PI TAU SIGMA CHAPTER SUMMARY
2017-2018
Louisiana Tech Tau Xi

We had two initiations this school year. The fall initiation was on October 30, 2017 and 13 people were initiated. The spring initiation was on April 26, 2018, and 3 were initiated.

This year, the Tau Xi chapter of Pi Tau Sigma volunteered at the Engineering and Science Day at Louisiana Tech University. At the event, campus organizations were responsible for manning stations around campus. Groups of visiting high schoolers visited stations and each organization presented on a topic or supervised an activity related to engineering and/or science. Our chapter's activity was a take on designing and building structures as tall as possible in a limited time span. Groups of about 4 students were given toothpicks, coffee stirrers, and various sizes of marshmallows as materials, and had 8 minutes to construct a tower. After the time ran out, one of our officers measured the heights of the towers, and the winning group received certificates of excellence. The last time segment of our station was spent relating the properties of the materials and towers to structural analysis and materials selection. At the end, our officers took questions from the group about mechanical engineering.

On March 16th, 2018, Louisiana Tech University's Tau Xi chapter of Pi Tau Sigma hosted the First Annual "Pi Tau Sigma Bowling Night." The event was the first function put on by the new officers as a member fellowship event. Bowling Night was hosted at the Lambright Center on Louisiana Tech's campus. The event was a fun night of bowling, pizza, and comradery among the members of the Tau Xi chapter!

This past year, Louisiana Tech University's Tau Xi chapter of Pi Tau Sigma sold Mechanical Engineering fleece jackets as a fundraiser for our chapter. These gray jackets were perfect for the winter weather and featured the La Tech emblem with Mechanical Engineering stitched below. This fundraiser was a huge success! Jackets were sold for $35 each. These jackets were extremely popular, and they were a great way for students to represent the College of Engineering and Science and, particularly, Mechanical Engineering!

President Austin Dugas and former president Haley Dishman coordinated with the Communications Coordinator of the College of Engineering and Science to publish an article about the Tau Xi chapter. We recognized the newest initiates of Pi Tau Sigma and broadcasted the events we put on throughout the year as well as the involvement we have on campus through community service and exemplary student recognition.

http://news.latech.edu/2018/04/27/louisiana-tech-chapter-of-pi-tau-sigma-inducts-new-members/