2019-2020
Rochester Institute of Technology Delta Pi

A. Initiations

We continued our usual invitation and selection process. In order to be invited, engineers must be in the top percentage of their class: top 10% for 3rd years, top 15% for 4th years, and top 20% for 5th years. Once invited, initiates must fully sand and polish a PTS bent and obtain signatures from all of the ME professors. Our initiation ceremony takes place in Mobil conference room and follows all of the traditional PTS procedures. The Fall class was initiated on November 15th and consisted of 1 member.

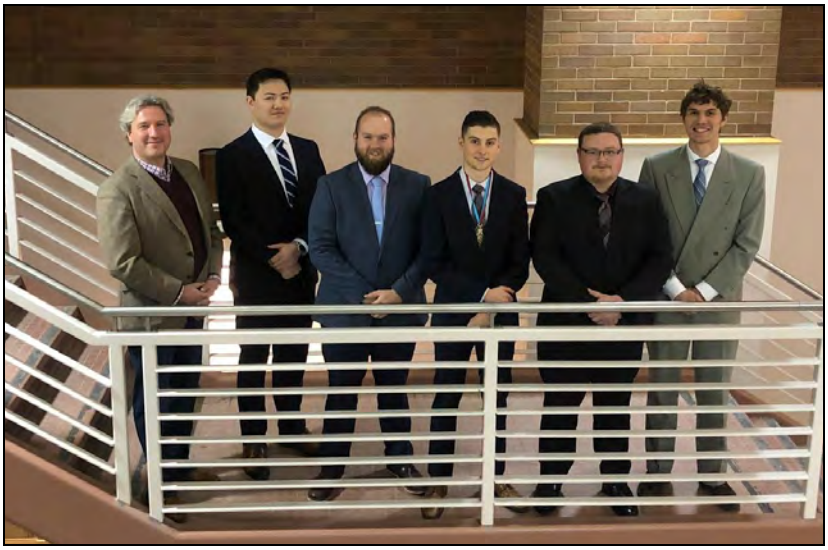

Figure A.1. Fall 2019 Delta Pi Initiate Class with Chapter Officers and Advisor

The selection process for the Spring Class was the same as outlined in the Fall section. Delta Pi's Spring Initiation consisted of 5 members. The Spring Initiation took place in the Davis Room on February 1st, during the Saturday Night Dinner of the 99th National Convention.

Figure A.2. Spring 2020 Delta Pi Initiate Class including Honorary Inductees

Figure A.3. RIT Delta Pi Chapter Officers

B. Chapter Activities

Our annual dodgeball tournament was a success in raising funds for the club this year. We had seven teams compete to win gift cards from local restaurants: Lovin' Cup and Dibella'. One of those teams was comprised of mechanical engineering faculty. Our club solely organized the event and received help from the RIT Club Dodgeball team who volunteered as competitive level referees. Our members participated by organizing the tournament schedule, securing sponsors, and playing on our club team. The tournament was our biggest fundraiser this year to help fund the convention.

Figure B.1. RIT ME Faculty Dodgeball Team

Figure B.2. Midgame Action of Dodgeball Tournament

This year, the Rochester Delta Pi Chapter had the privilege to host the Pi Tau Sigma 2020 National Convention. Planning for this event occurred throughout 2019, into early 2020. In order to fundraise for the event, Corporate Sponsor packages were put together. Our sponsors were Raymond Corporation, General Electric, SPX Flow, Moog, Goodyear, Autodesk, and Aerotek. Before the event, the logistics of housing, transportation, event space, catering, and scheduling were all handled by members of Delta Pi. There were two separate committees of chapter members that each met once a week in order to prepare for the convention.

On the weekend of the Convention, all chapter members were dedicated to the success of the event. Our members performed many tasks to ensure the quality of events including, set up and takedown. Guests were provided with the opportunities to learn about technologies and RIT as a whole, with events such as the Autodesk Seminar, Graduate School Panel, Employer Panel, and Career Fair. On the social aspect of the convention, guests were provided with the opportunity to mingle with other chapters. Our social events included a board game night at the RITZ Sports Zone on campus, as well as bowling at Radio Social in downtown Rochester. The board games were courtesy of ME Department Faculty and Chapter Members

We also continued with many of our annual events to benefit our members, department, and community. As in previous years, our members volunteered at the university-wide career fair that RIT hosts every fall and spring semester. This involved helping staff set up employer booths and helping recruiters unload their materials. Our volunteer work allows recruiters to set up more quickly and our members to network and enhance RIT's reputation. We also continued with our involvement in the department with our student-led tutoring sessions before each of the two midterms in the five core courses in our program. These sessions are two hours long, and provide students an opportunity to ask questions and receive additional practice.

Figure B.3. Keynote Speaker Tom Peeples

Figure B.4. RITZ Sports Zone Game Night

Figure B.5. Billiards at RITZ Sports Zone

Figure B.6. Keynote Speaker Mike Fields

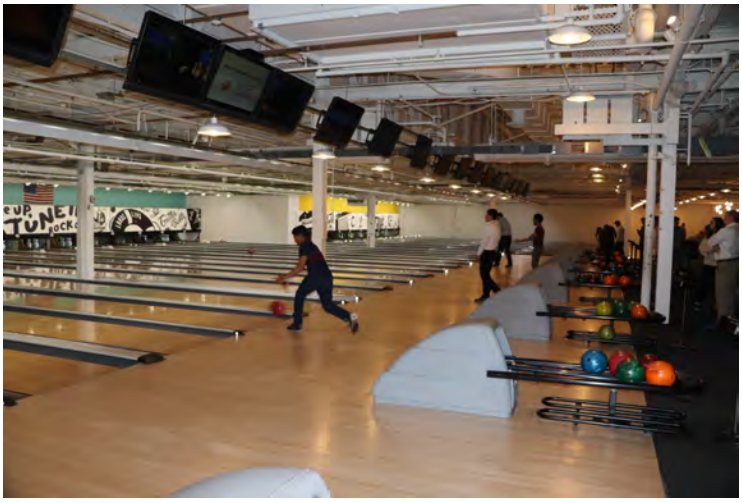

Figure B.7. Bowling at Radio Social

Due to the unfortunate Covid-19 pandemic, RIT canceled in-person classes for the second half of the spring semester. This resulted in the consequent cancellation of several of our annual chapter events. These included the second round of five student-led tutoring sessions, ImagineRIT and our usual exhibits, and our end of year Pig Roast. If ImagineRIT were to occur, we planned on hosting a booth titled “6 Life-Sized Simple Machines”. We would have presented history on each machine and allowed the local community to experience the mechanical advantage of each one. The goal of this event is to educate and excite local families about STEM fields. We were planning to host our annual PTS Senior Pig Roast which aims to celebrate the seniors and all their hard work, as well as Mechanical Engineering faculty and staff.