Notre Dame Sigma Beta

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Goals for 2008-2009

The goals of the chapter for 2008-2009 were to continue to attempt to establish good standing at the national level. With the funding issue resolved from having a concession stand this past year and plans for another concession stand, the chapter plans to send members to the national conference.

The chapter also plans to increase involvement in campus activities. We plan to continue hosting the freshman engineering forum and engineering picnic, and then add more service activities such as blood drives and tutoring.

Activities

While a trip to the national convention was not possible this past year, the chapter was active in a number of ways. In addition to another concession stand at a home football game in the fall semester, the chapter sponsored a blood drive toward the beginning of the spring semester. Members organized the event, including advertising, set-up, and removal of the equipment. The blood drive received many donations from both members as well as others in the college of engineering as well as throughout the entire university.

The chapter also hosted a forum in the spring for for freshman engineering students unsure of which path to pursue. Due to a relatively large dropout rate after freshman year in engineering as compared to other majors, this forum sought to give freshman an unbiased view on engineering with the goal that freshman will be able to make a more informed decision on which major to pursue. Members improved upon the forum concept developed in previous years by Notre Dame Sigma Beta, advertised, and served as panel members.

In addition to the blood drive and the forum, the chapter's members helped out with a community outreach program named Math Counts. Run by a Notre Dame faculty member and assisted by chapter members, the program is a math competition for children in the South Bend area. The program's primary intention is to make math fun and more enjoyable for kids outside of the classroom.

Graduates

Adam Currie	Joseph Wells
Andres Valenzuela	Kyle Kron
Bryan Delaney	Paul Schlueter
David Seibel	Claire VerHulst
John Wloch	Daniel Rave
Jonathan Parry	Lorenzo Barrera Jaime
Michael Ouimet	Richard Helffrich
Nathaniel Yanchak	Travis Allen
Nicholas Springer	

Awards & Recognition

Nathaniel Yanchek – Pi Tau Sigma Undergraduate Honor Award

Names of New Members

Spring 2009 Pledges

Barrett Clark	Matthew Zenz
Benjamin Fotsch	Matthew Beall
Brian Towle	Michael O'Connor
Colin Scarola	Michael Brundage
Colin Heye	Nicholas Jaffa
Erik Miller	Ryan Lavorgna
James Baummer	Samuel Cox
Jeffrey Vitter Jr	Sara DeVore
Matthew Storey	Scott Deakins
Thomas Besio	Timothy Malecek
William Stuart	Zachary Zimmer

Transfer of Responsibilities

In order to transfer the responsibilities and practices developed over the past year and previous years on to new officers, we have modified and passed on a written report detailing the steps we went through in planning and organizing a variety of activities. The officers in years previous prepared an officers manual outlining the chapters goals, previous activities, and best practices. The current officers have updated the report based on this year's activities and lessons learned. This will assist next year's officers in effectively coordinating the club's activities and continuing to pursue new opportunities. These steps not only include the tasks performed but also lists the possible obstactles that we experienced along the way and what we see in retrospect as the best way to overcome those obstacles. This report also contains what we feel are some of the top goals for Notre Dame Sigma Beta over the coming year.

Plans for 2009-2010

For the upcoming year the chapter is looking to work to establish itself in Good Standing at the national level. The chapter plans to add another induction during the academic year as well as send members to the national conference.

The chapter also plans to increase its involvement in campus activities. It plans to continue the spring blood drive, the freshman engineering forum, and spring Math Counts program. We are looking to increase fundraising, potentially having another concession stand at a home football game. We hope to continue giving out an honor award as we did this year to a graduating senior in Pi Tau Sigma.

Chapter Officers

President	John Wloch
Vice President	Bryan Delaney
Treasurer	Nathan Yanchak
Secretary	Travis Allen
Joint Engineering Council Liaison	Joseph Wells
Publicity Officer	Lorenzo Barrera

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