

Pennsylvania Mu Installed



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Charter Presentation

William C. Lasher, Matthew D. Erdman, and Jonathan F.K. Earle (left to right).

THE PENNSYLVANIA MU CHAPTER of Tau Beta Pi was installed at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, on January 26, 2013.

Councillor Jonathan F.K. Earle, Ph.D., P.E., was the official installing deputy of the Society's 246th collegiate chapter, assisted by Executive Director Curtis D. Gomulinski, District 2 Director Thomas A. Pinkham IV, and District 3 Director Alexander J. Rovnan.

The 2012 Convention granted a chapter to Tau Beta Nu, Behrend's engineering honor society, represented in Lexington, KY, by Matthew D. Erdman, president, and William C. Lasher, Ph.D., *MI Γ '76*, chief advisor.

The Reed Union on campus was the site of the formal ceremonies of initiation and chapter installation. The initiation team included: Abigail M. Erinc, *OH A '13*; Zahi M. Kakish, *OH K '13*; Bronson J. Lamoncha, *OH A '13*; William C. Lasher, Ph.D.; Teresa McKinney, *OH A '14*; Michelle M. Mekker, *NY N '13*; Peter W. Schmidt, *OH A '13*; Lauren B. Stutzman, *NY N '13*; Brian J. Widman, *OH A '13*; E. Tyler Young, *OH A '13*; and the four Association officials listed above. Twenty-three undergraduate students and twenty-two alumni (identified on the facing page) comprise Pennsylvania Mu's charter members.

Immediately after the formal initiation, the new members were constituted a new chapter in the ceremony of installation conducted by Dr. Earle. The ceremony included the formal election and installation of the chapter's charter officers and advisors (identified in a photograph caption on the facing page).

At a banquet following the installation, Mr. Erdman, chapter president, served as master of ceremonies and welcomed the initiates, visitors, faculty, and friends. Dr. Lasher expressed his gratitude to everyone for their hard work in bringing a chapter to Penn State Erie and especially called attention to Kathleen J. Muhonen, Ph.D., for her work in getting the local society started. Dr. Ralph M. Ford, Ph.D., director, school of engineering, indicated how proud the school was to have a chapter on campus and this occasion marked the realization of a goal that the faculty set over 20 years ago.

Dr. Earle, Mr. Gomulinski, and Mr. Rovnan welcomed the new members into the Association and challenged them to continue their pursuit of excellence and to serve their alma mater and fellow students. The new members were encouraged to identify their passion and utilize their engineering background to fulfill their dreams.



Student Initiates

Front row (L-R): Timothy B. Kaminske, Tyler R. Ewing, Sarah J. Crosby, Jeremy T. Hall, and Ali Y. Ismail. Back row: Steven T. Cowen, Clayton H. Altomose, Matthew D. Erdman, Matthew D. Blair, Gregory S. Fuener, and David T. Gregory.



Student Initiates

Front row (L-R): Timothy J. Karls, Dominic A. Sarachine, Robin L. Siegenthaler, John B. Pearson, and Taylor L. Pearson. Back row: Vincent M. Rice, Bryan Smith, Matthew C. Schneider, Andrew J. Opalewski, Joel R. King, Ronald J. Radovich, and Jacob P. Shaffer.



Alumni

Front row (L-R): Matthew S. Florian; Matthew J. Heid, Catherine E. Franks, Molly K. Eberly, and Colin J. Etzel-Hardman. Back row: Steelton W. Flynn, John C. Curtin, Nathan T. Hansen, Jeffrey T. Erdman, Brandon H. Bruner, and Stefan M. Gracik.



Alumni

Front row (L-R): Benjamin T. Pleso, Nathan J. Sydlík, Kathleen J. Muhenen, Jacquelyn L. Marsh, and Kathleen S. Nicholas. Back row: Nicholas M. Snyder, Erik J. Johnson, Matthew C. Krugh, Christopher M. Nocera, Timothy A. McNeal, and David T. Jesberger.



First Officers and Advisors

Front row (L-R): Andrew J. Opalewski, Matthew C. Schneider, Matthew D. Erdman, Ali Y. Ismail, and Joel R. King. Back row: William R. Miller; William C. Lasher, Oladipo Onipede, and Thomas L. Hemminger.



Initiation Team

Front row (L-R): E. Tyler Young; William C. Lasher, Curtis D. Gomulinski; Jonathan F.K. Earle, Thomas A. Pinkham IV, and Alexander J. Rovnan. Back row: Zahi M. Kakish, Lauren B. Stutzman, Michelle M. Mekker, Brian J. Widman, Abigail M. Erinc, Peter W. Schmidt, Bronson J. Lamoncha, and Teresa McKinney.