PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2015-2016

Tennessee Sigma Nu

A. Initiations

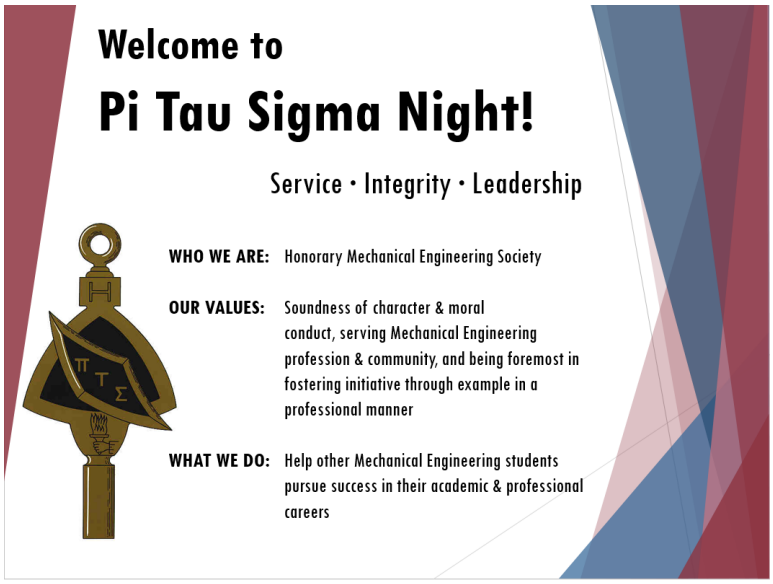
Chapter advisor, Dr. Chris Wilson, obtains a list of the qualifying students from academic records. The top 35% of the senior class and 25% of the junior class are considered, once a student has taken or is taking Thermodynamics I. After receiving the list, the officers have a meeting in which the academic integrity of each candidate is discussed. If candidates are found to be qualified, they are invited to join Pi Tau Sigma. Each initiate is required to complete twelve hours of service events and attend two social events. In addition, each initiate must attain signatures from ME faculty, current Pi Tau Sigma members, and other initiates as well as polish their keys before initiation. During the initiation ceremony, candidates are led into a candlelit room and the officers proceed with the ritual dialogue found on the national website. After, the candidates are invited to partake in refreshments. The initiates with the best polished key and most signatures acquired receives half of their dues back.

Fall 2015 Initiation – November 19, 14 members
Spring 2016 Initiation – April 29, 14 members

B. Chapter Activities

Service Projects

1. Northside Community Center – Members and initiates spent time tutoring underprivileged students at a local center
2. Operation Christmas Child – Members and initiates turned in boxes filled with small toys and hygienic products for local underprivileged children
3. Tutoring – Members and initiates tutored fellow students in the ME tutoring lounge
4. University Trash Pick Up- Members and initiates gathered trash from around campus
5. Baja SAE – Members and Initiates volunteered at the Baja SAE event hosted at TTU

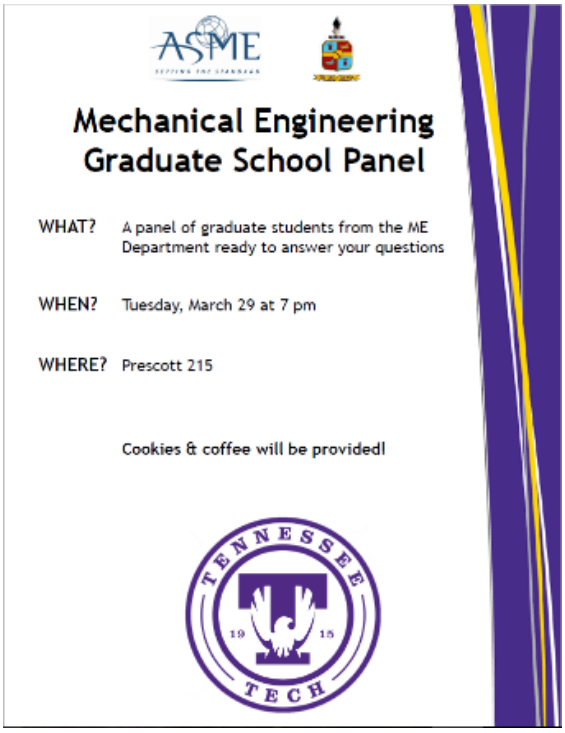


Fundraisers

1. Zaxby's Night – Initiates helped clean up and invited guests to the local Zaxby's restaurant for a fundraiser for our chapter
2. Hot Chocolate Sale – Members sold hot chocolate on chilly mornings in the winter to raise money for the club

Events

1. Graduate School Panel – Pi Tau Sigma and ASME joined efforts in creating a panel of ME graduate students to answer any questions current ME students may have about graduate school. The session was moderated by the Pi Tau Sigma advisor and ASME advisor.
2. Grad School Talk – Current ME Professors were invited to speak to the club about applying to graduate school and where to take your career.



Convention

Three students from Tennessee Sigma Nu participated in the annual PTS convention this year. They came back with ideas on how to better fundraise, increase activity on campus, and better organize the chapter as a whole.

Meetings

Chapter meetings often included discussing potential upcoming events and national activity of Pi Tau Sigma, including voting on amendments.