



2007 LAUREATE

One Laureate has been selected in the 26th year of Tau Beta Pi's annual program to recognize gifted engineering students who have excelled in non-technical areas. Selected for his accomplishments in athletics, Robert A. Shelley, Missouri Beta '07, joins 59 other outstanding Tau Bates who have been cited since the program began in 1982. He will be honored during ceremonies on October 13, 2007, at the 102nd annual Convention in Dearborn, MI, where he will receive a \$2,500 check and a commemorative plaque.

The Laureate Program was inaugurated to further Tau Beta Pi's second basic purpose as stated in the preamble to the Constitution: "to foster a spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges." A committee of District Directors considered five nominees from five chapters.

Robert A. Shelley

aNDY SHELLEY, Missouri Beta '07, is the 2007 Tau Beta Pi Laureate in athletics. He is a mechanical engineering graduate of the University of Missouri-Rolla.

In addition to studying engineering, Andy remained a life-long swimmer, with a special talent for freestyle and backstroke events. Born in Denver, CO, he started swimming competitively at age seven.

He earned five All-American accolades during his career as a Miner and was a consistent scorer for the team at meets throughout his collegiate athletic career.

Andy was part of the 800-yard freestyle relay team that placed fourth at this year's national meet. He finished ninth in the 200-free-style at the New South Championships with a season-best time of 1:43.51. He was part of the 400- and 800-free-style relay teams that posted sixth and fifth-place finishes at the conference meet.

A member of Pi Tau Sigma, Andy has served on the student athlete advisory committee during 2003-07 and acted as a team representative to the athletic director. He supported the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which is the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II charity, and he worked to increase student attendance at other sporting events.

During high school, Andy recognized that swimming is a team sport, not an individual one. Teams



are ranked according to their overall performances. Andy set an example by working hard, staying positive, and putting the team first over himself. He has consistently placed more emphasis on the team's success, rather than focusing only on how well he did in his individual races. His younger teammates followed his lead.

He remained committed throughout 15 years of training, which routinely included practices starting as early as 5:45 a.m. Despite the demands of his athletic conditioning, he refused to lighten his academic coursework and pursued rigorous class workloads throughout high school and college.

Andy made the ESPN The Magazine academic all-American team in 2005 as a second-team selection.

He was selected to the College Swimming Coaches Association of America's 2007 all-academic team, and the Miners were the top-ranked team in NCAA Division II. He was named as a recipient of a \$7,500 post-graduate scholarship awarded by the NCAA, which requires an overall grade point average of 3.2 (on a 4.0 scale) or its equivalent and performance with distinction as a member of a varsity team.

Andy has demonstrated both perseverance and a selfless pursuit of team success that have enabled him to stand out as a role model for Tau Beta Pi collegiate members.