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“The life of a chapter comes from the events and activities its members engage in together. The number of fun, educational, and rewarding activities a chapter may conduct is nearly endless.”

A Letter From Our President

Thanks for picking up this quarterly newsletter! If you haven't heard of us already, Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society is the only honor society at Cal Poly Pomona for English majors and minors. We also hold meetings and events for our members and to foster our love of literature and language.

Inside this newsletter, you'll find spring quarter meeting recaps, a look at what we have going on for the rest of the quarter, a senior sendoff and more information on our club. If you have any questions about Sigma Tau Delta, feel free to reach out to any of the officers.

I also wanted to take the time to say goodbye after a wonderful two years at Sigma Tau Delta's helm. I've enjoyed weekly meeting conversations, Sigma Saturdays and having the chance to meet some of the best students Cal Poly Pomona has to offer. I am sad to leave Sigma Tau Delta and the university, but I know I'm leaving the club in good hands.

Zoe Lance

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Winter 2015 Recap

BOOK BOUND

Sigma Tau Delta welcomed students back from winter break with a pleasant bookbinding session. Our president, Zoe Lance, presented everyone with different historical methods and cultural styles of bookbinding before setting us off to make books of our own. This meeting concluded after Sigma DIYers shared and passed paper bags, papers, hole punchers, embroidery string, scissors, and even fancy patterned-edge scissors around the room to finish constructing their personal miniature projects. Whether these bound booklets are to be used for keeping notes, drawing, or anything else, many attendees of this meeting couldn't deny that



the process of making them took more effort than expected. Who knew that such a simple looking project can turn out complicated?

Keep in touch with Sigma Tau Delta for future handcrafting events.

FROM POEMS WITH LOVE

After much consideration, Sigma Tau Delta officers chose Eric Aranda's "Spiderlings", Kristin Kawecki's "AN INVITATION", and Michael Johnson's "2TBSP of Hazelnut Creamer" as the winning poems of the Love Poetry Contest. These three poets received a Cal Poly gift card, and their winning poems will be featured in this year's

Portfolio, Sigma Tau Delta's annual literary magazine. On

the week of Valentine's Day, Sigma Tau Delta urged the winning poets who attended the meeting, Kristin and



Michael to read their passionate poems aloud. Eric's poem was read by our president, and it was just as heart-felt as the other poem readings from their respective writers. Past Portfolio writings can be read at <http://stdcpp.weebly.com/portfolio.html>.

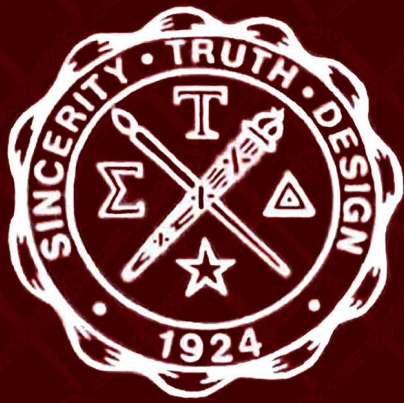
SLAM POETRY WITH THE DOCTOR

Dr. DeRosa paid Sigma Tau Delta a second Slam Poetry visit. As our second professor speaker of this academic year, he presented our Sigma members and non-members with fascinating information about slam poetry, which included types of slams and the origins of the beatnik applause. To help everyone further understand slam poetry, Dr. DeRosa performed two of his own poems to let us have a sense of how influential slam poetry is to him. Before ending Sigma Tau Delta's last meeting of winter, Dr. DeRosa played six emotionally loaded slams (Sarah Kay's "Hands", Marshal Soulful Jones's "Touchscreen", Sean Gerrity's "Friend Zone", Megan Falley and Olivia Gatwood's "Say No", Denice Frohman's "Dear Straight People", and Javon Johnson's "Cuz he's Black") from Button Poetry's Youtube channel and allowed students to rate how much the poems resonated with them.

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REMAINING EVENTS

May 15
Portfolio
Submissions Due

May 16
Sigma Saturday at
The Last Bookstore

June 2
The Induction
Ceremony

Join us and meet
others who are
interested in the
English language,
literature, and
writing.

Spring 2015 Recap

THE OFFICIAL ELECTION OF 2015

The votes are in for our 2015-16 Sigma Tau Delta Officers. Through an online voting system, Sigma Tau Delta members have chosen Kristin Kawecki as our new President, Patricia Reyes as new Secretary, and John Micah Cadornigara again for Treasurer. Be sure to visit fall Sigma Tau Delta meetings to find out what lively activities they will be planning for the club. If you want to be a Sigma officer, you still have the opportunity. Other officer positions are available, so you can still lend your support for Sigma Tau Delta by becoming Vice President, Historian or Public Relations/Webmaster. Contact our current president, Zoe Lance at zllance@cpp.edu to inquire about becoming an officer.

FANTASTIC FUNDRAISER

The Sigma Tau Delta Used Book Sale raised \$200 in only two days with the support from students and faculty around campus. The used books were donations from Dr. Simpson, Dr. Houck, Joey Castillo and our Better World Book drive. Sigma Tau Delta provided campus wanderers with a wide selection of \$1 paperbacks and \$2 hardcovers during U-Hour on April 14 and 16. Sigma Tau Delta sold classic and modern



literature, American and multicultural literature, children and young-adult literature, dictionaries, design manuals, cooking and wine tasting guides, and even self-help literature. Sigma Tau Delta greatly appreciates the contributions from the university community.

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WELL DONE, FELLOW READERS AND WRITERS