

# PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER SUMMARY

2016-2017

## AUBURN CHI

Throughout the 2016-2017 school year, the Auburn Chi chapter of Pi Tau Sigma continued its activities with initiating new members and providing service to the community, while hosting general meetings to vote on issues as well as social events for full and prospective members. Members of Auburn Chi supported the engineering school at large by collaborating with interdepartmental activities, establishing healthy professional relationships with both faculty and one another.

This year Auburn Chi has continued its efforts to establish itself as the premier organization for serious mechanical engineering students to gather and further their personal, social and professional goals. To that end, Auburn Chi both hosted and participated in a number of social and service events. Bent polishing parties were held in the fall, giving prospective members the opportunity to meet one another and gain familiarity with school facilities. The theme of our movie nights this year was throwback science-fiction, with *Back to the Future* and *Ghostbusters* shown in the fall and spring respectively. A video game party featuring Nintendo's Mario Kart was held in the spring semester to great success. Auburn Chi members helped the school by sitting on a student panel, answering any questions a freshman may have regarding their college career. This included questions such as what classes are best to take when, how one may go about beginning research, or the differences between co-op programs and traditional internships. Members also assisted in an informational session for undergraduate research opportunities. The chapter was responsible for soliciting professors to provide a poster for the session, advertising the session throughout the campus, as well as staffing one of the informational booths at the session itself. In the spring, Auburn Chi members worked hard to help with Auburn's E-day, an event designed to introduce interested high schoolers to the engineering departments. Everything from tour guides and informational booths, to general helpers and faculty assistants saw support from our chapter. The Pi Tau Sigma booth generated interest with a reverse pendulum. In terms of service to the Auburn community, Auburn Chi again sent a team to the Big Event. These team members spent their entire Saturday assisting a local church with yard work. Two members were sent to the national convention hosted by Drexel University in Philadelphia this past spring. Tori Luther and Stone Bynum each enjoyed themselves, and returned with a wealth of knowledge about how other chapters operate around the country. Throughout that exchange of information and the discussions on how best to move the organization forward, they discovered several ideas that could be incorporated into our chapter's operations. One such idea moving forward is the creation of a tour of research programs and facilities within our campus. This would increase student knowledge, interest, and pride in the work our professors do outside of the classroom.

By continuing to host social and service events catered to our members wants and needs, as well as instituting some of the latest ideas, the Auburn Chi chapter will improve the value it provides to the school, the community, and its members.