PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2018 - 2019

Northeastern University Tau Kappa

A. Initiations

One initiation session was conducted on April 4, 2019. First, an Information Session was held to provide qualifying candidates with background information about PTS, activities members could expect to participate in, and the benefits of joining. At the Initiation Ceremony, and upon their arrival, we had each new initiate sign into a Google form that collected their name, school email and personal email. They were then prompted to make their one-time initiation payment which was collected by our Treasurer. After an informative presentation about PTS from the executive board, our advisor, Professor Taslim, spoke for a few minutes about his expectations for the members and the prestige of being initiated into the chapter. We then sent all of the initiates out of the room, we turned the lights off, lit some candles, and had the bent and crest displayed on the screen from the projector. The initiates were then brought back in with their heads down, eyes closed and their right hands on the shoulder of the person in front of them. After reentering, the initiates were seated and the ritual was read. To wrap the event up, each new member was prompted to sign the Initiation Book and elections were held for all positions other than President. We then offered a Qdoba catered meal and invited the new members to eat and talk with their peers.

The minimum eligibility requirements to attend initiation are to be within the top 25% of middler, junior, and senior classes. 16 new members were initiated this spring.

B. Chapter Activities

Fall

In collaboration with Northeastern's ASME chapter, a number of our members participated in Addditive, a student run club aimed at educating middle schoolers on engineering and 3D printing. Additionally, our resources developed in past years were used to put on FEA and soldering workshops. These have become a yearly staple event that we hope to continue in the future.

Spring

This Spring was host to numerous community service events through X-Cel, Fenway High School academic mentoring and others. Many existing and all new members participated in giving back to the community through STEM education opportunities.

Initiation was successful this Spring. Due to a large number of underclassmen having joined in the previous year, this initiation of 16 new members was smaller year-over-year. Elections were held after initiation and the eboard was filled by new members for all positions other than the president.

As per tradition, the Mechanical Engineering Professor of the Year contest was held to commemorate a professor who made a positive impact on students. The student body voted for Professor Mehdi Abedi once again.

Graduating seniors in the chapter were given the option to purchase stoles and cords to show Pi Tau Sigma pride at the graduation ceremony a couple weeks later and many of them were seen sporting their attire at commencement.

We said goodbye to the majority of our eboard at graduation, with our new president, Jacob Dennis, taking the reins for next year.