PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
2015-2016
Northwestern University Pi Theta

A. Initiations

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

Spring initiation was held on May 29th, 2016 with five new members attending the initiation. Fall initiation was held December 2nd, 2016 with eight new members. In both initiations, the President and Vice President of the Northwestern chapter read out the goals of the Pi Tau Sigma and the new initiates recited the pledge.

B. Chapter Activities

Weekly Peer Advising
PTS held weekly advising sessions for underclassmen to help them select classes and aid them in their coursework. PTS members collaborated with Tau Beta Pi to help students discuss course offerings and scheduling.

Field trip
We conducted initial planning for mechanical engineering based field trips to be held later this this year. The goal of the field trips is to bridge the gap between what the students learn in class and industry. We sent out interest forms to undergraduate students to determine which fields would be most interesting to them. Some companies we plan to visit and have contacts for include Kay Manufacturing, PepsiCo and BorgWarner Automative.

Finals snacks
The PTS officers gave out snacks as a stress relief technique to all the undergraduate students taking mechanical engineering final exams.

C. Other

Transfer of Responsibilities
PTS officers are elected during the fall initiation ceremony. The previous officers, most of whom are seniors, pass on any documents, meeting minutes and information related to Pi Tau Sigma to the new officers to ensure a smooth transition.

Plans for 2016-2017
Next year, the Pi Theta chapter plans to promote more professional activities as well as continuing the weekly peer advising for underclassmen. We aim to achieve this by:

- Conducting field trips to nearby engineering companies which focus on design, manufacturing and mechanical engineering.
- Continuing the weekly peer advising sessions with a focus on helping students with coursework and class selection.
- Holding panels or talks about internships and co-ops and helping students work on resumes and career fair practice.
- Organizing more social events to bring a sense a community to the mechanical engineering students.

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