PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2012-2013

George Washington Phi Gamma

A. Initiations

Candidates in the top 15% of the junior and senior mechanical engineering classes were invited to join the George Washington Phi Gamma chapter in the fall and spring semesters. Our fall initiation ceremony took place on December 3, 2012 and our spring initiation ceremony took place on April 24, 2013. A total of ten undergraduate students were inducted into the chapter during the fall induction, and an additional four undergraduates were inducted during the spring ceremony.

B. Chapter Activities

Both the fall and spring induction ceremonies were catered by Corner Bakery, allowing current and new Pi Tau Sigma members to chat over food and drinks with members of the mechanical engineering faculty at The George Washington University. In February, both the president and vice president of the chapter attended the national convention at Ohio State University. During Engineering Week, we held a successful event called "Guess The RPM!" in the lobby of Tompkins Hall, our university's engineering school. Participants observed a compressed air-powered motor in operation, the same design fabricated by freshman mechanical engineers, and guessed the angular velocity of the flywheel. Our chapter had several meetings throughout the year to learn about Pi Tau Sigma, to socialize, and to plan events. Members also attended a Sunday brunch at a local restaurant in March to take a break from schoolwork and to have a chance to better get to know one another.

C. About Us

The members of the Phi Gamma chapter serve as leaders of the engineering school and the George Washington University. Several members participated in research within the mechanical engineering department and fulfilled leadership roles in other engineering organizations. Two members were recognized for their academic achievement at a dinner with the president of the university. Recent graduates are entering the aerospace, energy, and petroleum industries or attending graduate school.

Chapter Officers for 2012-2013
John Dougherty, President
Mariel Rico, Vice President
Timothy Murphy, Treasurer
Kiren Caldwell, Corresponding Secretary

Graduates
Eric Alvarez
Nicolas Batista
John Dougherty
Brandon Fix
Katheryne Hernandez
Timothy Murphy
Chris Popma
Mariel Rico
Alisa Tulio
Benjamin Yarmis

New Members
Matthew Brazier (Fall)
Corinne Chinkidjakarn (Fall)
Michael Cho (Fall)
John Donahue (Spring)
Geneva Goldwood (Spring)
Katheryne Hernandez (Fall)
Richard Hinman (Fall)
Shadman Hussain (Fall)
Benjamin Kirschmeier (Fall)
Donna Ly (Fall)
Benjamin Paxson (Fall)
Carl Sickel (Spring)
Nicolas Vicchio (Spring)
Benjamin Yarmis (Fall)

Chapter Advisor
Professor Yin-Lin Shen