PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
Academic Year of 2009-2010
Rutgers Tau Iota Chapter

Initiations

Selection:

A month into each semester a list is generated of the top 25% of Juniors and the top 33% of Seniors. These are the only members of the school who are eligible for membership. From this point an email is sent to these individuals making them aware of their candidacy for joining Pi Tau Sigma. After they are all invited to a "Meet and Greet" ceremony where the prospective new initiates and the current members intermingle and get the opportunity to talk about the society and what we can do for each other. Also at the Meet and Greet a short presentation is given by the Executive Board about what the society stands for, how we can help them, how we can help the community etc… Students must go to this meeting to be seriously considered for membership, if not a student must fill out a conflict form stating why they cannot make the meeting. After a series of conversations with students and executive board, a meeting is held to see who best embodies the qualifications of Leadership, Service, and Integrity. Those students are them chosen to be members of Pi Tau Sigma.

Requirements:

All interested members must do the following:

- Be in the top 25% of their engineering class
- Attend the "Meet and Greet"
- Supply a resume to the society president
- Respond to emails about society events
- Partake in a short initiation ceremony
- Pay a $35 initiation fee

Initiation Ceremony:

As previously stated all prospective initiates interested in obtaining full membership must partake in an initiation ceremony. During the ceremony the initiates are lead into a room where they sit in a presentation style seating. The current executive board are the only current members who may attend the initiation. Than the President and Vice President will read the Pi Tau Sigma pledge to the initiates. The initiates will then be ask a series of questions about following the Pi Tau Sigma code, pledge, and way of life in which they must answer "I (There Name) do swear" in order to be members. After everyone has answered the President than confers full membership upon this initiatives and food and beverages are served.

Initiation Information:

In this Academic Year (2009-2010) Full membership was conferred upon 34 students. Two separate initiations were held one on December 9th, 2009 for the fall semester and another on April 29th, 2010 for the spring semester. This year 26 members were inducted in the fall and 8 were inducted in the spring.

Initiation December 9th, 2009 (26 new members)

2009-2010 Officers

President- Jonathan Oliva
External VP- Brian Cohen
Internal VP- David Meck
Treasurer- Louis Nicastro
Secretary- Maynard Ignacio
EGC Representative- Alaina Renz

Fall Initiates

Jonathan Oliva	Christopher Brenci	Edward Almaria
Brian Cohen	Theodore Midura	Rachel Beckett
David Meck	Ike Sowden	Daisy Fung
Louis Nicastro	Jared Edens	Stephen Indyk
Maynard Ignacio	Sakib Hossain	Sayyeda Ahmed
Alaina Renz	Daniel Hengst	Akbar Choudhry
Michael Pavlou	Chris Kemp	Arjun Wadnerkar
Joseph Lakawicz	James Winka	Austin Capone
John Foster	Mark Salacinski	

Spring Initiates

John Rophael	Jonathan Kastner	Matt Mauro
Rouzbeh Deneshavari	Louis Bruno	Stephen Pellegri
Chia-Hsun Tsai	Nicholas Battaglia	

Elections

Elections are held at the last general meeting of each semester. Prior to that the general members are made aware of the vacancies. At the last meeting, each position is elected in the order listed in these Bylaws. Nominations are taken, candidates receive 30 seconds to speak and then they are asked to leave the room. Active members, except for the President and Vice-President are allowed to speak on the candidate's behalf before the vote is taken of the active members. By count of the President and Vice-President, the candidate who receives the most of the active members votes wins the position. Only one member may be elected to each office. We feel that the new officers for the 2010-2011 academic year will continue an increasingly strong Pi Tau Sigma tradition at Rutgers.

2010-2011 Officers
President- Louis Nicastro
External VP- Daniel Hengst
Internal VP- Alaina Renz
Treasurer- Joe Lakawicz
Secretary- (Will be assigned to an incoming Jr)
EGC Representative- Edward Almaria

Chapter Activities

Meetings:

Rutgers Tau Iota Chapter has a lot of activities for all of its members as well as the students and faculty of the Mechanical Engineering department. Biweekly meetings were conducted over the course of the school year in order to keep good communication between the officers and its members. Also many different events were held to benefit not only the members of the society but of the engineering community as a whole. In these meetings important business is discussed from how the society will vote at Engineering Council meetings to what the next event will be. The president outlines the meetings agenda and than directs the meeting from there on out. Meetings were held in the Mechanical Engineering study lounge.

Events:

Below are a few of the most important events that we have held in the past academic year. We have made great strides to bring Pi Tau Sigma back as a functional society here at Rutgers.

Event Title	Business Skills Workshop	Date	2/9/10		
Location	Busch Campus Center	Attendees:	PTS Members Only		
Description & Relevance	Hold a workshop to implement public speaking strategies, resume writing, and interview skills to engineers to improve their expression of ideas and allow them to communicate freely. This event was held in conjunction with Rutgers Career Services department.				

Event Title	Student Advising Night	Date	3/2/10		
Location	Busch Campus Center	Attendees:	Engineering Undergrad		
Description & Relevance	Hold a meeting where fellow younger classmates can come speak about difficulties they have with choosing classes and classes they should take to excel. Students will also have the freedom to ask about any types of help they may need				

	with their classes such as; signing up for Sr. Design, knowing which electives to take, and how to get through harder classes. This event is run with other departmental honors societies.

Event Title	"Meet and Greet"	Date	3/23/09		
Location	Busch Student Center	Attendees:	Prospective Initiates		
Description & Relevance	Interview prospective new PTS members and present the society to those eligible members to give them a better understanding of what an Honors Society does. This way the members themselves can strengthen the ideals that PTS stands for and convey that knowledge to the new initiates. Please see Section one for greater detail about the Meet and Greet.				

Event Title	Initiation of New Members	Date	4/6/10		
Location	Busch Student Center	Attendees:	E-board and New Members		
Description & Relevance	Initiate the new members into the society. The description of the Initiation is also listed in Section one.				

Event Title	Job/Internship Info Session	Date	2/23/10		
Location	Busch Campus Center	Attendees:	PTS Members only		
Description & Relevance	We had a recruiter from Schlumberger come in and talk to interested students about possible jobs and internships as well as what a career with there company entitles. Was a great way to make contacts and have students further their understanding of job searching and industry positions.				

Event Title	Financial Planning Seminar	Date	4/23/10		
Location	Engineering Building	Attendees:	PTS and AICHE Members		
Description & Relevance	We had representatives of Diamond State Financial Group come and give a talk to graduating seniors about money market accounts, stock markets, loans, CD's etc… This proved to be very beneficial to our members seeing that there is no college course in the Engineering curriculum that outlines personal real life situations this. We hosted the seminar with AICHE and provided food for the attendees.				

Banquets:

Instead of a Banquet we have a Student-Faculty barbeque for lunch. This gives the students the ability to mingle with the faculty and raises awareness of the program at Rutgers. This gives students a valuable connection with the faculty and it is there time to show who they are and why they have the tools to do research, work on projects, and assist teachers in class preparation.

Other

It is important to note in this chapter report that this is the first time in 4 years that the Rutgers Tau Iota Chapter has inducted new members and the first time a Chapter report has been submitted since the 1998-1999 academic year. Bringing Pi Tau Sigma back to Rutgers has been a hard yet very rewarding task. In order to reform the society we had to meet with not only the

faculty advisor but also the Dean of Engineering, Graduate Students, The Engineering Governing Council, and Accounting personnel. They felt that as a group we could make a contribution to the University and we have done our best to show that they made a great decision. We have not only raised money this year for the University itself but have helped raise money for our society as well as the college of engineering.

In the 2009-2010 school year we have adopted a new set of more stringent bylaws that initiates must follow as well increased the amount of events and opportunities the initiates have. Our executive board is dedicated to bringing the ways of Pi Tau Sigma back to Rutgers University and has numerous plans for this upcoming school year. We are pleased with the progress of the society in the past year. We obtained recognition from not only Rutgers School of Engineering as an approved society but also from the entire Rutgers community. With many combined events we were able to raise awareness of the society and increase our membership. We look forward to continuing a rich Pi Tau Sigma tradition at Rutgers and look forward to the year ahead.