Virginia Delta Xi

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Goals for 2008-2009

Our goals for this year were to improve our funding while continuing to maintain the interest of new members. At the beginning of the school year, our funds were scarce, and we needed to determine a new set of activities that would be less costly. Furthermore, we needed to develop better fundraising ideas and inspire further innovation from future officers and members.

Activities

Each semester, we require that our initiates complete a fundraiser and participate in a community service project. Our chapter service project usually entails performing household or yard chores for Camp Holiday Trails, which provides children with severe illnesses a fun and safe camping experience. For the early part of spring, we folded and sealed mail fliers for interested parents, mopped floors, and cleaned kitchen surfaces and appliances. During the later half of spring, we cleaned the dining hall and cleared some trails. We also allow our initiates to satisfy the service project requirements by participating in other external activities.

Our early spring fundraiser consisted of a hot chocolate sale in one of the engineering buildings during a cold winter day. The net profit proved to be very small which prompted a project idea for the next group of initiates. We had each of our late spring initiates draft out at least two ideas for a future fundraiser and send us electronic copies.

At the end of the 2008-2009 school year, the officers selected a student and professor for the PTS Student Award and Outstanding ME Faculty Award, respectively. These awards were presented at the Mechanical and Aerospace department picnic along with awards from the department and Sigma Gamma Tau.

Graduates

Jessica Bashkoff-BAE Systems
Susan Brooks - M.E. in Systems at UVa
Pete Christian-Unknown
Scott Fry – NAVAIR.
Benjamin Hallissy-Unknown
Michael Hollister-Unknown
Jason Kaplan – M.S. in Mechanical at UVa.
Kristina Levins –U.S. Air Force. Flight school
Neil Salmons – Honda
Michael Underhill -United Launch Alliance

Awards & Recognition

Neil Salmons – Pi Tau Sigma Student Award
Pradip Sheth – Outstanding ME Faculty of the Year

Names of New Members

Early Spring 2009 Pledges

Gavin Garner	Todd Gerarden
Michael Hollister	Nam Le
Kristina Levins	James McBride
John McKenney	Lydia Riall
Nathan Trantham	Michelle Ulizio
Michael Underhill	

Late Spring 2009 Pledges

Aaron Bailey	Brian Grochal
Mark Hazelgrove	Rafat Mehdi
Gregory Nickdow	

Transfer of Responsibilities

The next set of officers will have the contact information of all of the current officers. We have also provided them with electronic copies of the previous registration form with the names of the corresponding initiates for their records. The next treasurer has also been granted access to our chapter's bank account. Most importantly, the new officers have been supplied with the link to the PTS national website for future reference.

Plans for 2009-2010

We hope to remain in good economic condition by continuing to promote good spending habits. Our economic situation will further improve after implementing some of the fundraising plans that we gathered from the late spring pledges.

Further progress can be achieved by striving to develop better relationships with other Engineering honor societies and becoming more active in our department.

Chapter Officers

President	Jason Kaplan
Vice President	Jessica Bashkoff
Secretary/Treasurer	Scott Fry
Future President	Mark Hazelgrove

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