

Sigma Pi Sigma Chapter Project Award Final Report

Project Title	Sigma Pi Sigma Awards Banquet
Name of School	University of Maine
Sigma Pi Sigma Chapter Number	069
Total Amount Awarded	\$500
Project Leader	Samuel Borer

Summary of Award Activity

The University of Maine's Sigma Pi Sigma Chapter put together an annual awards ceremony. It serves many roles; including our end-of-the-year celebration, graduating senior send-off, physics department awards ceremony, and Sigma Pi Sigma Induction. We use funds to rent a conference room space and supply a dinner to the attendees that include physics students, Sigma Pi Sigma inductees, faculty, staff, and their families. This year was a record breaking turnout, with over 50 attendees. We had a celebration of our graduating seniors, handed out scholarships, and inducted two new members into the Sigma Pi Sigma Honors Society.

Statement of Activity

Overview of Award Activity

The Physics Awards Banquet was held in the Buchanan Alumni House and serves as our end-of-the-year celebration. We had a meal and mingled among the physics students, their families, and the faculty and alumni. We then handed out the annual department awards, celebrated the accomplishments of the department members, said farewell to the graduating seniors, and then held the Sigma Pi Sigma Induction Ceremony. The audience was the entire physics community; the physics majors, their families, and the faculty. The SPS Chapter hosted, planned, and organized the event. As the project lead, I managed the members planning with me. It is a straightforward project since this is our second year conducting it so much of the groundwork was laid when I designed it last year. It was a great time to get to mingle with faculty and alumni, celebrate our successes, and induct members into Sigma Pi Sigma.

Impact Assement: How the Project/Activity/Event Met the Purpose of the Award

This project met several objectives. It allowed physics majors and Sigma Pi Sigma members to mingle with faculty and local alumni. It added greater distinction to our induction ceremony. We increased the induction of new members. Finally, we recognized outstanding achievement at the chapter level.

Key Metrics and Reflection

Please answer the questions below. Please indicate if a question is not applicable to your project.

Who was the target audience of your project?	Sigma Pi Sigma Members
How many attendees/participants were directly impacted by your project? Please describe them (for example "3 alumni" or "10 physics majors").	50+ attendees (Physics majors and their families, physics faculty)
How many students from your $\Sigma\Pi\Sigma$ chapter were involved in the activity, and in what capacity?	5 in planning, 2 in induction
Was the amount of money you received from $\Sigma\Pi\Sigma$ sufficient to carry out the activities outlined in your proposal? Could you have used additional funding? If yes, how much would you have liked and how would the additional funding have augmented your activity?	We had to gather \$400 of additional funding from the Department and College.
Do you anticipate repeating this project/activity/event in the future, or having a follow-up project/activity/event? If yes, please describe.	Yes, it is an annual event
What new relationships did you build through this project?	No new relationships
If you were to do your project again, what would you do differently?	A different venue that allows outside food.

Expenditures

Please provide a brief explanation of your expenses. Include a written description of your expenditures below, those covered by your $\Sigma\Pi\Sigma$ funding and by other funding sources, and then fill in the table with the name and cost of each item purchased with your $\Sigma\Pi\Sigma$ funding. Add rows as needed.

Expenditure Table

Item	Cost
Food Cost (\$500 from SPS, \$500 from College)	\$1000
Room Rental (Paid by Department)	\$100
Total of Expenses	

Activity Photos























