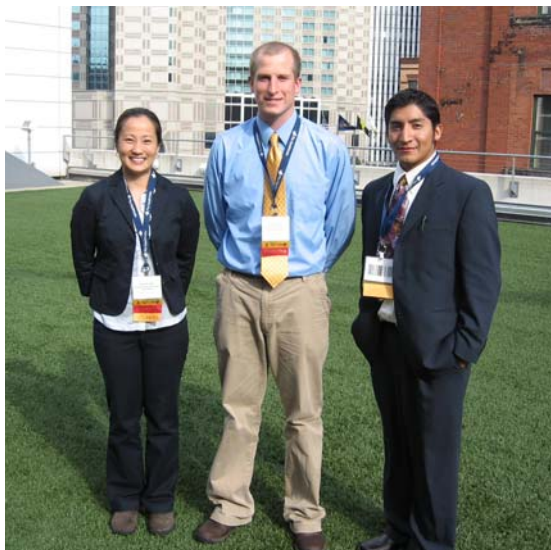


Tau Alpha Pi News by Jay Porter and Bill Clapp

This year, Tau Alpha Pi held its first Student Paper Competition at the 2008 National ASEE Conference in Pittsburgh, PA and it was a great success! Our three student finalists; Szelynn Seal (1st Place) from University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Bayron Guitierrez (2nd Place, tie) from Weber State University, and John Phelps (2nd Place, tie) from Rochester Institute of Technology, arrived in Pittsburgh on a Tuesday and had the opportunity to participate in some of the ASEE Conference activities. They were also invited guests to the Tau Alpha Pi Board Meeting on Wednesday morning.



Our Tau Alpha Pi Finalists
From the left: Szelynn Seal, John Phelps, Bayron Guitierrez

The actual competition took place as part of an official ASEE session. The students each had fifteen minutes to present their work to a panel of five judges. While a winner had to be selected, we saw three outstanding presentations and I want to congratulate the students on the effort they put into their papers and their presentations. After the competition was over, the students joined the rest of the ASEE members for the closing awards banquet where they were recognized.

This first competition was an excellent start to what Tau Alpha Pi hopes becomes a long standing tradition. The 2nd annual competition will be announced soon so please watch the ETD listerv, ETD website, and the Tau Alpha Pi website for announcements.

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