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WHO WE ARE.

Parker Engineering, Architecture and Technology Experts, or PEATEs for short, are upperclassmen in CEAT who live in Parker Hall and devote their time to support the freshmen engineering community in Parker. The CEAT Parker Hall Living Learning Program (LLP) is a program built to give freshman CEAT majors resources in-house such as tutoring, peer mentorship,

and social events. Our goal is to connect our high-achieving students with like-minded peers and professionals in their field of study. The PEATEs assist students with classwork, are a great resource for advice concerning CEAT, and collaborate with Reslife (Community Mentors (CMs) and Board of Directors (BoD)) and CEAT In-Residence (IR) to sponsor events that

engage our residents! To learn more about the PEATE program visit the Parker Hall LLP page here:

<https://ceat.okstate.edu/studentservices/ceats-peates/index.html>

PURPOSE

- This newsletter is designed to keep the Oklahoma State community informed about all that is going on at Parker Hall and outline how OSU organizations can partner with the PEATEs to support student's success. The PEATEs are especially excited to work with CEAT organizations to help the freshmen of Parker find their home here on campus!

TOPICS

- Health & Wellness
Stress-Free Zone
Pete's Pet Posse Visits
Intramurals
- Academic Support
Office Hour Punchcards
In-House CEAT Tutoring
- Dorm Fun
Door Decoration Contest
Pumpkin Carving
2nd Floor Paint Night
- PEATE Highlight



STRESS-FREE ZONE

Stress is no foreign concept to the college student. As mentors for these freshmen students in CEAT, our aim is to set them up for success in their courses, help them find their people on campus whether that's an honors club, a student organization, or a solid study group, and to equip them with the tools to take care of their mind and body so that they can continue to do well in their studies and social lives. One great foe to the health of our minds and bodies is stress. The Stress-Free Zone is just

one event we put on targeted specifically at shaping a night for participants to decompress with their coping mechanism of choice. We had stations with playdough, materials for stress balls, acrylic paint on canvases, and coloring pages. Oh, and you can't forget Chick-fil-a! Some quality, fried comfort food.

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PETE'S PET POSSE

We get visits from Pete's Pet Posse biweekly. Some of our residents are there every time without fail and others stop for a pet when they see the dogs. Pete's Pet Posse is the largest pet therapy program in the nation started by Former First Cowgirl, Ann Hargis, in 2013. It consists of 45 therapy dogs and counting. One of the PEATEs, who is always there to greet the dogs when they come and sends them off when it is time for them to go, when asked what is so great about Pete's Pet Posse visits said, "dogs have a youthful joy and innocence that we have lost as young adults... Share the dogs; everyone needs dogs."



INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL

This first week of November will bring with it the last regular season game for Indoor Intramural Volleyball. So far, Parker's team has won one game and lost one game. Volleyball most definitely brings with it a different team dynamic than soccer did, and it has been interesting to watch our freshmen rise to the challenge. Our team is made up of experienced players and complete novices. Those who know what they're doing have to practice patience with those of us who have no idea what we are doing. But slowly, as tips and encouragement have been offered, our team has melded into a tighter unit.

PUMPKIN CARVING!

Rodney and Kavina, our CEAT In Residence, bought 20 pumpkins for the residents in Parker to carve. Locating the carving event in the first floor of the Scott-Parker-Wentz Cafeteria, an old, disused building bordering on abandoned, with spooky music playing in the background,

set the ominous scene impeccably. As for carvings, we saw everything from your typical jack-o-lantern to jack the skeleton to an intricate carving of the headless horseman and Pistol Pete himself! The PEATEs voted to award the top 3 jack-o-lanterns and the results are as follows:

1st Place: Katie Castellano - Headless Horseman

2nd Place: Magnus McKee - Check Engine Light

3rd Place: Tyler Lay - Witch





PAINTING PARTY
Relaxing Fun



2ND FLOOR WINNER



3RD FLOOR WINNER



4TH FLOOR WINNER

SECOND FLOOR PAINT NIGHT

On Wednesday, Oct 6th, the residents of the second floor gathered together to paint the night away! With blank canvases and plates full of paint, creativity ran rampant. Many students followed a flower tutorial and added their own spin to it, while others painted whatever they wished. Some notable pieces included a forestry sunset, abstract art, and a cow.

When time ran out and we had to pack up, many residents checked out brushes and kept painting, continuing the fun into the night. All told, about twenty-five students created their own masterpieces - quite a success for the Maude's Squad LLP!



DOOR DECORATION CONTEST

There's something there lurking in the dark, is it a vision, a spectre, the macabre, no it's halloween decorations on doors! Freshmen were encouraged to decorate their doorways to celebrate all things spooky for Halloween. Each floor in Parker Hall held their own competition for the best decorated door,

with the deadline set for Oct. 30th and judging commencing on All Hallows Eve, Oct. 31st, done by the PEATEs and CM's on each floor. The winning rooms on each floor received a Halloween Gift basket, full of treats!

HIGHLIGHT: THANK YOU JORDAN!



Finally, the PEATEs would like to take a moment to say farewell and a big "Thank You!" to Jordan Blackburn, our advisor and mentor since August of 2019. On top of her responsibilities as Student Retention Coordinator for CEAT, she served as the PEATE faculty advisor, and she did so with intentionality. Jordan's work in Parker, with the PEATEs and Summer Bridge, has improved our Living Learning Program immeasurably. There is no way our organization or this program would be what it is without her. The transition to college as a freshman is not an easy one, especially for students in such a fast paced and work intensive major like engineering. Jordan championed great, outstanding programs, but more so, she built relationships. And she carried those relationships on even after we were no longer freshmen which is a testament to the heart she has for this job. We are sad to see Jordan go, but wish her the best as she transitions to her new role at OSU. Thank you for everything Jordan!

IN-HOUSE CEAT TUTORING

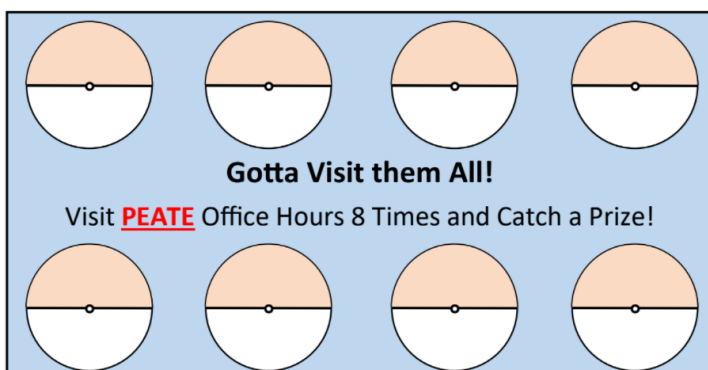
The CEAT Tutors are back in the basement, and we as PEATEs could not be more ecstatic! For while we love the interactions we have during office hours and getting to try and help our residents with the homework assignments, not all of us are certified tutors nor do we have hours to work out the intricacies of a calculus or physics homework problem. CEAT Tutors have tutoring hours in the basement of Parker from 5 - 9pm Monday through Thursday. This is just yet another phenomenal resource right at our Parker resident's hands. All they have to do is walk down to the basement on a given weeknight to get help on their coursework. To learn more about CEAT Tutoring and their Tutoring Team visit <https://ceat.okstate.edu/studentservices/tutoring.html>.



CEAT TUTORING

PUNCHCARDS

Holding office hours is one key way we mentor in Parker Hall. These are times set aside by the PEATEs to focus on the Parker freshmen and their needs, whether that time is filled with discussions of engineering and course work or just light conversation. In order to revitalize this initiative and encourage freshmen - PEATE interactions, the PEATEs developed the punch card program. As seen below, every freshman was given a punch card with 8 slots, encouraging them to seek out the PEATEs in their office hours to get signatures. When freshmen complete their card they will receive a reward which will be revealed when the card is completed. But, more importantly, they also receive eight meaningful conversations/help sessions with the PEATEs. Since the punch card introduction, two weeks ago, office hour attendance has seen an impressive increase. Continuing this program in future semesters will increase the awareness of Parker freshmen to the resources available to them!





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