Kentucky Pi Lambda

University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky
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Goals for 2008-2009

The goals of the chapter for 2008-2009 were to restore the Pi Lambda Chapter to a respectable status as an active chapter of Pi Tau Sigma. Our primary focus was on returning our chapter to a state of good standing with the national headquarters. As part of this process Kentucky Pi Lambda was present at the national convention for the first time in many years.

Activities

For the past year, the officers of our organization have strived to restore our campus chapter to one that is active and in good standing. When we first began the year our chapter had few members, and even fewer active ones. Our early focus in the fall semester was to grow our membership. We reorganized the recruiting methods to include hand delivered invitations to attract more members. The effect of this was to double our number of members after only the fall initiation.

After the fall initiation, our focus was on two main tasks: attending the national convention, and finding ways to become more involved on campus. For the first time in years, our organization had representatives present at tutoring events on campus. We also participated in the college's E-Day (Engineer's Day) celebration by hosting a competition for middle school and high school students. The contest challenged the students to construct Ping Pong Ball Launchers. Materials were provided, and the device that had the longest distance shot won a prize. The competition was a great success, and will be improved upon and done again next year.

We were also fortunate enough to receive funding from the college of engineering to attend the 2009 Pi Tau Sigma National Convention. While this experience was essential to our goal of achieving good standing, we also used the experience to gain insight from other chapters around the country on how we could improve our own chapter.

Our final activity of the semester was our spring initiation. While the numbers were smaller in this ceremony than in the fall, we were able to grow our organization and elect new officers. As the organization continues to grow, we hope to become more active on our campus.

Graduates

Joseph Bencomo – Eon US Louisville, KY
Charles Butner – Pursuing Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University West Lafayette, IN
Charles Cummings – CNI Engineering Louisville, KY
Trey Gilliam – Plans unknown
Katie Kahman – Plans unknown
Stephanie N. Necamp – Plans unknown
Daniel R. Roettgen – Plans unknown

Awards & Recognition

James Michael Kramer – Outstanding Sophomore 2009

Names of New Members

Fall 2008 Pledges

Amy R. Boatman	John C. Calhoun
Kathleen R. Lum	Stephanie N. Necamp
Daniel R. Roettgen	Lisa M. Rogers
Wesley A. Schal	Mark P. Taylor

Spring 2009 Pledges

Keaton R. Dunigan	Conal J. Green
Matthew W. Isaacs	Carl T. Mather
Michael L. Scharfenberger	Sara E. Thurston

Transfer of Responsibilities

Discussions were held between the current officers and the officers for next year to discuss their responsibilities and the focus for the group. The current officers have provided the new officers with contact information so questions can be answered throughout the year. Some of new officers served in officer positions in the previous year, and will help greatly with the transfer of responsibilities. All documents created for this school year were also forwarded along to the new officers.

Plans for 2009-2010

Next year, the Pi Lambda Chapter will strive to continue the improvement process that we have begum this year. We hope to complete the requirements on the national office again next year and be in good standing by summer 2010.

We also plan to expand our involvement on campus. We wish to have a greater presence at tutoring events on campus, and to develop some more service related projects. We hope to one day start a high school outreach program for future engineering majors in our community.

Our success in the E-Day competition has caused us to elect an officer to head up planning for next year, so that the competition can grow, and be a way for Pi Tau Sigma to grow on our campus. We hope to have much success with is again next year.

Chapter Officers

President	Charles Butner
Vice President	Charles Cummings
Treasurer	Joseph Bencomo
Recording Secretary	Amy Boatman
Corresponding Secretary	Mark Taylor

Chapter Advisor

Dr. Tim Wu

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Reporter

Charles Butner