PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2009-2010

Texas A&M Sigma Delta

A. Initiations

In the past year Sigma Delta has welcomed 34 new members. These members are listed below.

Fall 2009
December 1st, 2009

Christina Cordaro
Michael Cox
Vincent Giglio
Joshua Gutz
Kevin Havis
Chun Hung Ho
Rebecca Hollkamp
Rasish Khatri
Matthew Lane
Sarah Mannen
Lauren Martin
Mason Matlock
John McElhany
Erin Roach
Shelton Smitherman
Jerome Staha
Brett Tritton

Spring 2010
May 4th, 2010

Italo Acuna
Matthew Daugherty
Carlos De La Guardia
Carolyn Estrada
Stephen Hejl
Doug Hill
Joey Marchetti
Kenneth McCown
Miles McGowen
Christy Nam
Derek Redd
Kyle Richter
Karl Schrutka
Kelvin Singleton Jr.
Tyler Smith
Steven Wirkowski
Philip Zanghi

These members were all academically qualified with a GPA in the top quarter of the junior class or in the top third of the senior class. For their induction process, each member fulfilled the requirements set by the acting officers. These requirements included attendance at all meetings during their pledging semester, completion of a pledge project, completion of a pledge board, participation in three social events as well as one community service project, and a fund raising activity. Both semesters inducted new members through Sigma Delta's initiation ceremony. Following each initiation, new pledges were invited to come out and celebrate with active members.

B. Chapter Activities

Each semester, Sigma Delta holds 6 pledge meetings. Three of these meetings are sponsored through corporate donations. For their donations, there corporations present information about their company and how mechanical engineering fits into it. Schlumberger, Mustang, NI, and Encana presented in the past year. In addition to industry, one meeting a semester is devoted to graduate studies in which a professor presents the opportunities graduate school creates. These meetings provide our pledges and members a chance to learn more about mechanical engineering as well as about what fields may interest them upon graduation.

In addition to our pledge meetings, Sigma Delta hosted many social activates. These events give our pledges a chance to interact with their fellow pledges as well as to meet active members. In the fall of 2009, we held a tailgate cookout before an Aggie football game, a dinner at a local restaurant, a pledge meet and greet, and our biannual softball game. In the spring, we held our softball game as well as a tailgate before an Aggie baseball game, a game night, and a group activity at an Aggie sporting event. For many of these activities, our active members came out to enjoy the festivities.

Texas A&M University emphasizes the importance of community service and this quality is mirrored in Sigma Delta. In the fall of 2009, our members took part in Replant, a local service event in which volunteers help plant trees and other shrubbery to promote the landscape of College Station. In the spring of 2010, Sigma Delta took part in the largest collegiate based community service project in the country. Big Event is known nation wide and Sigma Delta is proud to have taken part in it since its inception. This event provides volunteer help for the elderly and impaired who cannot take care of the tasks they are faced with. Sigma Delta is very proud of its commitment to the community of College Station.

One of the pledge requirements is a pledge project. This project is intended to create interaction between the student of Sigma Delta and its faculty. Each semester, a faculty pizza party is hosted. At this party, students have the opportunity to interact with faculty and learn more about Texas A&M's mechanical engineering department. The pledge project builds on this requiring each pledge to provide some sort of work for a mechanical engineering professor in return for a small donation to the organization. In multiple situations, this interaction has led to research positions and more.

The fall of 2009 started a fundraiser that was completed in the spring of 2010. For the fall, each pledge created a mechanical engineering design that could be used on t-shirt. From these design, one was chosen, by popular vote, for the t-shirt sale in the spring. The shirt sold well and brought money to the society.

In the spring of 2010, Sigma Delta was involved in the 89th annual national convention at Texas Tech University. Two members from Sigma Delta, Michael Levert and Peter Cowan, participated in the conventions activities. Along with the national convention, Sigma Delta had two induction banquets for its pledges. The fall banquet took place at the college station convention center with a presentation by Shell. The spring banquet took place on campus at the newly renovated Association of Former Students Center. Mustang provided the entertainment for that evening.

As the final event of the year, Sigma Delta joined with Omega Chi Epsilon, the national chemical engineering honor society, to host the first ever "Leadership in the

Professional Environment" presentation by Exxon Mobile. The meeting was catered by Rosa's Tortilla Factory and was a big success. Sigma Delta hopes this meeting is the first of many joint ventures between Texas A&M University's engineering honor societies.

C. Other

Through corporate sponsorship, Sigma Delta was able attain $500 from BP for officer polos. These shirts were worn during the spring of 2010 and were the first officer shirts made by Sigma Delta in almost a decade. Due to BP's recent issues, further funding of the officer shirts has been withdrawn but Sigma Delta hopes to find a replacement in the future.

The officers of Sigma Delta worked extremely hard to promote the ideals and standards Pi Tau Sigma holds. Below is a list of the officers and their positions within Sigma Delta over the past year.

Advisor: Dr. Eric Petersen

Fall 2009
President: Chris Bily
Vice President: Christine Weiblen
Treasurer: Kyle Humphreys
Recording Secretary: Travis Prochaska
Corresponding Secretary: Eli Diaz
Pledge Chair: Michael Levert
Social Chair: Benjamin Volk
Corporate Relations: Preston Lockwood
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Without the work of these officers, Sigma Delta could not hope to be as successful as it has been. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.