2017-2018

Nevada Reno Beta Nu chapter

A. Initiations

The initiates for the chapter were selected from a list of Mechanical Engineering students in the upper twenty-fifth percentile of the student's respective classification with a grade point average of greater than or equal to 3.25/4.0. An email list of qualifying students was created and then people who expressed interested in honor societies were initiated into Pi Tau Sigma. Initiates were required to pay the thirty-dollar initiation fee.

For our initiation ceremony, we chose the first initiation ritual on the Pi Tau Sigma website, where the crest and insignia of Pi Tau Sigma are displayed and the initiates are assembled in front of the officers. Then, the President, Zachary Dugan, shared the secret handshake and the chapter advisor, Daichi Fujioka, personally welcomes each member to the society. Sam Frost filled in for the roll of President through a lot of the initial ceremonies because he started the club and is more familiar with all of the rituals. All of the initiates also printed our names in the roll book. After the initiation we celebrated the newfound Pi Tau Sigma and talked about the future of Pi Tau Sigma, fun activities that Nevada Reno Beta Nu could organize and the internships that our members had chosen for the summer. The initiation was held on April 20th and 7 members were initiated on that day. A make up initiation was held on April 25th and the remaining 8 members were initiated on that day.

B. Chapter Activities

Because our chapter was only formally started in April we do not have many activities. However, Nevada Reno Beta Nu did already host a networking seminar with Tesla for Mechanical Engineering students. The Tesla Gigafactory recruiters came to University of Nevada, Reno on April 17th after scheduling the meeting with Daichi Fujioka and Zachary Dugan. The recruiters gave a presentation on Tesla as a company, the Gigafactory and what characterizes a Tesla internship. The recruiters gave the students who came to the seminar a unique link that allowed them an advantage in getting hired for a summer internship.