PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
2009-2010
Rochester Delta Pi

A. Initiations

The Rochester Delta Pi Chapter uses the metrics in place by nationals to identify potential members. Once identified, interested candidates attend an informational meeting. Chapter officers present the students with an overview to the Society as a whole and to the Rochester Delta Pi chapter specifically. A short informational handbook has been created to distribute at this time. After the meeting the students are given the opportunity to continue the initiation process.

In addition to the national guidelines, our chapter requires initiates to polish a bent and meet with each faculty member individually. Faculty members sign a signature book as proof of their meeting and approval of new members. Initiates present these items to the chapter officers at the initiation ceremony. After the history of the society has been told and the oath to uphold the core values recited, initiates are invited to sign the signature book the chapter has continuously held. After the completion of the formal ceremony, all new members and current members are invited to attend a dinner at a local restaurant.

This year, two initiation where held on the following dates, for the following new members:

5 November 2009

Left to Right: Andrew Freedman, Leif Melhus, Phillip Amsler, Dylan Connole, Gary Sereico, Jeffery A. Herbert

6 May 2010

Left to Right: Daniel Crossen, Thomas G Gamer

B. Chapter Activities

Community Service:
This year the Rochester Delta Pi chapter performed two community service actives. Both activities were organized with the Open Door Mission in Downtown Rochester, New York. The first activity had an overwhelming response from members. The chapter took the maximum number of students allowed downtown to serve dinner to the underprivileged in the City of Rochester. Students helped prepare and serve dinner with this local outreach program.

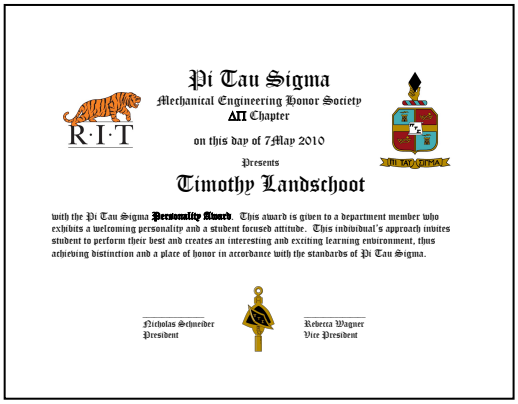
The second activity with the Open Door Mission was to collect personal hygiene items to be packaged in shoes boxes. The chapter received cash and item donations outside of the Mechanical Engineering Department office. A local shoe store provided boxes and the chapter supplemented supplies. Chapter members came together over cookies and hot chocolate to wrap the items in 14 boxes to donated to the Open Door Mission's shoebox drive.

Community Building:
This year the Rochester Delta Pi chapter organized had a number of community building activities within the college. The first event was geared toward building a stronger relationship between the student members and the faculty of the department. With the help of the Mechanical Engineering Department Head, Dr. Edward Hensel, members and faculty met over lunch in a speed networking fashion. The event was a success and both faculty and students left with stronger bonds and new relationships. This event will prove to be one that the chapter brings back in the years to come.

The second major community event was our annual Senior Pig Roast for Mechanical Engineering Seniors, faculty and staff. This event is co-hosted with the college's ASME chapter. Planning was lead by Rebecca Wagner, Vice President of Pi Tau Sigma, accompanied with members from both Pi Tau Sigma and ASME. The clubs own smokers and secret pork rub recipes. The day before the event the over one hundred pounds of pork shoulder are rubbed and barbeque sauces prepared. The first shift prepares for the overnight work and the pork begins to roast. At sunrise the pork pullers arrive with much needed coffee and doughnuts, ready to begin the next phase. After an hour of pulling, the pork is loaded into the supply truck and the members meet the setup team in the quad back on campus. The grills are lit, the salads opened, the sodas chilled, and the serves dawn their gloves to serves over nearly 150 students, faculty and staff.

Every year the Rochester Delta Pi Chapter presents faculty awards and staff appreciation gifts. Support staff in the department office are vital in the everyday operations of the chapter. The chapter recognizes this and gives back to the staff workers in the form of chocolates and a gift card to a local restaurant. Each award winning faculty member is given a plaque and White Roses in honor of their contributions to the students. This year the chapter members voted on presenting the following four faculty awards at the Senior Pig Roast:

Personality Award: Timothy Landschoot
Description: This award is given to a department member who exhibits a welcoming personality and a student focused attitude. This individual's approach invites student to perform their best and creates an interesting and exciting learning environment, thus achieving distinction and a place of honor in accordance with the standards of Pi Tau Sigma.



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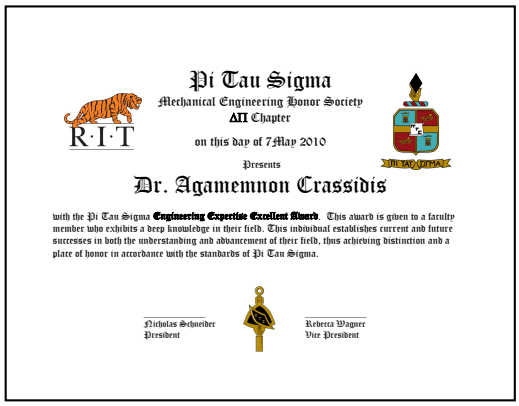

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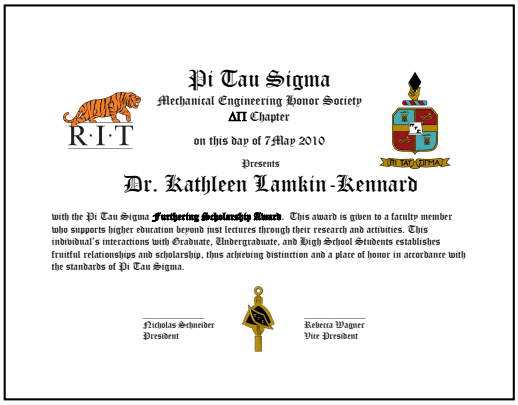

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Fundraisers:
The Rochester Delta Pi chapter is primarily funded through pizza sales. The college organizes opportunities for clubs to sell pizza in the common area of the college building. Student members are trained to meet Monroe County heath and safety standards. On assigned days volunteers setup equipment and the pizza stand before retrieving the delivered food products. The sales encompass the lunch hours and are run entirely by chapter members (normally taking 8 to 10 students). This year the chapter was assigned a total of twelve sales, accounting for the majority of the financial revenue.

Chapter Meetings:
This year the chapter had five general meetings throughout the academic year to discuss organization events. Food was provided and the executive board defined the meeting agenda. Members were informed of events and encouraged to provide feedback and ideas. The e-board had planning meetings as necessary and, due to the close working relationship of the e-board members, met nearly weekly to discuss direction and deliverables. In total, 83% of members were active in this year's organizational proceedings.

National Convention:
With the help of the department and individual financial donations by members, the Rochester Delta Pi chapter was able to send three students to the national conventions. David Hatch, James Reepmeyer and Caleb Peterson faced the weather and made the trip down to Texas Tech. The three participated in the convention activities and enjoyed the networking opportunity.

Pi Tau Polos:
In order to show our pride in our chapter, members pushed for the design and purchase of polos to be worn by members. The chapter subsidized the purchase and nearly every member bought one of the embroidered shirts.

Farewell Picnic:
The last act of the chapter this year was to have a barbeque to say goodbye. Stoles were handed out to graduating members, burgers were eaten, and we gave our thanks in the form wine, white roses, and chocolates to our ever-important chapter advisor, Dr. Wayne Walter. The next week we would send our graduates across the stage at commencement, proudly wearing their Pi Tau Sigma Stoles.

New Website:
The Rochester Delta Pi chapter began to develop a new website: www.rit.edu/go/pts

Outgoing Members:
Andy Freedman
Jonathan Guerrette
David Hatch, *Junior Officer*
Sylvan Hemingway, *Former Co-President*
Young Jun Jun (Dave)
Andrew Krall
Christine Lowry
Leif Melhus
Caleb Peterson
Cody Rath, *Junior Officer*
James Reepmeyer
Christopher Rinauto
Jeffrey Ryan
Nicholas Schneider, *President*
Lowell Smoger, *Secretary*
Rebecca Wagner, *Vice-President*

Incoming Executive Board:
President: Chris Rinauto, cjr3125@rit.edu
Vice-President: Andrew Komendat, ajk2077@rit.edu
Secretary: Phil Amsler, pha8606@rit.edu

Photo of E-Board and Fall Initiates