

PI TAU SIGMA CHAPTER SUMMARY
2016-2017
Louisiana Tech Tau Xi

This year, our two initiations took place in the fall on November 3, 2016 and the spring on April 27, 2017, where 19 and 5 were initiated, respectively.

Candidates must pass a candidacy exam testing their knowledge of the organization and mechanical engineering. They are required to prepare a Pi Tau Sigma key and plaque and are expected to have the signatures of each officer, faculty member, and current members on the back of their plaque. New members are required to participate in a service project before or during initiation.

Our chapter's president attended the 2017 National Convention at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She participated in all of the activities and events, and her group placed first overall in Autodesk's Fusion 360 design competition.

This year, the 2017 officers made new requirements for all members to maintain an "active" status: attend at least one meeting per quarter and participate in at least one community service project with the Tau Xi Chapter. This was done to ensure that our members remained involved in our chapter as well as their community. This helped students fulfill service requirements for classes and increased our visibility within the college.

The Big Event is the largest community service event in Ruston, during which multiple campus organizations come together to volunteer around the town. Many of our chapter's officers and members, and even a few non-members, participated with us in this event. Our chapter was assigned a two-mile section of highway to clear of litter and debris.

One of our ongoing projects is the digitizing of the Pi Tau Sigma Tau Xi member book. This book includes the dates of initiations and the names of initiated members from the start our chapter until the most recent initiation, much of which is now in a digital file, therefore saving the history of Pi Tau Sigma Tau Xi should anything happen to the original. This process is currently a service project for new initiates but is available to other members who wish to contribute. The book will continue to collect initiates' signatures.

During Engineering & Science Week, our Chapter held a Disc Golf Tournament where teams competed to win a prize. This event was a fun, energetic way to get people involved in an outdoors activity. The prize to the 1st-place team was gift cards to The Dawg House, a popular, local restaurant in Ruston.

In the spring, Tau Xi became a part of ESA, the Engineering and Science Association. Organizations can compete for the COES Cup which awards \$1,000 to the group with the most points. Points are earned by participating in competitions and conventions, hosting industry meetings, participating in community service, and more. Over the course of just one quarter, Tau Xi accumulated enough points to earn 7th place out of over 20 organizations.

Additionally, we held an ENGR 220 Statics I study session to help students prepare for an exam, and we created a Facebook page to update followers on our service events and meetings.