Annual Report

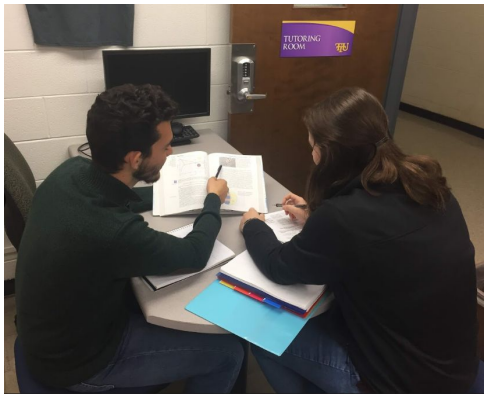
2018-2019

Tennessee Sigma Nu

A. Initiations

This year, the Tennessee Sigma Nu welcomed three new members on November 29th, 2018 along with six new members on April 25th, 2019. The candidates for initiation were selected on the basis of outstanding academic achievement and upstanding character. The process began when our chapter advisor, Dr. Chris Wilson, obtained a list of the qualifying students from academic records. The top 35% of the senior class and top 25% of the junior class which have completed Thermodynamics I were considered. This list of names was reviewed first by the officers then by the current member body to ensure only candidates which have displayed upright character were invited. After review, letters were delivered to the candidates inviting them to the orientation meeting, where initiation requirements were explained in detail. This year's initiates were required to meet and acquire signatures from 50% of current members, 50% of ME faculty, all fellow initiates, and all officers. They were also required to participate in two service events, 2 social events, and the chapter group service event, as well as attend 80% of meetings and polish their keys prior to initiation. The initiation ceremonies were conducted according to the traditions of Pi Tau Sigma. After initiation, we held the final meeting of the semester in which new members were congratulated and next year's officers were elected.

B. Chapter Activities



During the fall semester, our chapter built relationships at regular meetings and various social events including a game night, dinner out, a Halloween party, and a movie night. We served the local community through events, such as a park cleanup, engineering quad cleanup (teaming up with Tau Beta Pi), tutoring, and volunteering at Fab Friday, which is a recurring event at Tennessee Tech where grade school children are introduced to STEM concepts and technology. We served the global community through our chapter group service event which was assembling 28 Operation Christmas Child boxes to be given to children in less fortunate parts of the world.

The spring semester involved similar social events including a game night, ultimate frisbee, a movie night, and dinner out. We served through events like campus clean up, volunteering at Fab Friday and Safari Saturday (STEM workshops for children), and tutoring. The group service event was volunteering to help staff the Baja SAE event which was hosted this year by Tennessee Tech. Members of PTS were able to help staff the multi-day, 120 team event by spotting, lap counting, and various other necessary jobs.

Six officers attended the 2019 national convention held at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO. These officers thoroughly enjoyed the chance to network with fellow members of PTS from around the country and see Colorado's beautiful sights.