Clarkson University Tau Gamma Chapter End-of-Year Report

This year, Clarkson University Tau Gamma Chapter was able to hold 2 successful inductions. In the Fall, 7 new members were inducted, while 8 new members were inducted in the Spring. Following the spring induction ceremony, 19 Pi Tau Sigma attended the annual dinner. At this dinner, Dr. Byron Erath was awarded the Mechanical Engineering Professor of the year award, which is voted on by the Clarkson University Tau Gamma Executive Board. Dr. Erath is one of the universities Heat Transfer professors, and helped make a very difficult course easier by offering as much help as students needed. Dr. Erath spoke about an essay he recently read, which describes the author's key criteria to success after graduation. At this dinner was also a guest speaker from outside of the Mechanical Engineering Department. Dr. Selma Mededovic Thagard discussed her backstory of how she became a professor at Clarkson University, after moving full time from Croatia. Dr. Mededovic went into detail about the sacrifices she had to make in order to better her future.

During the Spring semester, Pi Tau Sigma has worked closely with the other engineering honor societies around campus. Pi Tau Sigma worked directly with the president of Tau Beta Pi to help organize a trivia night. Members of each respective honor society were invited, as well as any prospective members. Those who were invited were also encouraged to spread the word to other engineering students who are not yet eligible for Pi Tau Sigma or other honor societies as a way to gain information about the honor societies. Trivia teams were composed of members of various honor societies, introducing members of different honor societies to each other.

3 of the current members of the Pi Tau Sigma will be graduating come the end of this semester. Following the Spring induction ceremony, new members were elected:

President - Christopher Rust

Vice-President - Christopher Nicolella

Treasurer - Fall 2019 - Kimberly Konar

Treasurer - Spring 2020 - Elise Paquette

Secretary - Austin Lanning

Activities Chair - Rachael Meacham

Christopher Rust and Christopher Nicolella served on the executive board the previous 2 semesters as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. They decided to take a more active role in Pi Tau Sigma for the upcoming 2 semesters, since they have the experience and have great ideas on how to better the society. Kimberly Konar and Elise Paquette will each serve 1 semester as treasurer due to Co-Ops with companies.