2018-2019
Embry-Riddle Beta Mu

A. Initiations

This year the chapter had two inductions, one per semester within the last month of classes. The main selection criteria for new members was being in the upper 25% of their class. This spring semester we opened up membership to master's students.

B. Chapter Activities

Being a newly established chapter, we are currently in the process of establishing traditions that we wish to carry out. Our chapter members meet every two weeks to discuss previous events any upcoming plans.

This year's major events:

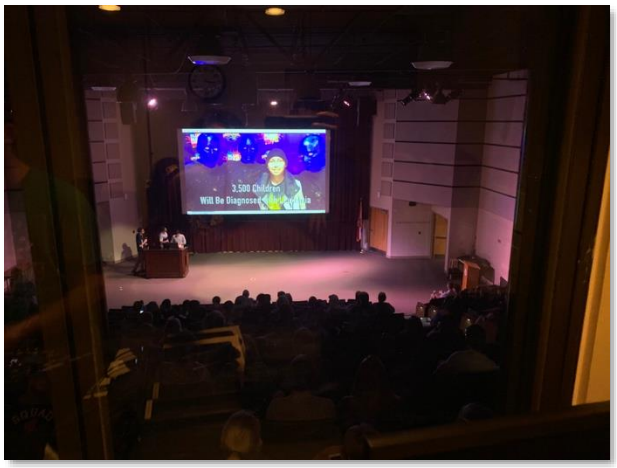
Pi a Professor:

In order to foster a greater comradery between professors and students the pi a professor event was created. The event itself consisted of professors volunteering to get a whip cream pie to the face at the end of the semester. The students throughout the last couple weeks of the semester are able to vote, for about $1 a vote, on the professor they want to see get a pie in their face. In the end the event allowed students to have a fun and rememberable interaction with their professors along with raise funds for the chapter.

Bone Marrow Drive:

After our president, Andrew McClary's younger brother Nicholas McClary who was accepted to and planned to attend Embry Riddle, passed away from his three yearlong battle with cancer, a campus wide bone marrow drive was held in his honor. A bone marrow drive was selected as it provides much needed hope for a cure to patents, both young and old, that are affected by blood cancers. Nicholas was a recipient of a bone marrow transplant so it felt like the perfect fit to help honor him and help save other patents effected by cancer.

To accomplish such an event, we partnered with our on campus health services along with Touch- N-Go Productions and The Volunteer Network. The bone marrow sign up was accomplished through DKMS, a international bone marrow registry. To handle our active military students, we partnered with Salute to life, as the military requires active members to enroll through their program.



The date of bone marrow drive was selected to coincide with our university's family weekend. This date was selected as students would be actively exploring the campus and showing it to their parents. Our president's family produced a short video to help promote the drive on campus, viewable here. This video was shown at the table and before the weekly movie on campus. To help promote the event further all the professors on campus where emailed about the event ahead of time and requested to share the information with their students.
In total 66 students signed up for the national bone marrow registry over our three day event. Based on this bone marrow drive Andrew's family is working on starting a foundation in Nicholas's name, Caring Like Nicholas, to help promote people to join the national bone marrow registry and possible save a life. We are also setting up a standing event on campus that will allow students to sign up for the bone marrow registry at any point during the school year thought our on campus health services.

For more information about Caring Like Nicholas: https://caringlikenicholas.org/

If you want to host a bone marrow drive at your school contact: Andy@caringlikenicholas.org