***FULL ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT***

2019-2020
Missouri Tau Lambda

A. Initiations
The chapter inducted five new members for the fall semester on December 3rd, 2019. There was no induction during the spring semester due to COVID-19. Similar to previous semesters, the selection process consisted of narrowing down the list of eligible candidates to only those students in the Mechanical Engineering department who had completed a minimum of 60 credit hours, had above a 3.5 GPA, and were not already part of our society.

Initiates were required to pass two exams covering information about the society and chapter. They were also required to construct a plaque of high quality and complete a minimum of four service hours, one of which had to directly help the Mechanical Engineering department. Those who completed the requirements were invited to the initiation ceremony. The ceremony consisted of a formal dinner, followed by readings of the rituals by the President and Vice President. Afterwards, the initiates went through a blindfolded trust walk through and around the building. They then signed their names in the Roll Book, and elections for new officers for the spring semester concluded the ceremony.

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B. Chapter Activities

The meetings for the fall semester were held every other week and oftentimes had a guest speaker, who was usually a professor or an industry professional. As we had done in our past

spring semester, we invited the ASME Society to attend when recruiters from Marathon Petroleum Company and an engineer from Hunter Engineering Company visited in order to get a larger audience.

Pledges had various volunteer opportunities to help out in the department. These included helping with setting up tables and serving guests at our senior design presentations, serving guests at our new student orientations, setting up decorations inside and outside the building, and a few other similar activities. One of the activities specifically tied to our organization involved updating a key display in the building that has names of our executives as well as our newest pledge class.

There were two new activities the chapter participated in this fall that we had never done before. The first activity was Minerama, which is an event that many different organizations on our campus attend at the beginning of the fall semester in order to spread awareness of their group and give prospective members an opportunity to ask questions. We set up a booth and overall had a fair amount of success in reaching out to young students. As expected, the main challenge for our society was that we could not simply send out emails and invite interested students to join since they have to meet several requirements first. Nevertheless, the event helped many younger mechanical engineering students gain awareness about the society, and these students may very well be enthusiastic to join when they are eligible in the future.

The second event that we participated in for the first time was Miner Mingle. This was a unique event that had not been held before in our school's history. It took place the day before career fair. In this networking event, students set up tables to represent their organization, and employers had the opportunity to approach them to learn more. This greatly benefited our members by giving them the opportunity to make connections with employers and show them that they are amongst the brightest, most honorable students in the department as they are part of such a prestigious organization with such high ideals.