Clarkson Tau Gamma

Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY
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Goals for 2008-2009

A main goal this past year was to increase member participation. To accomplish this, the chapter sponsored more activities, kept members better informed, and encouraged them to participate in all decisions. Another goal was to increase the respect of initiatives during initiation. This was accomplished by laying out rules, instructions, and other information early and clearly.

For example, a points system was developed where points were given to members for coming to meetings and participation in other events. Members had to accumulate a prescribed number of points to attend the sponsored dinners.

Activities

During the past academic year we have participated in professional development events, peer tutoring, K-12 development, fundraising for charity organizations, and community service.

The professional development events included a speaker discussing his success in the business world after graduating from Clarkson University. Another professional speaker gave us a presentation on how to read body language and how to be successful during an interview and networking events.

We provided help sessions to freshmen preparing for the ABC math exams during the academic year. These are University exams given to all freshmen students, outside of regular class exams, to test basic math skills.

In coordination with other honor societies on campus we helped organize over eight activates for children in middle school and high school during our school's pi day event. Our society built an air cannon to demonstrate projectile motion and show physics at work by predicting where a projectile will land with known variables.

During initiation we require two hours of community service for new members. In both semesters, we raised money by collecting cans from students on campus. The first semester the cans went to a local church for the homeless to receive thanksgiving baskets. The next semester the cans were given to the Potsdam Human Society.

In addition to collecting cans some of the initiatives helped clean up trails in our college's woodland area. We also worked with a social fraternity to run a blood drive.

To raise funds for local chapter activities, we conducted two fifty-fifty raffles, one each semester. We had two dinners for members and guests and had regular meetings once every two weeks. These helped member feel they were part of an active organization.

Graduates

Wade Bartlett - Portsmouth Naval Shipyard - Kittery, ME
Andrew Colletti – GE Energy, Edison Engineering Development Program – Greenville, SC
Michael Rockefeller - Portsmouth Naval Shipyard - Kittery, ME
Ryan King – Portsmouth Naval Shipyard - Kittery, ME - Main Propulsion
Justin Bush - Portsmouth Naval Shipyard - Kittery, ME
Erik Zito – Lockheed Martin
Andrew MacDougall – Lockheed Martin
Karen Streeter – GE Healthcare
Kayla Kuzmich – Graduate School at Clarkson University for Mechanical Engineering
Adam Green - Graduate School at Clarkson University for Mechanical Engineering
Kristin Fraczek – Graduate School at Duke University – Engineering Management
Joseph Cipollina – Graduate School at Binghamton University for Electrical Engineering
Markthomas Cutone – Graduate School at The University of Tennessee for Mechanical Engineering
James Snover – Plans unknown
Steven Hollis – Plans unknown
Vanora O'Loughlin – Plans unknown
Robert Lichtenthal – Plans unknown

Awards & Recognition

No awards or recognitions were given during this academic year.

Names of New Members

Fall 2008 Pledges

Adam Sobenko	Anthony Gorrell
Benjamin Sittner	Christopher Knox
Daniel Halbig	Jason Flint
Justin Bush	Nicole Corbiere

Spring 2009 Pledges

Brendan Leach	Michael Moeller
Matthew Mastro	Gabrielle String

Transfer of Responsibilities

A lot of the documents we use have traditionally been copied over and over again from older versions. This past year many of these were scanned to produce electronic versions and some were also retyped. These will help with organization and preventing loss of information. Three disks will be burned and given to our advisor, our department secretary, and one placed in our file cabinet housed in our Department mail room.

We had one of the new fall initiates from the junior class participate in officer responsibilities this year to allow for smooth transfer of responsibilities to next year's officers. Below are the new officers for the academic year of 2009-2010:

President	Daniel Halbig
Vice President	Anthony Gorrell
Treasurer	Adam Sobenko
Secretary	Nicole Corbiere
Initiation Chair	Benjamin Sittner
Activities Chair	Michael Moeller
Webmaster	Brendan Leach

Plans for 2009-2010

The plan for the next academic year is to continue with the initiatives started this year to keep participation high. The plan is to host more activities that could be campus wide to increase outreach.

Chapter Officers

President	Joseph Cipollina
Vice President	Markthomas Cutone
Treasurer	Erik Zito
Secretary	Wade Bartlett/Nicole Corbiere
Initiation Chair	Benjamin Sittner
Activities Chair	Andrew MacDougall
Webmaster	Karen Streeter

Chapter Advisor

Dr. Kenneth Willmert

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