Pi Tau Sigma Annual Chapter Report
2016-2017
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 December 2, 2017. Spring initiation was held on May 25, 2017.

Activities:

Peer Advising

PTS worked closely with the Mechanical Engineering department to host at least one peer advising session per week, starting October 19, 2016 and continuing through March 6, 2017. The advising sessions were open to all students in the Mechanical Engineering department as well as undecided students. Advisors discussed course plans for the Mechanical Engineering major, career plans, study habits, and wellness strategies with attendees.

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:

New Members

Fall 2016 Initiates:

Courtney	Cavanaugh
Harrison	Chen
Colton	Colwell
Patrick	Doyle
Stephanie	Gavell
Austin	Han
Rachel	Hughes
Benjamen	Lim
Andrew	Saloutos
Robert	Sanders
Blake	Strebel
Sarah	Venetianer
Emma	Wilgenbusch
Judah	Anolick
Richard	Beaumont
John v	McCartney
Bridget	Popovic
Jonathan	Sammon
Alexandra	Tabing

Spring 2017 Initiates:

Chiung-wei	Chen
Christina	Dornbusch
Suwei	Liu
Alec	Reinke
Spencer	Simon
Kristen	Stuzynski

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 2017-2018

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, both academic-wise and career-wise, in an effort to provide a relatable perspective for students. We also aim to increase member involvement in these activities.

In order to achieve these goals, exec plans to meet more often and organize more events, including the following:

- Peer advising as a more casual and intimate event in addition to current rising sophomore group advising
- A panel on grad school with professors and graduate students
- Internship/career workshop for upperclassmen to help underclassmen work on resumes, practice for career fairs, etc.
- The return of more social events (in the past we have had pizza lunches and a spring barbeque)
- Design competition(s) (i.e., water balloon catapults)
- PTS service activity

In addition, the chapter plans to maintain a Google drive folder to record meeting minutes and to pass on information to future officers (and to potentially make available to all current members).

Chapter Officers

President: Andrew SaLoutos
Vice President: Robert Sanders
Treasurer: Blake Strebel
Secretary: Courtney Cavanaugh

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