

Membership Challenge

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

November 1, 2010

Membership Challenge Events

1. Ice Cream Social [28 attendees]
2. Iron Man 2 Movie Night [5 attendees]
3. General Body Meeting with Guest Speaker [13 attendees]
4. MS&T Essay Contest [5 submissions]
5. Material Advantage T-Shirt Contest [5 submissions]
6. Departmental Open House [10 attendees]

Ice Cream Social

The ice cream social included a presentation highlighting upcoming events, officer contact information, and information about Material Advantage. It served as a chance for students to become familiar with the organization as well as to make friends within the department.

Movie Night

Students met to watch a fun, materials-related movie being projected in a lecture hall.

General Body Meeting

A guest speaker discussed The Evolution of Materials: Solving Problems and Advancing New Frontiers. Students enjoyed pizza and soda while also learning about upcoming events and the benefits of being a Material Advantage member.

MS&T Essay Contest

Students submitted 1 page essays on why they wanted to attend MS&T and how they hoped to benefit from it. Three faculty judges ranked the anonymous submissions, and the top two were selected to attend the conference.

T-Shirt Contest

Students submitted various designs for Material Advantage t-shirts. Some included materials-related jokes, while others drew from the logo colors and shapes.

Departmental Open House

The open house served as an opportunity to introduce students and prospective students to various laboratories, the curriculum, and the student activities associated with being a member in the Materials Science and Engineering Department.