PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
2010-2011
Bradley University Tau Omega
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The 2010-2011 academic year represented a new beginning for the Bradley University Tau Omega chapter of Pi Tau Sigma, as eight new members were initiated during the Spring 2011 ceremony. The special guest of honor and featured speaker for this initiation ceremony was Dr. Chris Wilson of Tennessee Tech University, who is the Central Region Vice-President for Pi Tau Sigma. The Bradley University Tau Omega chapter is looking forward to exploring ways to increase its visibility and activity on campus.

Initiations

During the 2010-2011 academic year, one initiation ceremony was performed by the Bradley University Tau Omega chapter during the Spring semester on April 15, 2011. A list of eligible students from the top 25%-33% of the undergraduate mechanical engineering students who had attained at least junior status had been created. This list was presented to the mechanical engineering faculty, where individuals could recommend based on the student's merit and integrity. The chapter faculty advisor (Dr. Dean Kim) then e-mailed the eligible students to invite them to join the Bradley University Tau Omega chapter. An information session was held on April 5, 2011, during which Dr. Kim explained Pi Tau Sigma and described the initiations requirements. These requirements were:

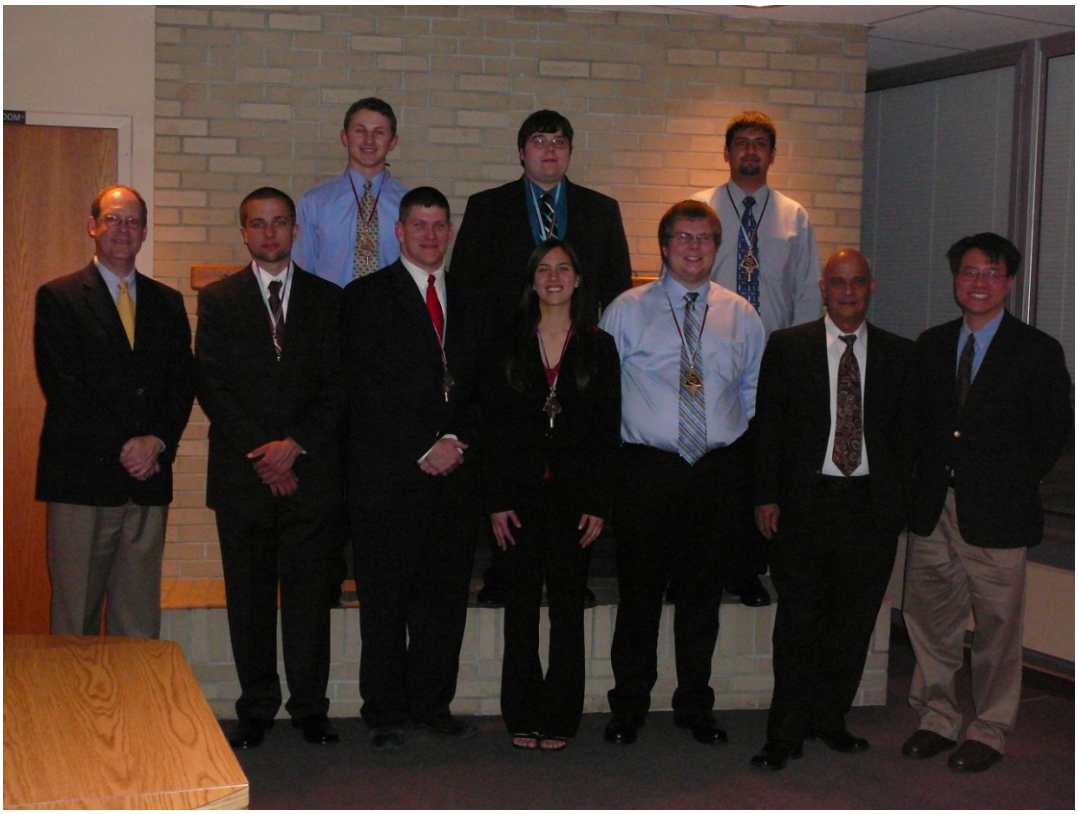
1) Accept the invitation to join Pi Tau Sigma.

2) Pay a one-time fee of $ 65. This fee included $ 30 dues to Pi Tau Sigma and $ 35 to pay for the initiation dinner.

3) Prepare the Pi Tau Sigma key before the intiation ceremony. This could include activities such as painting and polishing the key.

4) Wear the Pi Tau Sigma key and ribbon around campus before the induction ceremony.

The Spring initiation ceremony for the Bradley University Tau Omega chapter was performed on April 15, 2011. Dr. Chris Wilson of Tennessee Tech University, who is the Central Region Vice-President for Pi Tau Sigma. performed the initiation ceremony with Dr. Kim. Future ceremonies will be conducted by Bradley Tau Omega student officers. Dr. Wilson also served as the featured speaker, as he described the history of Pi Tau Sigma and provided examples of possible future activities for the Bradley chapter. After the ceremony, the new members, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Kim, and department chair Dr. Paul Mehta celebrated over dinner.



Front row: Dr. Chris Wilson, Nick Korwin, Matt West, Michelle Gerrity, Kyle LeGrand, Dr. Paul Mehta, Dr. Dean Kim.

Back row: Austin Roe, Joe Gannuscio, Ankit Patel.

Not pictured: Kurt Blankenship.

Chapter Activities

This Spring 2011 initiation represented an important first step for the revitalization of the Bradley University Tau Omega chapter of Pi Tau Sigma. Matt West has agreed to serve as chapter president for the 2011-2012 academic year. The Bradley chapter is looking forward to exploring ways to increase its visibility and activity on campus.