Texas Tech Sigma Epsilon

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
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Goals for 2008-2009

The goals of the chapter for 2008-2009 were to continue to improve our involvement in the community. We wanted to get more member participation at our service events. We also wanted to raise the bar for our members and have a more challenging initiation process. We also set goals for the planning of the 2010 international convention. Our goal was to have a signed hotel contract, have sponsorship letters out, and to start the planning of the convention.

Activities

During the past year, the Sigma Epsilon chapter has made significant preparations for the upcoming 2010 international convention while continuing to be active in the Mechanical Engineering Department as well as the Lubbock Community. Officers began the sponsorship campaign during the fall semester. With the increased excitement on campus about the upcoming convention, significant contributions have come from the College of Engineering and other university organizations. During the spring semester, negotiations with area hotels and venues were initiated. The contract was finalized to use the Overton Hotel in Lubbock.

During both the fall and spring semesters, Sigma Epsilon organized the bi-annual "Meet Mechanical Engineering" outreach service project. At risk kids from area junior high and high schools were invited to come to the Texas Tech Mechanical Engineering Department to learn what mechanical engineering is about and the advantages of pursuing higher education. The kids learned about the design process by participating in egg drop and boat design projects. They also got a tour of the mechanical engineering labs and got to eat lunch with Sigma Epsilon members.

Sigma Epsilon has developed a great relationship with Lubbock Changers this year. During both the fall and spring semesters, Sigma Epsilon was tasked with building fences for area homeowners with financial troubles. They were impressed with the efficiency and speed we built the fences and look forward to Sigma Epsilon coming back next year.

Also during both the fall and spring semesters Sigma Epsilon members participated in the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum service project. Members helped arboretum volunteers with landscaping and grounds keeping tasks. During the spring semester, Sigma Epsilon also participated in the Texas Tech University's annual campus beautification project: Arbor Day. Sigma Epsilon joined other student organizations in planting new flowers.

Sigma Epsilon also provided support to the Friends of the Library's annual half price book sale. Funds raised by this non-profit organization go to support area public libraries. Members helped bag books and bring books to customers' vehicles.

Sigma Epsilon also held its bi-annual initiation ceremony and banquet at the end of each semester. Both banquets were a great opportunity to welcome our newest members and congratulate our graduating members. Also being on the last day of classes, it was also a good way to celebrate the end of class and unwind before finals.

Graduates

Michael Cast – ITT Goulds Pumps, Lubbock, TX
Jonathan Dalzell – ConocoPhillips Midland, TX
Sanjana Datta – Pursuing Masters Degree at Texas Tech University
Jeffrey Diehl – Pursuing Masters Degree at Texas Tech University
Noah Ellis – ConocoPhillips
Geoffrey Fisher – Pursuing Medical Degree at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Josh Greenhill – Michael Baker Jr. Corporation Anchorage, AK
Michael Grimm – KBR Houston, TX
Zachary Gross – Pursuing Masters Degree at Texas Tech University
Jacob Johnson – EOG Resources
Jesse Jones – Pursuing Masters Degree at Texas Tech University
Meredith Macha – ConocoPhillips
Lindsey McDaniel – Boeing, Seattle, WA
Michael Morse – FMC Technologies, Houston, TX
Sean Mullen – Pursuing Masters Degree at Texas Tech University

Andrew Robichaud – FMC Technologies, Houston, TX
Dana Rosenbladt – Pursuing PhD in Materials Science and Engineering at University of Washington in Seattle
Tyler Thompson – Pursuing Masters Degree in Industrial Engineering at Texas Tech University
Ryan Warren – ExxonMobil, Beaumont, TX
Tyler Weaver – Pursuing Masters Degree at Texas Tech University
Leon Joffe – Quality Engineer, Cytec Engineered Materials, Greenville, TX
Robert Wiseman – Consultant Engineer, FM Global, Plano, TX
Nathaniel Wyrick – Schlumberger, Russia
Jeff Aycock – Plans unknown
Dusty Burger – Plans unknown
Thomas Coates – Plans unknown
Steven Dean – Plans unknown
Shea Gentry – Plans unknown
Nick Gerend – Plans unknown
Adam Hawley – Plans unknown
George Keller – Plans unknown
John Kendall – Plans unknown
Kyle Lamotta – Plans unknown
Robert Lyon – Plans unknown
Jeffrey Napier – Plans unknown
Gregory Spicer – Plans unknown
Daniel Steves – Plans unknown
Adam Stroud – Plans unknown

Awards & Recognition

Leon Joffe – Best Key Fall 2008
Robert Barron – Best Key Spring 2009
Mr. Andrew Mosedale – Best Instructor Fall 2008
Dr. Jordan Berg – Best Professor Spring 2009

Names of New Members

Fall 2008 Pledges

Kyle Beck	Eric Brannigan
Landon Fischer	Nick Gerend
Matt Goode	Pamela Haynes
Brent Heffington	Leon Joffe
Kyle King	Colin Lauer
Casey Lujan	Mollie McKnight
Ty Parker	James Pisarkiewicz
Jonathan Sulivan	Ashley Thomas

Spring 2009 Pledges

Robert Barron	Nick Brown
Jennifer Grant	George Keller
Randy Kimberling	Alex Kneer
Amber Lubbers	Matthew McClaine
Taylor Niehues	Andrew Schmalzer
Lamar Scott	Nate Wyrick

Transfer of Responsibilities

An officer transition meeting was scheduled to discuss the expectations for good officer pass-downs. Outgoing officers were responsible for passing down advice and instructions for incoming officers in individual one on one meetings, phone conversations, or in binders.

Plans for 2009-2010

Next year, the 2010 international convention is coming to Texas Tech University. Sigma Epsilon is excited about the opportunity to host the convention and will continue to prepare for the event. Our sponsorship campaign will continue. We have mechanical engineering department support in paying for travel costs to visit prospective sponsors. We will also continue to work with the Overton Hotel staff to set up itineraries and menus. We will plan the social activities, transportation and all logistics for the convention.

We also plan on continuing to develop our relationships in the community through our service projects. We will also continue to support the mechanical engineering department and initiate a new class of Pi Tau Sigma members.

Chapter Officers

President	Aaron Clements
Vice President	Brice Patterson
Treasurer	Mollie McKnight
Secretary	Colin Lauer
Initiate Coordinator	Robert Baron
Initiate Coordinator	Matthew McClaine
Initiate Coordinator	Lamar Scott
Web Coordinator	Ty Parker
Convention Chair	Kyle Beck
Convention Chair	Landon Fischer
Historian	Pamela Haynes

Chapter Advisor

Dr. Darryl James

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