

NY Alpha Eta Chapter Summary Report 2016-2017

This has been a great year for the Binghamton University NY Alpha Eta Chapter of Pi Tau Sigma. We have been incredibly active and have provided many services for our community as well as opportunities for our members to excel.

Our greatest accomplishment this year has been our numerous service opportunities. We connected with our school by participating in many of their events that required student organizations to talk to different guests about different members' experiences, such as the Watson Transfer Event for transfer students, the Binghamton University Open House for prospective Binghamton University students, and the Watson Major Event for undeclared engineering freshmen trying to decide their majors. Not only did we provide volunteers to table at such events, we were also volunteering to help the school set up, advertise, sign guests in and clean up for events such as the Career Connections event which was a networking opportunity for engineering students as well as the Watson Senior Send-Off event where our members helped manage an event geared towards graduating seniors.

We connected with the community by participating in outreach programs such as the Physics Outreach Program (POP) where Pi Tau Sigma members visit local classrooms and perform science demonstrations, as well as by running car drives. The biggest community event Pi Tau Sigma has every year is running the Egg Drop event during Binghamton University's Engineer week where members help run an activity for local Binghamton children to create a structure to protect their egg when dropped from a considerable height. This event was so great we were featured in the local newspaper and university newspaper.

The chapter also provides for its members by running different events to help with major deadlines of underclassmen, such as having "Office Hours" to help students during a semesterly project, and having a brainstorm session to help students find an idea for their Junior Design Project. For career and future development, the chapter provides for its members by hosting various graduate school and career talks and workshops for members. Examples of such events are a Graduate Alumni Talk, an Internship Panel, as well as tours of various Binghamton research facilities. Various events were held to aid members in their career prospects, such as a Resume Workshop, and Career Café, which had a career development staff from Binghamton University giving advice to members.

Board Game nights were held every semester to foster relationships between members and Pizza events were held every semester to help students de-stress before finals week. This year we also had a movie night where members could gather and watch the Imitation Game together. We also had a social with Alpha Eta Mu Beta, the biomedical engineering honor society, so Pi Tau Sigma members could also interact with other organizations.

Our chapter strived to connect with all aspects of our community this year, and we believe we have created lasting relationships that could only be beneficial to our organization and our members.