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## **Tau Beta Pi Awards 35 Fellowships**

The Fellowship Board of **Tau Beta Pi**, the engineering honor society, announces the selection of 35 young engineering students from 219 applicants for graduate fellowships in 2011-12. Eighteen of this year's winners will receive cash stipends of \$10,000 for their advanced study; the others do not need financial aid from Tau Beta Pi. More than \$5,300,000 in stipends will have been given by the Society when this 78th group of scholars completes its graduate work. All Tau Beta Pi Fellowships are awarded on the competitive criteria of high scholarship, campus leadership and service, and promise of future contributions to the engineering profession. All fellows are members of Tau Beta Pi and may do their graduate work at any institution they choose.

Five of the winners will study mechanical engineering, four electrical engineering, four structural engineering, three bioengineering, two biomedical engineering, two chemical engineering, two computer & electrical engineering, and two environmental engineering. The others have chosen to study bioscience enterprise, civil engineering, ecological sciences & engineering, genetics, industrial engineering, materials engineering, materials science & engineering, medicine, medicine & biomedical engineering, nuclear engineering, and transportation engineering.

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Given for the 26th time, the **Centennial Fellowship** honors the Society's most outstanding fellow.

The **Charles H. Spencer Fellowship** is given for the 56th time. Named for Tau Beta Pi's national president in 1936-47, it is awarded to that winner whose contributions to his or her collegiate chapter are judged worthy of commendation.

The **Harold M. King Fellowship**, awarded for the 50th time, honors the 1954-58 president of Tau Beta Pi and is given to that winner whose participation in his or her technical society is judged worthy of special mention.

The fifteen **Tau Beta Pi-James Fife Fellowships** are presented in memory of the father of the late member William Fife, CA A '21.

The **Tau Beta Pi-Sigma Tau** award, given for the 38th time, perpetuates the name of Sigma Tau, a national engineering honor society founded at the University of Nebraska in 1904 and merged into Tau Beta Pi in 1974. It also commemorates Sigma Tau's former national president and secretary-treasurer, Clarel B. Mapes.

The **Donald A. Stark Fellowship** is supported by a gift from a charitable trust named for the man who contributed much to progress in the fluid-power industry.

The **Edward H. Williams Jr. Fellowship**, awarded for the 32nd time, honors the founder of Tau Beta Pi. It is given to a winner who plans to earn a doctoral degree and become a professional engineering teacher, as was Dr. Williams.

The **Matthews Fellowship** is awarded in honor of R.C. "Red" Matthews, IL A '02, who served as Secretary and Secretary-Treasurer in 1905-47 and as Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus in 1947-78. The **Nagel Fellowship** is given to honor Robert H. Nagel, P.E., NY Δ '39, for his service as Editor and Secretary-Treasurer during 1942-82 and as Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus in 1982-97.

The **Hanley Fellowship** is named for Edward P. Hanley IL B '42, whose widow, Mary A. Hanley, left a bequest to Tau Beta Pi in 2007. Walter E. Deuchler Sr. left a bequest in 1979 to endow the **Deuchler Fellowship** for graduate study in water supply, waste-water treatment, and ecology. The **Lynnworth Fellowships** are named for Lawrence C. Lynnworth, NY E '58, TBP Fellow No. 140.

These awards bring the total to 1,421 fellowships granted since the program was inaugurated in 1929. The 2011-12 Tau Beta Pi Fellows are introduced on the following list.

(See attached for names of winners.)

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