Pi Tau Sigma Annual Chapter
Report 2017-2018 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 on December 2, 2019. Spring initiation was held on May 26th, 2020. Each initiation is run through according to script, and each new member is sworn in.

Activities:

Peer Advising

Pi Theta normally hosts advising sessions 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. However, advising was cut short due to Coronavirus this year.

ME Advisory Board

Members of Pi Theta 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. Saw new Mechanical Engineering curriculum overhaul for incoming freshmen and sophomores.

Other:

New Members

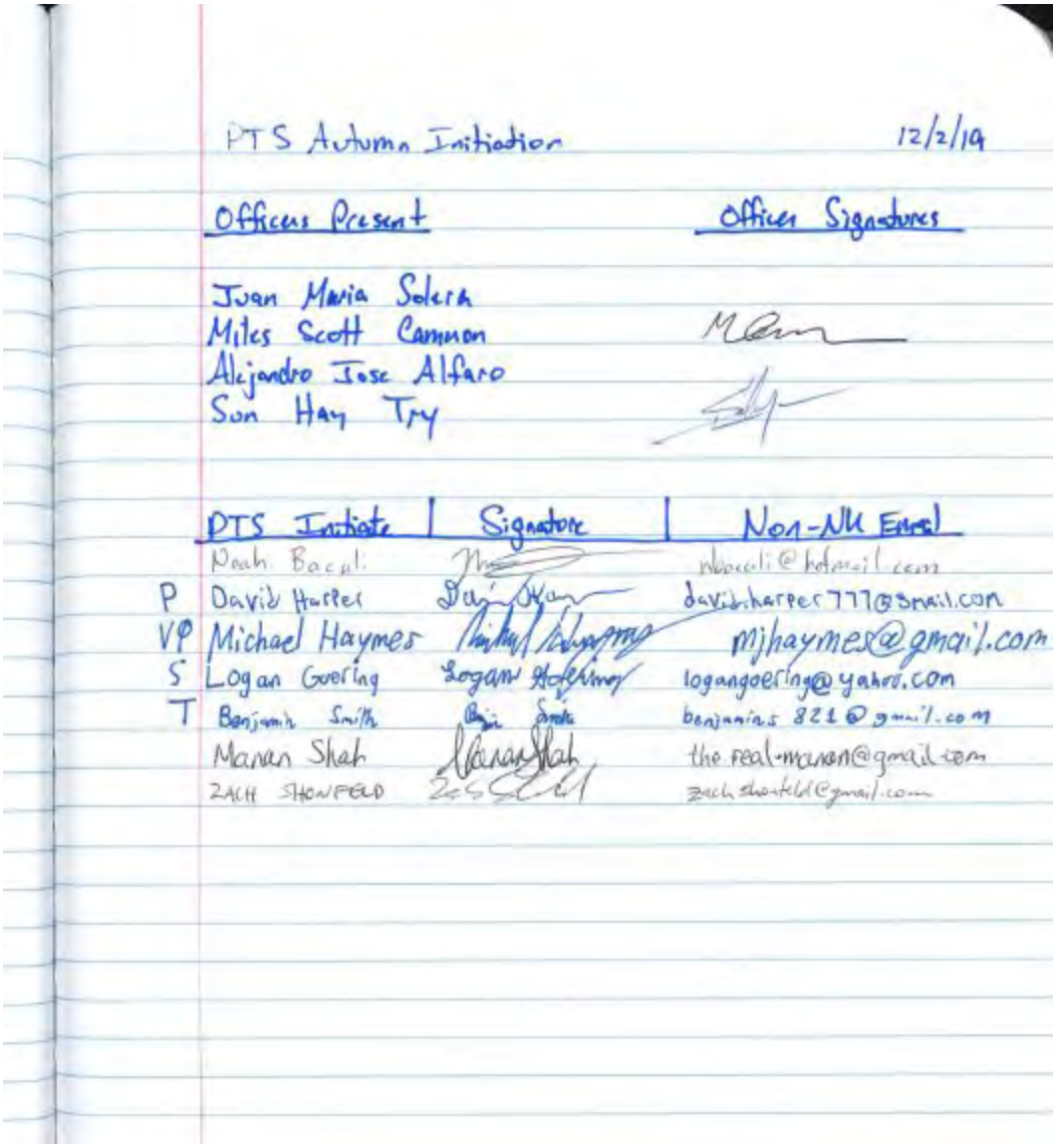
Fall 2019 Initiates:

David Harper

Michael Haymes

Benjamin Smith

Logan Goering



PTS Autumn Initiation 12/2/19

Officers Present	Officer Signatures
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Alejandro Jose Alfaro	
Son Hay Try	

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Spring 2020 Initiates:

Mackenzie Gray

Willa Ostroff

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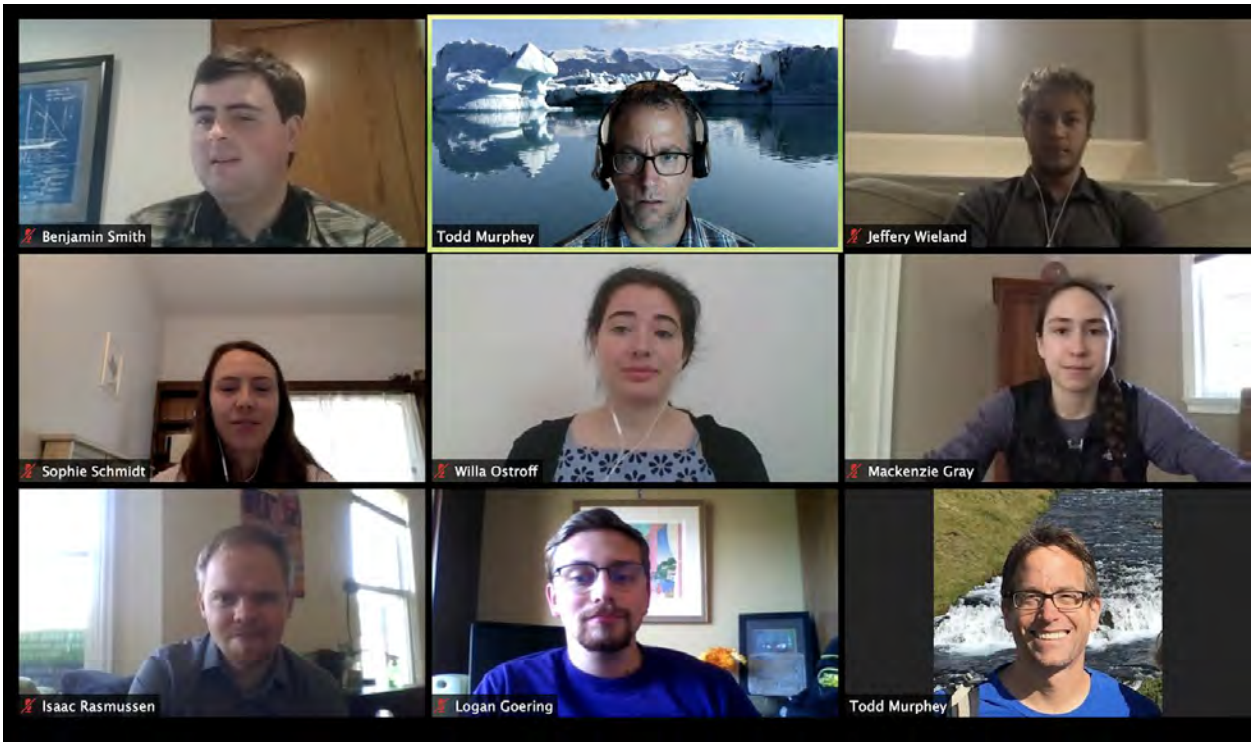
Sophia Schmidt

Jeffery Wieland



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 2020-2021

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:

- Internship/career workshop for upperclassmen to help underclassmen work on resumes, practice for career fairs, etc.
- Expansion of peer advising to events to allow freshmen/sophomores to socialize with upperclassmen and each other inside the Mechanical Engineering department
- Bringing in more people from different industries to give talks
- A panel on grad school with professors and graduate students
- PTS service activity

Chapter Officers

President: David Harper

Vice President: Michael Haymes

Treasurer: Benjamin Smith

Secretary: Logan Goering

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