Welcome Initiates!

“Congratulations on your invitation to Tau Beta Pi! You have worked so hard to get to this point, it is a great accomplishment. We are very excited to introduce you to our society and show you how Tau Beta Pi can benefit you! This month’s Local Bent contains quotes and testimonials written by our own members and alumni describing their experience in Tau Beta Pi and how it has impacted their lives. You will also find loads of information about our future events that I hope will encourage you to participate in the initiation process.”

~Tony, Recording Secretary

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Tau Beta Pi – Michigan Epsilon Testimonial

“Being part of Tau Beta Pi has been an amazing experience for me. I joined because I thought it would be a good way to get active on campus and I figured it would look great on a resume. While both of these things were true, my favorite benefit to joining is no doubt the friendships I have made because of TBP. I have met so many great people that I would have never met if it weren't for Tau Beta Pi. It's very rare now that I can make it through the engineering building without being stopped by someone I know who wants to say hello”

~Max Sydorchuk, Membership Vice President, ME Junior, Initiated Winter 2015
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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/2 – Rachel Berlin-Allaire
2/7 – Erika Campbell
2/9 – Mahtab Jahanbani Fard
2/9 – Maryssa Mercer
2/17 – Matthew Melucci
2/19 – Tonya Whitehead

HISTORICAL SCIENTIST & ENGINEER’S BIRTHDAYS

February 3rd 1821 – Elizabeth Blackwell of Bristol England was the first accredited woman physician

February 4th 1841 – French inventor, Clement Ader was the first to fly a heavier-than-air craft

February 12th 1809 – Charles Darwin discovered the theory of evolution and wrote the "Origin of Species"

February 24th 1955 – 1955 - Steve Jobs co-founded Apple Computer

February 26th 1852 – John Harvey Kellogg started the flaked cereal industry and founded Kellogg Cereal
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**February 2016**
OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Formal Initiation

April 15<sup>th</sup> – GBM #4

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Road Rally
ALUMNI PANEL

Location: Engineering 1507
Monday February 22nd, 2016
5:30pm-7:30pm

ENGINEERS WEEK

To celebrate Engineer's Week this year, we would like to have a 2-hour alumni event to allow students to connect with Alumni, and ask about work and life in the professional world. We are proposing a 1-hour panel session, followed by a 1-hour casual meet-and-greet session.

For the panel, we will have the alumni provide a brief background on their career development history and their personal insights for being successful. We plan to showcase a diversity of experience among the panelists, in profession, discipline, and experience. Then we will like to open to questions from the audience.

Following the panel session will be a more informal round-robin/round-table session to allow the students to connect with the panelists. The goal of this part is simply a meet-and-greet and networking opportunity.
SOCIAL EVENTS
Throughout the Month of February

Our wonderful Social Coordinator, Mehon Rahman, has set up several social events for members and initiates this month including:

- **Whirlyball!**
  February 5 7:30pm
  Basketball+Bumper Cars=Whirlyball!
  Come join the chapter after GBM II for a night out! It is free to play for initiates and it will be a great opportunity to get to know the members!

- **Hot Chocolate and Donuts with a Movie!**
  February 8th 5:00pm
  1200 ENGG
  Come relax and watch a movie with us while you enjoy free hot chocolate and donuts!

- **Game Nights!**
  February 11th 3:00pm & 26th 6:00pm
  1200 ENGG
  Come play some board games or video games with your engineering buddies!

- **Euchre Tournament**
  February 17th 4:30pm
  1200 ENGG
  Come test your skills! See if you have what it takes to be the next Tau Beta champion!

- **Netflix and Chili!**
  February 19th 5:00pm
  1200 ENGG
  It’s Chili Time! Come check out the best Netflix has to offer while enjoying some delicious hot chili!

- **Ice Cream Social**
  February 23rd 5:00pm
  1200 ENGG
  Who cares what the weather is outside, there is never a bad time for ice cream! Come make a sundae and hang out with other Tau Bates!

- **Trivia Tournament**
  February 25th 5:00pm
  1200 ENGG
  Are you a walking encyclopedia? Do you know everything about anything? Come put your knowledge to the test in a good old fashioned Trivia Contest!
MEET THE COLLEGE LUNCHEON

February 25, 2016
College of Engineering, EDC Lobby

***FREE PIZZA***

Participate in TBP’s Meet the College Luncheon and receive free pizza. All you have to do is meet someone new (this could be a professor or student) and talk to them. Fill out a slip of paper provided by TBP and tell us who you are, who you met, and some highlights of what you learned about the person. This event is open to all students, so spread the word, bring your friends, and be “that person” who got them free pizza!!
BIG BENT CLEANING – 2015 INITIATES
Tau Beta Pi – Michigan Epsilon Testimonials

A message from former Michigan Epsilon President:

“Did you know that the Executive Director of the international Tau Beta Pi Association is a member of the Michigan Epsilon Chapter? 17 years ago I was in the same situation you are in now--candidate for membership in TBP. I hadn't been active much at Wayne State (it was much more a commuter school than it is now), but a couple friends and I decided to attend the orientation meeting and see what the organization was all about. Without a doubt, it was the best decision I ever made!

I dove into the activities of Michigan Epsilon because I enjoyed working with the members and found people who also felt that principles of honesty, integrity, and high scholastic attainment were important. I was voted the most active initiate and elected cataloger within a week of becoming a member. I am proud to say that Greg Schroeder, who served as Treasurer with me, and I started the store that the chapter still runs to this day! The following term, I was elected President and served in that role for two years...don't do that! I attended my first Convention the following year where Michigan Epsilon received its first-ever R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award (not for anything I did!) and was selected to host the 2002 Tau Beta Pi Convention in Detroit.

After I graduated, I helped restart the Southeastern Michigan Alumni Chapter and ended up serving as a Tau Beta Pi District 7 Director for 9 years. I was honored 4 1/2 years ago to be selected as the Executive Director and Secretary-Treasurer of Tau Beta Pi. I am only the fourth person in 103 years to serve in this role and am proud that a Wayne State alumnus helps lead Tau Beta Pi on a day-to-day basis.

Like many other organizations, you will get out of Tau Beta Pi as much as you are willing to put into it. Tau Beta Pi offers a variety of ways to get engaged in your school and community, receive professional development training, hone your leadership skills, and develop lifelong friendships. I vividly remember walking into the office of my predecessor as president of MI Epsilon shortly after I took over as president. I told her, "I think we should host Convention." She laughed at me. I then presented my case and she got on board. Six months later, Michigan Epsilon was selected over Texas Tech and the University of Florida/University of Central Florida to host Convention. The sky's the limit!

Congratulations on your eligibility for TBP membership! If you ever need anything as a member, email me at curt@tbp.org.”

“Becoming a member of Tau Beta Pi has improved my experience in the College of Engineering significantly. I am a biomedical engineering major and before initiating, the majority of the people I had met and spent my time with were people of the same major. Joining Tau Beta Pi has given me the opportunity to connect with all different types of engineers and become more involved in the college. The community provided by the Tau Bates is very welcoming and very worth it!!”
~Dana Nachawati – BME Junior – Initiated Winter 2015

"Not only did TBP prove to be beneficial professionally, but also personally. In all job interviews I have had, the mere mention of TBP and the active roles I have played as both an officer and a member was enough to prove my merit as an engineer and a person. An added bonus? I adore all of the TBP friendships that I have made."
~Amelia Zelenak, BME Alum – Initiated Fall 2013

“I joined tau beta pi because it gave me the opportunity to get to know lots of cool engineering students in my classes and other disciplines I might not have met otherwise and because it is a great network of support for advice on classes, professors, and getting your degree in general.”
~Allison Weir, ME Junior, Initiated Fall 2015
“Congratulations on being invited to join Tau Beta Pi! Over the course of initiation, we'll get to know you, and you'll get to know us. Over the course of the next few weeks, you'll probably realize that you're already one of us; all you have to do is complete initiation.

The initiation folder may look intimidating when you first receive it, but you've already proven you're up to the task by being invited. You're studying to be an engineer; approach this as an engineering problem. Break it down into smaller, manageable tasks, make a plan, set up a schedule, and do it! You may hear stories from other Tau Bates who had to scramble to finish their folders in time, but it is entirely possible to finish well ahead of the due date. The semester I initiated, I was going to be out of town with the EcoCAR 3 team for a workshop the week the initiation folders were due. I turned mine in before I left - five days early.

My number one piece of advice: START EARLY! One of my fellow initiates and I did our first round of signature collecting immediately after the orientation meeting when we received our folders. Not only did we get over half of the signatures we needed in less than an hour, but by going together, approaching professors we didn't know felt less awkward.

About polishing your Bent: if you're not sure how to do it, please ask us! And please, please, PLEASE remember that metal files are directional; scraping back and forth may remove the flash from the edges of the Bent, but it also scratches the Bent and wrecks the files.”

~Kathryn Della Porta, ME Undergrad/Grad, Initiated Fall 2014

"Tau Beta Pi has great people, fun events, and free food. Everything a person needs during their college careers"
~Mehon Rahman, BME Undergrad, Initiated Fall 2015

“I initially joined Tau Beta Pi to meet other students and become more social at WSU after missing out on a lot of opportunities during my own undergraduate career. TBP not only delivered on providing a really fun group of friends, but better yet offered a network of motivated professionals. Furthermore, serving as an officer of the Michigan Epsilon chapter of TBP (as Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer) has greatly improved my leadership abilities and confidence as a leader. I strongly encourage everyone being considered for membership to not only just complete the initiation process and "get in," but to actively participate in the professional, service, and social (woo!) events TBP has to offer.”
~Melissa Wrobel, BME PhD Student, Initiated Fall 2013

"Being a member of Tau Beta Pi has allowed me to surround myself with a network of engineering students, faculty and professionals that I greatly admire. It is an empowering national community of people who embody the integrity and dedication characteristic of the best professional engineers. As Tau Bates, we challenge each other to strive for excellence in the classroom and make it a priority to give back to the college and community. I can assure you that as a former President and Membership Vice President, and current Treasurer of our chapter, that the more you put into this organization, the more you'll get out of it! Membership in TBP provides an unparalleled opportunity to develop leadership skills and make an impact on MI-E through serving as an officer, and I strongly encourage everyone to do so.”
~Maryssa Mercer, BME Senior, Initiated Fall 2013

“Joining Tau Beta Pi has been one of the best decisions of my life. I have met many wonderful people and some of my best friends. I joined because my friend Ben was in it and I knew I wanted to be part of an honor society; plus, putting it on my resume looked really good! However, becoming a member meant a lot to me and I decided to become more involved with our chapter. Being a member of Tau Beta Pi is an honor by itself, but the most valuable part comes from having a large family of like-minded individuals that you can count on. Initiating in our chapter may seem like a lot, but the sooner you start the better it will go. I can't wait to see you all join!”
~Stephen Caren, CHE Undergrad - Initiated Fall 2014
WHAT DO WINNING EVENT PHOTOS LOOK LIKE?
FOR HISTORIAN SIGNATURE
After GBM II Social Event!

Whirlyball
41550 Grand River Avenue
Novi, MI 48375
(248) 788-8900

College of Engineering, Wayne State University
5050 Anthony Wayne Drive, Detroit, MI 48202

➢ Get on I-94 W from 3rd Ave/Anthony Wayne Dr, W Warren Ave and Trumbull Ave
  6 min (1.3 mi)

➢ Take I-96 W, I-96 Express/Jeffries Fwy and I-96 W to Grand River Ave in Farmington Hills. Take the Gd River Ave exit from M-5 E
  24 min (26.5 mi)

➢ Drive to Grand River Ave in Novi
  4 min (2.2 mi)

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41550 Grand River Avenue, Novi, MI 48375