Pi Tau Sigma Annual Chapter Report
2012-2013
Manhattan Sigma Tau

A. Initiations

The Manhattan College Sigma Tau chapter of Pi Tau Sigma held two initiations, one in the fall on December 7th, 2012, and another in the spring on May 2nd, 2013. To be selected for the Manhattan Sigma Tau chapter, candidates had to demonstrate sound engineering ability, scholarship, personality and future success in Mechanical Engineering. The top 25 percent of juniors and 35 percent of seniors in the Mechanical Engineering curriculum at Manhattan College were given this honor. They had shown integrity, service and leadership throughout their first two years in college. 6 new inductees accepted membership into the society in the fall and an additional 4 in the spring. A few weeks prior to the inductions, informational meetings were held to give the candidates opportunities to demonstrate their commitment to the honor society. The initiations were led by the chapter's president and vice president. They spoke on the background of Pi Tau Sigma, the selection criteria for candidates, and the challenge and responsibility for the initiates to uphold Pi Tau Sigma's tradition of integrity and excellence in engineering. Every member responded by accepting these ideas and promising to uphold and contribute to Pi Tau Sigma as a fraternity and the Manhattan Sigma Tau as their chapter. Both initiations included a short, half-hour lunch after the ceremony which consisted of sandwiches, potato salad, soda and good conversation. On the same day, the initiates' member cards and certificates were distributed to them.

B. Chapter Activities

During pledge period, candidates and members served as tour guides for the college's Engineering Awareness Day and Open House in the Fall as well as Accepted Students Day in the Spring semester. At these events, PTS representatives served as tour guides for incoming and prospective students and were available to answer any questions that students had concerning the college and engineering. Also, they were also required to polish and paint their bents for initiation. A graduate school information session was held in the Fall semester for members to inquire about the application process and other questions pertaining to graduate school. A bake sale was held in the Spring semester to raise money for the society to help cover initiation costs and order cords and pins for graduating seniors. The money remaining in the budget will be saved for next year and possibly waive the GRE fee for seniors interesting in continuing their studies.

Tutoring is one of the main services that the Manhattan Sigma Tau chapter offers to students. All candidates and current members were required to be available for tutoring in the subjects of their choosing.The tutors' email addresses, phone numbers and available times to tutor were posted in the Mechanical Engineering Department at Manhattan College and a campus-wide email was sent out to enlighten students of this service. Five students were contacted throughout the year for tutoring. This service will continue to be offered by the society next year.

C. Other

Nothing else to report on this year.