PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2013-2014

Virginia Tech Upsilon

A. Initiations

The Virginia Tech Upsilon Chapter of Pi Tau Sigma increased membership during the 2013-2014 academic year by 25 members in the Fall semester and 3 members in the Spring semester. Following the chapter guide membership was offered off of academic standing via email. The President and Vice President made rounds to the largest classes of juniors and seniors to prepare potential members for their invitation. An informal social was held at a local restaurant followed by initiation a week later. Initiation was conducted following the procedures in the chapter guide on September 24, 2013 and February 27, 2014 for the Fall and Spring semesters.

B. Chapter Activities

As in previous years the largest service taken on by the Virginia Tech Upsilon chapter was the organization of the Mechanical Engineering senior composites. Unlike other departments on campus the ME department does not pay for students photos to be taken by a photographer. Pi Tau Sigma works with the photographer, as well as members of the entire senior class to assure that the graduating class has a legacy to leave behind. Starting in November our officers, with the most effort contributed by the Vice-President, worked with a local photographer to provide a week long time slot for seniors to be photographed. During this week new and old members alike volunteered to assist the photographer by collecting payment and helping to set up and take down equipment. As the composite was assembled the Vice-President took on the responsibility of checking the spelling of all students names, and organizing framing of the entire composite. By graduation a huge, beautiful composite showcasing our graduating class of over 300 was hung in the Mechanical Engineering building.

On top of the service associated with creating a new composite for the class of 2014 Pi Tau Sigma was also asked to assist the department with the reframing of two composites from the 1960's that had fallen off the walls. To conclude chapter activities aimed at assisting the department Pi Tau Sigma officers also helped to re-label each of the mailboxes in the ME Lounge for the incoming class of seniors.

From a philanthropic perspective members had the opportunity to participate in "The Big Event", a day of service where students are able to assist homeowners around the New River Valley with any projects they may need done on their properties. The Pi Tau Sigma team was comprised of about 15 members who were able to assist in the clean-up of a yard for an elderly woman. Members also hosted and organized two resume workshops to help younger students from the College of Engineering prepare for upcoming job fairs. During these workshops our University Relation Chairs presented a short powerpoint to interested students on having a professional resume. After the presentation was over members met with each of students present and personally reviewed their resumes. The workshops were a great opportunity for PTS to help the college of engineering and to personally make an impact on students within the college.

Continuing on to other professional development activities two company meet-and-greet info sessions were also put on by PTS during the academic year. In the spring semester PTS members were joined by members of Alpha Pi Mu (Industrial Systems Engineering honor society) for a resume info session presented by GE Aviation. After this info session a PTS member was given an internship offer. Later in the semester Schlumberger hosted an info session where a graduating senior was given a full time offer.

Overall, the officers of the 2013-2014 school year feel as though we were able to begin to expand the roll of the society. We hope, that with the next set of officers the impact of PTS on the Virginia Tech community will only continue to grow.

C. Other

Dr. Scott Huxtable continues to serve PTS as our faculty advisor providing insight and advice to the officers of the society. The following officers led PTS during the 2012-2013 school year:

Jamie Cabaleiro, *President*
Ricardo Cruz, *Vice President*
Ian Shannon and Kevin Lefeave, *University Relations Chairs*
John Kutz, *Treasurer*
Jaewoo Park, *Events Chair*
Yohan Yazdi, *Webmaster*

The following officers will lead PTS during the 2013-2014 school year:

Jeremy Carpenter, *President*
Nathan Lauffenburger, *Vice President*
Tae Hoon Kim, *Treasurer*
Hardik Patel and Bruce Ayliff, *University Relations Chairs*
Matthew Markland, *Events Chair*
John Kutz, *Webmaster*