2019-2020
Temple University Beta Alpha

A. Initiations

Our initiation procedure is to extend an invitation for membership to all the students in eligible classes who are both in the top 25% of their class and have above a 3.25 GPA. We receive the list of names of eligible students from our advisor and vote as a chapter via Google Poll on whether to invite them to join. We hold two informational meetings and invite the eligible students voted on by the chapter. We invite those that came to the info meeting to Rush Week. Prospective members are required to attend at least two Rush Week events to be invited to initiation. Rush Week events included game nights, design competitions, ice breaker games, and getting dinner together. We held two initiation ceremonies, one in the Fall and one in the Spring. In the Fall of 2019 on October 17th, where 9 members were initiated respectively. In the Spring of 2020, we also held two initiations on March 12th, where 4 members were initiated.

Fall 2019 Inductees

2019 Inductees with Chapter Officers and Advisor

Sprig 2020 Inductees with Chapter Officers and Current Members

B. Chapter Activities

In the Fall of this school year, Beta Alpha held bi-monthly meetings where we went over the planned events and requirements for the semester. We officially became an active student club recognized by the university and we started figuring out what we needed to do in regard to getting a chapter bank account and becoming an established club in the Engineering College. The E-board started preparing for teaching a SolidWorks certification course by taking the certification tests themselves. We also participated in a Chipotle fundraiser with Temple's

chapter of ASME where we split the funds 50/50. In November, the chapter president, vice president, and incoming president attended the National Convention in New York. At the end of the semester we held a movie night during one of our study days for people to come and take a break from studying.

In the spring semester, we participated in the Engineering College's Demo Day during Engineer's Week, where we set up a gravity parachute drop experiment using newspaper, straws, tape, popsicle stickers, balloons, foil, and a roll of four quarters. People that stopped by our table were asked to design and build something that would hold the quarters and when dropped from the top of the steps, would float down and land gently. We recorded how long it took the apparatus to touch the ground and kept a record of it for each trial. Additionally, in the spring, some of our members who passed their FE exams participated in Theta Tau's FE Talk Back, where they discussed their experiences studying and taking the exam. They also gave some tips and answered questions from the audience. In the months of March and April we had planned to hold four weekend SolidWorks training courses to teach students how to use the software and eventually test for their Certified SolidWorks Associate qualification. This sadly never happened due to in-person classes being cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Near the end of the semester the incoming e-board was trained by the old e-board via Zoom.