Northwestern Pi Theta

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
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Goals for 2008-2009

Our goals for the year were to increase member involvement in departmental activities, organize spirit-building activities for the Mechanical Engineering department, and stimulate freshman interest in Mechanical engineering.

Activities

The Pi Theta chapter organized pizza lunches and a spring barbecue for ME faculty members, students majoring in ME and students considering majoring in ME. Members also helped answer questions from freshmen about the ME department at the annual engineering school information fair.

Graduates

Scott Aikin – Northwestern University, MS-EDI
Jennfier Breger –Finding employment
David Evitt – Traveling
Eleftherlos Gdoutos – Caltech, PhD in ME
Nathan Henry -
Zhefeil Li – Finding employment
Victor Liu – Northwestern University, MS in ME
Andrew Long – Northwestern University, PhD in Robotics
Jens Notstad – Catechist for Church of the Redeemer
Jake Ramsley – Northwestern University, MS in ME
James Schuzle – Northwestern University, MS in ME
Cameron Scovil – Northwestern University, MS in ME
Mark Straccia - Volunteering
Matthew Turpin – Univeristy of Pennsylvania, PhD in ME
Alexander Wojcicki – Space Exploration Technologies
Jennifer Yong – Stanford University, PhD in ME

Awards & Recognition

Jennfier Breger – 2nd place in Frey Design Competition
Nathan Henry – 2nd place in Frey Design Competition
Zhefei Li – Segal Design Institute Service Award
Jens Notstad – Cum Laude
Mark Straccia - – 2nd place in Frey Design Competition
Matthew Turpin – ME Research and Innovation Award, 2nd place in Frey Design Competition

Names of New Members

Spring 2009 Pledges

Eric Bell
James Cooper
Joseph Drain
Heather Eisenman
Colby Hastings
Krystian Zimowski
Benjamin Kolodner
David Ufford

Transfer of Responsibilities

The major transfer of responsibilities occurs during the planning of the year-end picnic. The newly installed officers take on this planning as their first task, and as they work on this, they consult with the previous officers, most of whom are about to graduate. There is also discussion of responsibilities among new officers and the outgoing officers immediately after elections take place in spring.

Plans for 2009-2010

Next year, the Pi Theta chapter plans to continue to promote departmental social and professional activities. The chapter will continue to host quarterly pizza socials as well as other events such as a barbecue.

Additionally, we will likely work on creating a website to better promote our chapter of Pi Tau Sigma.

Chapter Officers

President James Schulze

Chapter Advisor

Dr. Mitra Hartmann (Current)
Dr. Kevin Lynch (2007-2008)

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