Pi Tau Sigma Annual Chapter Report
2012-2013
Northwestern University Pi Theta
Evanston, Illinois
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Initiation:
For fall initiation, our chapter selects:
- Students who are juniors this year who are in the upper 25% of their class
- Students who are seniors this year who are in the upper 35% of their class

In the spring initiation we select:
- Students who are juniors who are in the upper 33% of their class
- Students who are seniors who are in the upper 35% of their class

Fall initiation was held November 15th, 2012. Spring initiation was not held during this school year due to lack of response.

Activities:
- Department Fair
  - PTS represented the Mechanical Engineering department at the annual engineering department fair. Demonstrations featured a remote controlled helicopter, rapid prototyped and injection molded student projects, and a Formula SAE racecar.
- Peer Advising
  - PTS worked closely with the mechanical department to provide advice to underclassmen during a spring departmental advising event. PTS members collaborated with ME professors to discuss course offerings and to provide career guidance to undergraduate mechanical engineering students
- Wildcat Days Admission Tours
  - PTS supported the Mechanical Engineering department by providing tours and holding information sessions for prospective students visiting Northwestern.
- ME Advisory Board
  - Members of PTS were selected to sit in on an advisory board meeting to provide insight about the experience of mechanical engineering students and to comment on areas of improvement/strengths.

Other:

Goals for 2013:

Our goals for the year are to increase member involvement in departmental activities and raise awareness of opportunities within the Mechanical Engineering department. We also hope to generate partnerships with related engineering groups on campus in an effort to expand the network of students affected by PTS contributions.

New Initiates:

Paige Von Achen
Scott M. Schaper
Aliza O. Abraham
Charlotte Thayer
Stefan Hyde
Daniel McFarland
Nikhil Holay
Zach Rachlin
Keegan Dunn
Jeffrey Weltzer
Melanie Nehrkorn
August Domel
John Taseff
Jahan Alam
Jacob Buser
Mikolaj Tyksinski
Kevin Doherty
Andrew Welter
Andrew Grieseme

Transfer of Responsibilities

PTS officers are elected during the fall initiation ceremony. The major transfer of responsibilities occurs during the planning of spring quarter events. The newly installed officers take on this planning as their first task consulting with the previous officers, most of whom are about to graduate.

Plans for 2013-2014

Next year, the Pi Theta chapter plans to continue to promote departmental social and professional activities. The chapter will focus on providing consistent advising opportunities for underclassmen, in an effort to provide a relatable perspective for students. It will also focus on departmental relations in an effort to improve the experience of mechanical engineering students, and to improve the quality of the product provided both inside and outside of the classroom

Chapter Officers

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Treasurer: Scott Schaper
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