Texas Tech Sigma Epsilon

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Goals for 2007-2008

This school year we intend to increase our corporate sponsorship, help our members find employment through a resume database, and provide more technical discussions with industry experts at our general meetings. Also, we would like to promote an increase in volunteerism in our active members through offering more service projects throughout the year. Finally, we are working to set up an alumni database to keep in touch with past PTS members, send them updates in the form of a newsletter, and encourage these past members to attend the spring initiation ceremony.

Activities

Meet an ME: each semester we invite local junior high students to visit Texas Tech's ME department and see what being an ME student is all about. We give them lab tours, hold a design competition, and then feed them lunch.

Lubbock Arboretum: Our staple service project, each semester we plan at least one service project at the Arboretum to help beautify the Lubbock community.

Habitat for Humanity: We painted a house, planted gardens, and hoed a TON of weeds

Initiation: Obviously held each semester

Courtyard Cookout: Each semester organize a cookout with ASME for the entire department.

Lubbock Changers: We will be working with this organization for one of our service projects, helping to fix up underprivileged elderly people's homes.

Engineering Week Cookout: We will cook and serve at our college's annual Engineer's Week cookout.

Social Opportunities: Get-togethers have taken and will take place throughout the semester-minimally one per month.

Graduation Party: Each semester a graduation party is held in honor of our chapter's graduates.

Sandia General Meeting: We invited a professional from Sandia National Laboratories to speak at one meeting during the Fall 2007 semester and will bring in another Sandia professional for the Spring 2008 semester

Eastman General Meeting: We invited two professionals from Eastman Engineering to give a technical presentation at one meeting during the Fall 2007 semester

Graduates

Weston Hobdy- Sticking around for a Master's degree in ME here at TTU
Adam Ufford- Also staying at Tech for a Master's in ME
Jacob McFarland- Attending Virginia Tech for a Master's in ME
Adam Hartzel- working for National Instruments
Aaron Birtell- working for ConocoPhillips
Alex Pearson- working for ConocoPhillips
Ross Martin- working in Houston
Travis Wells- ??
Kimone George- working for a chemical country in the Dominican Republic
Adam Crane- ??
Christian Vega- working as a project engineer for Bermudez & Longo, S.E.
Cody Krupala-??
Eric Vonberg-??
Oluwasgun Eezzuduemhoi-
Mark Gant-??
Byron Milsap- working for Excel Energy

Awards & Recognition

Amanda Gordon:
National Dean's List
President's List
Travis Turnbull:
American Electric Power Scholarship
McAuley Award, 2007-2008 (TTU College of Engineering Distinguished Engineering Student)
President's List
Sanjana Datta:
Key Speaker at the Homecoming Donor Appreciation Breakfast
Scholastic Achievement Honorary Engineering Award
President's List
McAuley Award Nominee
Dana Rosenbladt:
NSF Graduate Fellowship
McAuley Award, 2006-2007

Ward Lipscomb:
- President's List
- TXMHMR Star Award for Outstanding Citizenship
- DAR Good Citizen Award

Michael Morse:
- Undergraudate Research Program
- Horatio Militay Scholar
- President's List
- Dean's List

Meredith Macha
- Dean's List
- McAuley Award Nominee

Names of New Members

Fall 2007 Pledges

Aaron Hobratschk	Mark Harding
Adam Hawley	Michael Cast
Amanda Gordon	Noah Ellis
Chris Bryson	Richard Borge
Herbert Odhiambo	Tyler Weaver
Jeff Aycock	Zach Gross

Spring 2008 Pledges

Aaron Clements	Jesse Jones
Amber Lubbers	Jonathan Dalzell
Andrew Christessen	Josh Greenhill
Anthony Mann	Kara Morgan
Brice Patterson	Robert Broadway
Cody Hukill	Robert Lyon
Derek Hill	Ryan Kimberling
Eric Bannigan	
Jacob Payne	

Transfer of Responsibilities

After initiation and officer elections, a transition meeting is held for the old and new officers to get together and discuss responsibilities, tips and tricks to getting the job done well, and for everyone to meet one another if they have not done so already.

It is customary that there is a mixture of old and new officers in each officer group, which means that if one of the new officers has difficulties, there is someone there to answer questions and help out. The Graduate Advisors are appointed specifically for this purpose, as they have usually been in PTS for minimally 4 semesters and know how things have been run in the past. They are great resources for new officers to turn to with questions.

Additionally, it is recent tradition that the president add on to what we call "The President's Manifesto", a document detailing the president's responsibilities and how to carry each bit out successfully. Each president adds commentary to each item, telling exactly how to handle each and every situation down to the details of who exactly to talk to for each task, how best to reach them and how quickly they have historically gotten back to you with what you need. It also gives tips on how to handle certain faculty members, difficulties with fellow-officers, and more or less anything imaginable.

Plans for 2008-2009

None of our goals for 2007-2008 could be accomplished in only two semesters, therefore:

We will continue to strive towards the goal of increasing corporate sponsorship (at a minimal rate of two more companies/semester)

We will add one additional service project opportunity each semester

We will keep our resume database current.

We will maintain and expand our alumni database by continuing to mine old TTU Sigma Epsilon records.

In addition, we would like to increase the size of our initiate classes. In order to do this, we plan to increase our visibility in the department to a greater extent, and reduce the cost of dues.

Chapter Officers

President	Meredith Macha
Vice President	Troy Mills
Treasurer	Seth Berry
Secretary	Amanda Gordon
Initiate Coordinators	Michael Morse
	Billy Clark
	Richard Borge
Graduate Advisors	Dana Rosenbladt
	Oliver Harrison
Web Coordinator	Travis Turnbull

Chapter Advisor

Dr. Darryl James

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Reporter

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