2019-2020
Santa Clara University Alpha Epsilon

A. Initiation

Initiation was held on February 6th, 2020. The selection process was the following:

Students must be enrolled in the Mechanical Engineering School at Santa Clara University and be part of the top 25% of the class based on GPA. From this standard cut off, the organization made a series of selection based on the top students in that 25% of the class and a series of metrics. These considerations could include a recommendation from a faculty member in the department or a recommendation from a member of the current chapter of Pi Tau Sigma at Santa Clara.

Initiation was held on February 6th, 2020. The invites were sent to the new members at the beginning of January after a selection process had been conducted. On the day of initiation, the ceremony was held based on the guidelines of the National Pi Tau Sigma Organization. The President (Miguel Asturias) and Vice-President (Garrett Nelson) led the initiation in front of the current board and the new members. Initiates were sworn in and signed the Santa Clara Pi Tau Sigma members book that has been passed on year after year. After initiation, the organization took a picture together and celebrated with a congratulatory dinner at BJ's Restaurant.

New Chapter at Initiation: On Bottom Left (left to right): Dr. On Shun Pak (Advisor), Miguel Asturias (President), (between Miguel and Dr. Pak) Garrett Nelson (VP)

B. Chapter Activities

PTS Networking Event

On February 27th, 2020, the Santa Clara Pi Tau Sigma chapter held a networking event for the juniors and seniors of the Mechanical Engineering Department. By accessing the networks of current students and faculty at SCU, eight industry professionals were invited to speak at a panel on this Thursday afternoon. To make the event more personal, a dinner component of the event was held after the panel in order for industry professional to mingle and share their experiences with current mechanical engineering students at SCU. Dinner was provided at this event and it was held at the Heafey Building at SCU.

PTS Elections

During mid-May, our chapter of PTS held a virtual meeting to elect the succeeding board for the 2020-21 school year. This meeting allowed us all to reconnect and vote on the new board members for next year.

PTS ME Time Event

PTS held a ME Time event virtually on 15 May 2020. The purpose of the event was to strengthen connections between students, staff, and faculty and provide a social outlet to combat remote learning fatigue. Over 35 participants joined the call, forming teams for a friendly competition -- winning teams received Amazon gift cards and random student participants were chosen to receive coupons from faculty, redeemable for bonding activities like playing video games or enjoying ice cream. Feedback for this event was positive.