Maryland Tau Mu

University of Maryland, College Park, MD
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Goals for 2007-2008

The goals of the Tau Mu chapter for the 2007-2008 school year are 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.

Activities

In the fall semester, the Tau Mu chapter was involved in many community service activities. The chapter worked with the many other organizations to plant trees by a local watershed in order to help reduce erosion. The chapter also worked with Habitat for Humanity, and 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.

The chapter held movie night with the local ASME chapter. This event allowed for fellow engineers and friends to take a break from their school work and relax while watching newly released movies.

In the spring semester, The Tau Mu chapter attended the National Convention at Purdue University.

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 years theme was Mythbusters. The Tau Mu chapter and ASME designed an apparatus to demonstrate how a granular substance acts almost as a liquid when air is blown through it and as a solid when the air is not being blown. Our design did not prevail, but 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

Kevin Brilhart – Accenture, Reston, VA
Benjamin Bacon – Plans uknown
Christopher Barrow – Plans unknown
Fred Dimpfel – Plans unkown
Andy Eisold – Plans unknown
Eli Goldstein – Plans unknown
Aleksandr Gorbashev – Plans unknown
Elizabeth Henningsgaard – Plans unknown
Joseph Kelleher – Plans unknown
Rachel Kerzner – Plans unknown
Mai Le – Pursing Master Degree at Stanford
Alba Mateo – Flowserve, Taneytown, MD
David Morse – Plans unknown
Mohamed Nefatni – Plans unknown
Colin O'Haver – Plans unknown
Bredned O'Leary – Plan unknown
Cory Oppenheimer – Manganaro Midatlantic
Vasanthi Raghavan – Where he/she is going
Matthew Sammons – ATK Sapace Systems
Nicholas Scialli - Plans unknown
Catie Wienke – Pursuing Master Degree at Layola Maryland
Carol Wong – Hughes Associates, Baltimore, MD

Awards & Recognition

Dr. Hugh Bruck – Fall 20007 Faculty/Staff Appreciation Award. This award is presented to a faculty member who has excellent dedication and contributions to teaching to undergraduate students.

Phil Knowls – Fall 2007 Teaching Assistant Appreciation Award. This award is presented to a teaching assistant who has excellent dedication and contributions to teaching undergraduate students.

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

Nikolas Beratlis – Spring 2008 Teaching Assistant Appreciation Award. This award is presented to a teaching assistant who has excellent dedication and contributions to teaching undergraduate students.

Tien Mo Shih – Purple Camshaft Award. The Purple Camshaft is awarded annually to a professor who offers a challenging course from which students can benefit from.

Names of New Members

Fall 2007 Pledges

Chris Barrow	Josh Berndt
Andrew Bratten	Chris Colvin
Fred Dimpfel	Andy Eisold
Courtney Laigle	Jackelyn Lopez

Kevin Marchese	Horacio Nachetto
Kyle North	Cory Openheimer
Jessica Rajkowski	Andrew Roshwalb
Elias Zeilah	Bizhan Zhumagali

Spring 2008 Pledges

Chris Caruso	Charlie Choe
Mahdi Eydgahi	Paul Hadfield
Andrew Lisiewski	Dinesh Mahadeo
Alex McCoy	Colin O'Haver
Jake Osman	Peter Phelps
Michael Siemann	Ryan Tarleton

Transfer of Responsibilities

The transfer of responsibilities occurred at eh 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 2008-2009

The Tau Mu chapter plans to continue working towards the growth and development of the chapter and its members during the 2008-2009 academic year. The chapter plans to continue increasing involvement in campus activities. The chapter hopes to develop a plan for 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	Kevin Brilhart
Vice President	Catie Wienke
Treasurer	Carol Wong
Secretary	Elizabeth Henningsgaard
Social Chair	Ben Bacon
Fundraising Chair	Allen Jones
Events Chair	Mai Le

Chapter Advisor

Dr. Jungho Kim

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Reporter

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