Maryland Tau Mu

University of Maryland, College Park, MD
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Goals for 2008-2009

The goals of the Tau Mu chapter for the 2008-2009 school year were to increase Pi Tau Sigma involvement in campus and community activities. The chapter also plans to increase membership rates and promote the professional development of all members. The chapter also wanted to complete tasks in order to become on good standings with the National Chapter.

Activities

In the fall semester, the Tau Mu chapter was involved in many community service activities. The chapter worked with Habitat for Humanity, an organization that works to improve the lives of people in poverty. The members helped fix up houses in a low income community. This event took place in both the Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 semesters.

In the spring semester, The Tau Mu chapter attended the National Convention at University of Michigan. This event helped inspire ideas to improve the Tau Mu chapter and gave insite on ways to become more involved on campus.

The chapter hosted an informession session with a corporate speaker. The event focus was "You're Hired, What's Next?" This was an opportunity for students to talk with the vice president of a company to get a better insite on what life will be like in the work field.

The Tau Mu chapter teamed up with one the Mechanical Engineering undergradate advisors to host a Mechanical Engineering BBQ. This event was a great success and allowed fellow student to network with professors and faculty outside of the classroom. The food, accompanied by field games and sports such as frisby, flag football, and softball allowed students to build new relations with their professors.

The Tau Mu chapter worked along side the local ASME chapter to participate in the Maryland Day design challenge. Maryland Day is an event held by the University of Maryland that showcases the different majors throughout the campus. Maryland Day has a themed competition between the engineering organizations in which each organization design something using the skills of their field specifically. The final designs are judged and a winner is chosen. This year's theme was Green. The Tau Mu chapter and ASME designed many examples of green technology. One device was a human powered blender. The team used an old bicylcle and attached a blender such that when peddeling, the back wheel turned the blender. The children at the event were able to blend their own milkshakes. Another example of green energy was shown by powering an RV car using a solar panel. The final example was amplified lighting created by placing bleach and water into a two liter bottle and securing it in the roof of a hut. The light is refracted through the bottle and the bleach mixture and is amplified to the intensity about equal to a 40Watt light bulb. The chapter has plans to compete again next year.

The chapter participated in the Relay for Life event held on campus. This is an American Cancer Society event which raises money for cancer research and to help cancer patients who cannot afford their treatment. The Pi Tau Sigma, Tau Mu chapter team raised $300 which was donated to the American Cancer Society.

Graduates

Andrew Bratten –Plans Unknown
Joshua Berndt – Plans Unknown
Gabriel Nathan Cahn – Northrup Grumman, Baltimore, MD
Charlie Choe – ExxonMobil, Fairfax, VA
Anthony Alfred Costanzo – ExxonMobil, Houston, TX
Frederick deGrano – Plans Unknown
Brad Eisenberg – Plans Unknown
Mahdi Eydgahi – Plans Unknown
Nathan Dylan Goldfus – Plans Unknown
Courtney Laigle – NAVAIR, Patuxent River, MD
Mary Larson – Graduate Program at University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Anita Maghdouri Moghaddam – Plans Unknown
Alex McCoy – Plans Unknown
Brian McGraw – Plans Unknown
Horacio Nochetto - Graduate Program at University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Kyle North – Plans Unknown
Marissa Lynne Pribyl – Plans Unknown
Michael Siemann – Graduate Program at University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Kyle Smith – Graduate Program at University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Jessica Rajkowski – Plans Unknown
Jean-Pierre Rock – Plans Unknown
Scott Yamada – Plans Unknown
Tiffany Yang – Plans Unknown
Elias Zeilah – Graduate Program at University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Awards & Recognition

Dr. Santiago Solares – Fall 2008 Faculty/Staff Appreciation Award. This award is presented to a faculty member who has excellent dedication and contributions to teaching to undergraduate students.

Greg Teitelbaum – Fall 2008 Teaching Assistant Appreciation Award. This award is presented to a teaching assistant who has excellent dedication and contributions to teaching undergraduate students.

Tom Beigel – Spring 2009 Faculty/Staff Appreciation Award. This award is presented to a faculty member who has excellent dedication and contributions to teaching to undergraduate students.

Thierry Some – Spring 2009 Teaching Assistant Appreciation Award. This award is presented to a teaching assistant who has excellent dedication and contributions to teaching undergraduate students.

Dr. Amr Baz – Purple Camshaft Award. The Purple Camshaft is awarded annually to a professor who offers a challenging course from which students can benefit from.

Charlie Choe – Pi Tau Sigma Memorial Award is presented to the senior Mechanical Engineering student who has made the most outstanding contributions to the University.

Courtney Laigle – Pi Tau Sigma Outstanding Service Award is presented to the members for outstanding service and contributions to the student chapter.

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Names of New Members

Fall 2008 Pledges

Brian Russ	Dibesh Shrestha
Joshua Davis	Justin Pearse
Nicholas Redding	Gary Wu
Anita Maghdouri	

Spring 2009 Pledges

David Eng	Chris Kim
Anne Lederer	Brian McGraw
Aviva Molotsky	Michael Neuberger
Rameen Taeb	Jeffery Williams
Rabee Zuberi	

Transfer of Responsibilities

The transfer of responsibilities occurred at the end of the spring semester shortly after the spring induction. The role of each executive board member was discussed between the outgoing and incoming officers. Plans that the old executive members wished to continue, such as Habitat for Humanity and Relay for Life, were continued by the new executive board.

Plans for 2009-2010

The Tau Mu chapter plans to continue working towards the growth and development of the chapter and its members during the 2009-2010 academic year. The chapter plans to continue increasing involvement in campus activities. The chapter hopes to continue with the plan to of tutoring or offering help to undergraduate students especially freshman and sophomores who are struggling with their classes. The chapter also plans to continue to improve membership rates.

The chapter would like to work on building more relationships engineering corporations so that companies could hold information sessions to allow Tau Mu members a chance to talk to and network with potential employers.

The chapter plans to attend the National Convention with hopes that there will be enough funding for more members to be able to come and partake in the experience.

Chapter Officers

President	Justin Pearse
Vice President	Josh Davis
Junior VP	Anne Lederer
Treasurer	Aviva Molotsky
Secretary	Chris Kim
Social Chair	Mike Neuberger
Fundraising Chair	David Eng
Events Chair	Frank Robinson
Corporate Liason	Rameen Taeb
Service Chair	Nick Redding
Tutoring Chair	Rabee Zuberi
ESC Council Members	Gary Wu, Dibesh S

Chapter Advisor

Dr. Peter Sandborn

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Reporter

Courtney Laigle