2019-2020
Arkansas Tau Upsilon

A. Initiations

The initiation procedure is quite straightforward, most of the work is done by the chapter advisor. After the tenth day of school the advisor makes a request to the academic office and creates a list of eligible mechanical engineering students. Once the list of eligible students has been created the advisor sends the list to the president. The president then calls a meeting and Tau Upsilon officers and members alike go through the list of the eligible candidates. After that list has been solidified, it is sent back to the advisor who sends out an email to the eligible students.

The officers then meet and plan events for the semester. Once the events for the semester have been planned a smoker is held to introduce Pi Tau Sigma to the eligible candidates. At the meeting the candidates are informed of the requirements for induction. To be initiated candidates must attend three events, one social event, one service event and another event of their choice. They must also polish their key and varnish the plaque.

The initiation ceremony and the registration were performed according to the process detailed out under the "CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' MUST READ NEWS, CONCERNING REGISTRATION MATTERS" on the pitausigma.org website.

In the fall the Arkansas Tau Upsilon chapter of Pi Tau Sigma was happy to complete these normal operations and induct a total of 10 initiates on the 3rd of December. They can all be seen in the picture below.

The spring required a completely different approach. The selection process remained the same competitive process as always, but the majority of the events had to be canceled due to the moving of school to online. The organization was able to hold one meet and greet event before the university closed and then all efforts were moved online. The requirements for event attendance and key and plaque preparations were dropped to accommodate our initiates moving off site.

The initiation for the spring was held over Webx a Cisco streaming service provided by our university. This initiation was held to the same standard as any other except for the introduction of the Pi Tau Sigma handshake and physical signing of the roll book.

Despite the challenges the Arkansas Tau Upsilon chapter of Pi Tau Sigma was able to introduce 6 initiates on the 24th of April. They can be seen in the picture below.

B. Chapter Activities
    a. Fall Semester
        i. Social Events
            1. Brewery Tour at JJ's Beer Garden
            2. Board Signing Party
        ii. Service Events
            1. Lake Fayetteville Cleanup with University of Arkansas Volunteer Action Center
            2. Fayetteville Action Center
        iii. Meetings
            1. There were two meetings with the entire club, one to determine the eligible candidates, and the second to sign the boards of the new members.
        iv. Banquetes
            1. A banquet was held after each initiation ceremony. These Banquetes were held at Power House for both semesters.
    b. Spring Semester
        i. Social Events
            1. Social Introduction
        ii. Service Events