 2008 and spring 2009 semesters and a water volleyball team during the fall 2008 semester as additional social activities.

Graduates

Brandon Beberwyck – University of California Berkeley (Graduate Program in Materials Science and Engineering)
Adam Behrman – Exxon-Mobil
Sean Berg – University of Texas (Graduate Program in Mechanical Engineering)
Zachary Blakeman – Exxon-Mobil
Michael Crawley – Ohio State University (Graduate Program in Mechanical Engineering)
Melissa Diekroeger – Proctor and Gamble
Cliff Eversdyk – Wood Group
Laura Iacoviello – Exxon-Mobil
Jacob Malinoff – BASF
Whitney Shaeffer – L-3 Communications

Awards & Recognition

No awards were presented for 2008-2009.

Names of New Members

Fall 2008 Pledges

Eric Allcorn	Jill Bornhurst
David Galvin	Case Gornstein
Christopher Lam	Matthias Lang
Jeffrey Lee	David Pasternak
Jason Pettit	Javier Robalino
Whitney Shaeffer	Ravi Singh
Joanna Tsenn	Charles Upshaw
Mike Vu	

Spring 2009 Pledges

Sean Boose	Ryan Deal
JonathonGaspredes	Jason Gerencser
Lisa Ivy	Prasad Joshi
Jursic Domagoj	David Kistenmacher
Andrew Kurzawski	Johnny Lee
Henry Leo	Omar Muttardy
Alex Oddo	Brian Patrick
Daniel Peterson	Mikko Ponkala
Kramer Schlaudt	Daniel Schmid
Jedmond Tacardon	David Townsend
Enrique Villarreal	

Transfer of Responsibilities

In order to provide a smooth transition between officers, each exiting officer met with his/her replacement to talk about their duties and role in the organization. The exiting officer also provided their contact information for the next semester to allow a way to quickly resolve any questions.

Plans for 2009-2010

In 2009-2010, our chapter plans to continue our service work with the local elementary school with increased involvement as well to create other educational outreach opportunities. We plan to update our website and promote our organization more actively within the mechanical engineering department. We also hope to do more events co-hosted with other organizations and perhaps put together a committee on the improvement of our building and the study environment within it. Other ideas include faculty firesides and advising for students, especially those newly admitted to the mechanical engineering department.

Chapter Officers

President	Brandon Beberwyck
Vice President	Gede Bhawa
Treasurer	Matthias Lang
Secretary	Christopher Lam
Corporate Rep	Alex Oddo
Service Chair	Jeffrey Lee
Activity Chair	Thomas Anderson Jason Pettit
SEC Rep	Joanna Tsenn

Chapter Advisor

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Reporter

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