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!

EVENTS

- Sand Volleyball Night
- Floor Events
  2nd: Cookie Decorating
  3rd: Super Smash Bros.
  5th: Movie Night
- Soccer Intramurals
- Valero - Dinner with Recruiters
- Parker NFL Tailgate

SAND VOLLEYBALL NIGHT

On the first Wednesday of this month, Parker Hall hit the sand volleyball courts! Forty-plus students came out, some high school athletes, others novices, and others were there just to watch. The PEATEs supplied a surplus of pizza to fuel a night of intense competition. In planning events like these, we hope to allow freshmen to work out some stress and energy and take a break from their busy schedules, but ultimately we want to encourage them to take the initiative to build time into their weekly schedules for exercise and activity with friends. Because while performing well in classes is important, it is so much more important for them to learn to prioritize taking care of their mental and physical health.
FLOOR EVENTS!

Second Floor. To break up a busy week of career fair and midterms, the second-floor PEATEs brought in sugar cookies, frostings, and all the fun sprinkles and decorations imaginable. Cookie decorating in the lounge served as a much-needed break from studies, but it was also a relaxing creative outlet and a delectable one at that! There were some true masterpieces composed that were thoroughly enjoyed both by sight and palette.

Third Floor. Friendly competition and fun are always needed during the throes of freshman year! That’s why the third floor had a Smashing good time participating in a Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament. Over thirty residents came by for free food and to compete for the honor and glory of the best Smash player in the dorm (and a free JBL speaker)! This joint event was hosted by the third-floor PEATEs and the third-floor CM providing a stress-free event!

Fifth Floor. 10/10 “Absolute Garbage. A must watch”, 2/10 “Horrible, Watch it now!”, 10/10 “This is not a good movie, but a wonderful movie.” These reviews and more were far too enticing to pass up as the fifth-floor PEATEs deliberated over their selection of a floor event to both foster a community and provide crucial stress relief. Their selection paid off as a cheesy D-Tier movie plus plenty of free chicken earned a standing ovation upon the movie’s conclusion. Yes, the showing of The Velocipastor (you read that right) was a roaring success on the fifth floor!

SOCCER INTRAMURALS

We’re headed into the third week of intramural soccer season. The PEATE intramural committee helped bring together a coed team of 19 guys and 5 girls. With one loss and one win in the books, we are confident we will pull out a win this Thursday. Intramurals are just one way we encourage our residents to get involved outside of classes and coursework, and it’s so cool to see their passion and competitive nature show up on the field. And whether they are aware of it or not, these tests of their teamwork, communication, and cooperation are developing in them skills that are invaluable on the field, in the classroom, or in the office.
Everyone loves a good tailgate, and with catered wings and sides, who can decline the invite? With the first floor lounge TV tuned into Sunday afternoon football, many students came by to snack on some tailgate finger foods and hang out in the lounge watching the game. There were yard games of all varieties set up on the lawn outside for the more active sort. All in all, it was a lazy Sunday afternoon at its finest.

Valero recruiters hung around after the CEAT Career Fair on Tuesday to come and talk with the freshmen in Parker. This is such a unique opportunity for the freshmen in Parker Hall as many of the companies that make it out for Oklahoma State’s Career Fairs are not looking to recruit freshmen. Valero not only was interested in recruiting freshmen for their summer internship programs, but they went the extra mile to come to them. Freshmen had the chance to talk with recruiters about chemical, mechanical, electrical, project engineering summer internships at Valero.

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