Full Annual Chapter Report
2019-2020
Virginia Tech Upsilon

Goals for 2019-2020

The main goals of this year were to increase participation and active membership, continue providing assistance to the Mechanical Engineering Department's Senior Portrait Photo-shoots, and develop our network of alumni through LinkedIn.

Initiations

As with past years, the Fall Initiation process started with an interest meeting that was held at a local restaurant for students that met academic requirements. The values of the society were discussed and how the society operates. A week later, the chapter held an initiation meeting for new members. There was also a make-up initiation for those who could not make the first initiation. The fall initiations took place on October 8th and 11th of 2019, respectively. There were eight in attendance for the first initiation and five for the make-up. Unfortunately, the Spring semester could not follow the same format due to the COVID-19 quarantine. Instead, zoom video calls replaced the in-person meetings. The initiation occurred on May 4th, 2020, with four members and initiates present. Pictures of the meetings are at the end of this report in order of occurrence.

Activities

This year marked the last time that the chapter will orchestrate the Senior Portrait Composites, as the department switched to a new vendor. With the change, members volunteered their time to help the new photographer with managing the flow of students and fitting them with outfits for the composite. The Chapter also held meetings to plan outreach in each of the society's values: academic excellence, service, and networking; along with re-organizing administration. Unfortunately, some of the events fell through as quarantine started to take effect. The LinkedIn group page was created and alumni were contacted to probe interest and expand future students' interaction. This aspect is in a good position for the start of 2020-2021 for creating events like info sessions or improving the pipeline for Pi Tau Sigma alumni.

Officers

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