This year, our chapter had two main goals: increase our participation within our own college, and get a large group of members to the national convention at Drexel. In order to do this, we not only continued our annual events, like tutoring and the Senior Pig roast, but we also added some more social events, like student faculty games and the KGCOE Dodgeball tournament. We also improved upon our ImagineRIT exhibit, which will help make running the event easier for the future.

Dodgeball

This year, in order to help raise money for the national convention, we hosted the first ever KGCOE dodgeball tournament during the fall semester. The event attracted over 100 participants, including both students and faculty, and raised over $500 for our chapter. Teams consisted of 6-10 players, with a $5 registration fee for player. The tournament was formatted with a pool play round, followed by a single elimination bracket. Preparation for the event included reserving courts in the SLC, renting dodgeballs from the cage, and advertising within KGCOE through email blasts and flyers. We also contacted local businesses and received a sponsorship from Texas BBQ and Sticky Lips. Overall, the event was a huge success and we are looking to repeat it next year. In order to improve upon it, we will try to get more faculty teams, expand the reach of our advertising, and look to attract more community involvement.

Tutoring

This year we also improved upon our tutoring sessions for ME underclassman. We provided the same tutoring the night before exams for statics, strengths, thermodynamics, fluids, and dynamics. We improved our advertising for the sessions by sending email blasts to the department and better communicating with the instructors. We also started a test bank of exams from instructors in order to have example problems always on hand for future sessions. For the year, we had a much larger attendance than last year. Our biggest difficulty was finding the volunteers within the club to work the sessions. For next year, I would like to increase the points members receive for working the sessions.

Student/Faculty Events

In an effort to bring members closer, as well as increase our visibility within the department, we hosted 2 student-faculty games. In the fall, we hosted a kickball game and in the spring we hosted a volleyball night. Both events were fun, and had moderate participation from students and faculty. Our goal for next year will be to have more faculty participation and more regular games.

National Convention

One of our big goals this year was to improve our presence at the national convention, and we succeeded. Through fundraising from the dodgeball tournament, and the convention being within driving distance, we were able to sent 6 members. This was great for our chapter, as we were able to split up and come back to RIT with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Our attendance also inspired our chapter to put in a bid for the 2019 national convention. Although we did not win the bid, the research and feasibility report that came out of the effort showed that it would be very cost effective to have a convention at RIT. The research conducted will only need minor adjustments for our chapter to put in a bid in future years. All the research and final feasibility report can be found in our google drive.