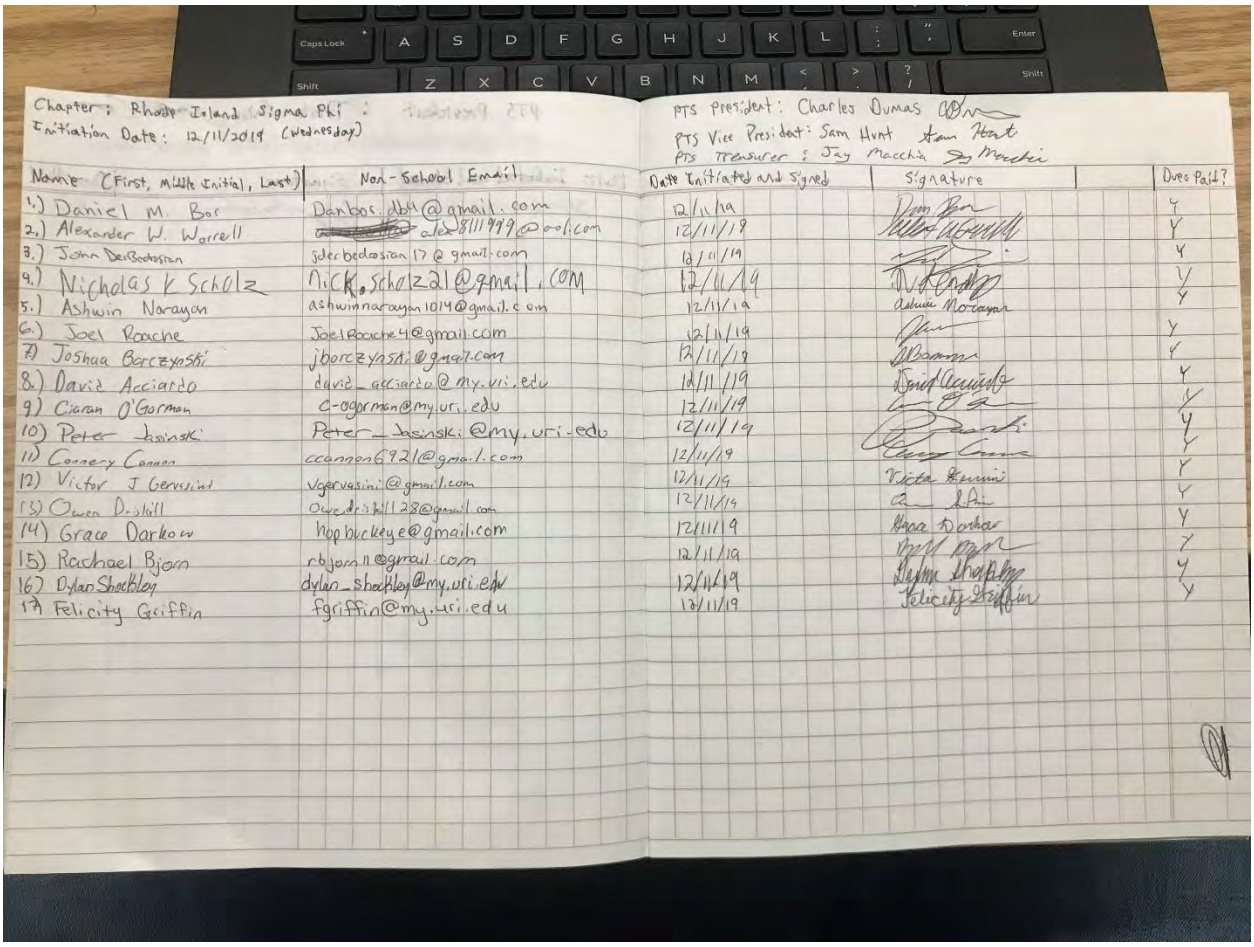
2019-2020
Rhode Island Sigma Phi

A. Initiations

Initiation requirements are strictly followed by the outlined eligibility on the Pi Tau Sigma website found at this link (https://pitausigma.org/contents/membership_eligibility). Our advisor will send the chapter officers an excel list of all eligible candidates and that list will then be cross checked with the requirements on the Pi Tau Sigma website to make sure of no errors. The officers will then send emails out to all potential new members and have them confirm their attendance to the initiation ceremony with an email response. The initiation ceremony is held in a classroom or auditorium and the instructions in the book are followed and read aloud. The initiates will then confirm their membership by signing the roll book.



Fall 2019 Initiation Roll Book (December 11, 2019): 17 Initiates

Spring 2020 initiation did not occur due to COVID-19

B. Chapter Activities

To kick off the year, the Rhode Island Sigma Phi chapter officers from the previous year and the newly elected officers (Charlie Dumas: President, Sam Hunt: Vice President, Jay Macchia: Treasurer) participated in the last Welcome Day of the Spring 2019 term on April 27th. At this meeting with prospective students we shared our experiences with incoming engineering students. This was a great opportunity to prepare future engineers for the following years to come as well as promote Pi Tau Sigma.

During the Fall semester, Sigma Phi attended an Open House in order to gain exposure for the Pi Tau Sigma Honor Society but more so to instill the values of engineering in a positive and ethical way. The chapter officers were also present at the Fall Career Fair where we were invited early to speak on behalf of our organization with employers and then afterwards attend the career fair as normal.

Rhode Island Sigma Phi had a highly successful Fall 2019 initiation, producing 17 initiates! This was a huge increase from the year before and planned on matching it in the Spring 2020 semester. Continuing the idea of planning, the Rhode Island Sigma Phi officers had multiple events and strategies planned for the Spring semester. Some of these ideas included joint fundraisers and events with Theta Tau, the engineering fraternity on our campus and guest speaking at classes such as EGR 105 and 106, an introductory course in the various disciplines of engineering. We created a great relationship with Theta Tau and will work on events next year with them, utilizing their resources and manpower to achieve a common goal. It is also our hope to secure a spot into the EGR 105 and EGR 106 seminars to promote mechanical engineering in general.

The pandemic that hit the world this year had an impact on all of us, but as a chapter, Rhode Island Sigma Phi will continue to work hard at promoting and living the ethical values that all mechanical engineers, especially Pi Tau Sigmas should uphold.