

2009 Laureate Nominees

In the 28th year of Tau Beta Pi's annual program to recognize gifted engineering students who have excelled in non-technical areas, sixteen student members were nominated for the Laureate Award. Twelve did not receive an award, but deserve mention for their outstanding efforts in the categories of arts, athletics, diverse achievements, and service. The Laureate Selection Committee and Tau Beta Pi would like to congratulate the following nominees for their dedication to "fostering a spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges."

Syed M. Ali, MA A '09

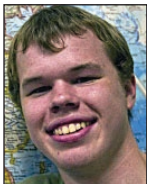
Syed is a biomedical engineering graduate at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and is a 2009 Tau Beta Pi Laureate nominee for his diverse achievements.

He served as president of the Student Government Association, serving over 3,000 undergraduates. He is also a founding member of the local Phi Kappa Theta fraternity and Men Against Violence and Rape in Our Community.

Syed was a member of Team USA at the 2004 World Junior Badminton Championships, and was a U.S. Association of Badminton High School all-American. He has been an upperclassmen mentor and Crimson Key tour guide at WPI.

Samuel O. Brinton, KS Γ '10

Samuel is a mechanical engineering and vocal music performance double major at Kansas State University. He is a 2009 Tau Beta Pi Laureate nominee for his diverse achievements.



Sam Brinton

Sam is currently the Tau Beta Pi Kansas Gamma chapter president and engineering student council president. He was the youngest published author in the history of the International Conference on Nuclear Engineering.

Sam has been singing and performing since the age of four and finished second in the China International Arts Festival with over 200,000 participants. He speaks several languages and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, and Red Cross Service Club.

Christopher S. Dickman, KS B '09

Christopher is majoring in mechanical engineering at Wichita State University. He is a 2009 Tau Beta Pi Laureate nominee for arts and athletics.

Chris is a walk-on varsity Track & Field team member. In 2008, he was one of 12 student-athletes across the country to be named to the *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American Second Team*.

Chris competes in the decathlon and heptathlon, is a four-time MVC Track & Field Champion, and has qualified for two NCCA National Track & Field Championships.

In addition to his academic and athletic responsibilities, Chris continues to study the piano and organ. He is recognized as "an outstanding member" of the Kansas Beta Chapter of Tau Beta Pi.



Chris Dickman

Kevin J. Duffy, CO A '09

Kevin is an engineering graduate with a mechanical specialty at Colorado School of Mines. He is a 2009 Tau Beta Pi Laureate nominee for his diverse achievements.

Kevin represented his peers as President of the Student Body and worked to communicate campus opinions on issues such as plus/minus grading scales.

He is an avid jazz musician, established a bi-weekly newspaper column for the campus paper to analyze local and nation student-related issues, and is a mentor and coordinator in local community activities.

Kevin has been an active member of the Colorado Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Pi as a member of the initiation committee.

David S. Holland, FL A '10

David is majoring in chemical engineering at the University of Florida. He is a 2009 Tau Beta Pi Laureate nominee for his diverse achievements.

David has an extensive history as a vocalist and trumpet player. He has studied and played music in Canada, Singapore, and Ireland. He also enjoys performing at two local churches in Florida.

David has been active in the Florida Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Pi as a fundraising coordinator, a position he has excelled in.

He plans to apply his musical discipline to pursue a career in medical research.

Mark A. Husted, CO A '09

Mark is an engineering graduate with an electrical specialty at Colorado School of Mines. He is a 2009 Tau Beta Pi Laureate nominee for his athletic and diverse achievements.

Mark is a five-time All-American in track and field, including a 2009 national champion as part of a distance medley team. He has been a captain of the track and field team for three years.

Mark is active on campus in student organizations such as IEEE, of which he is an officer.

He has also helped the local community through a team project at the Walden, Colorado National Forest.

The project allowed people with disabilities to experience the nature and outdoors of northern Colorado. His team entered in an EPICS competition and they were awarded scholarships for their project efforts.



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Dawn Nagazina

Dawn N. Nagazina, OK B '09

Dawn is majoring in chemical engineering at the University of Tulsa. She is a 2009 Tau Beta Pi Laureate nominee for her athletic and diverse achievements.

Dawn participates as a varsity member of the track and field and cross-country teams. She earned a 2009 Conference USA Indoor Champion title and has been named to several all-conference teams.

In addition to her athletic awards, she has also received three All-Conference Academic medals. Dawn attended the 2008 National Convention of Tau Beta Pi and came back motivated to implement what she had learned. She has since been elected as next year's president of the Oklahoma Beta Chapter.

Morgan C. Neal, DC A '09

Morgan is a civil engineering graduate of Howard University. She is a 2009 Tau Beta Pi Laureate nominee for her arts and athletic achievements.

Morgan graduated second in her class of civil engineers. She competed for four years on the women's varsity basketball team, where she is a guard/forward.

Morgan was a co-captain and chosen to be on the Head Coach Selection Committee for the 2008-2009 season.

She is also an aspiring artist that specializes in sketches. As a member of the DC Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Pi, Morgan participated in a Greater Interest in Government project and several Engineering Futures sessions.



Morgan Neal

Miriam E. Peck, FL Γ '10

Miriam is majoring in industrial engineering at the University of South Florida. She is a 2009 Tau Beta Pi Laureate nominee for her arts and service achievements.

Miriam has a passion for liberal arts, music, teaches piano, cho- other fine arts to chil- Miriam is also a mem- sion Dance Company three international

She is a dedicated volunteer for ser- vice projects with her- local church and abroad, including help families in a trip to Mexico to Mayan villages.



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Camilo Perez, DE A '10

Camilo is an electrical engineering major at the University of Delaware. He is a 2009 Tau Beta Pi Laureate nominee for his athletic and diverse achievements.

Camilo is a varsity member of the tennis team, and was a youth member of the Columbian National Tennis team.

He is involved as a member and mentor of the Resources to Insure Successful Engineers program. Camilo is also an active member of the Delaware Christian athletes group on campus.

He assists a professor with his research project and would like to continue to contribute to medical research. Camilo is also an avid songwriter and guitar player.



Janette A. Siu, OH A '09

Janette is a civil engineering graduate of Case Western University. She is a 2009 Tau Beta Pi Laureate nominee for her arts and services achievements.

Janette is an accomplished soprano and member of the musical theater club. In addition to her leading roles, she also assisted in stage management and as vocal director for several shows. Janette has participated in two concerts with solo song roles.

She also tutors in writing and maintains a blog dedicated to good writing strategies. Janette has volunteered through Engineers Without Borders including a trip to the Dominican Republic. Her involvement with the Ohio Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Pi includes the position of Bookswap Chair, organizing the chapter's largest community service project.

Megan A. Zagrobelny, DE A '10

Megan is majoring in chemical engineering at the University of Delaware. She is a 2009 Tau Beta Pi Laureate nominee for her diverse achievements.

Megan is a member of the UD Marching Band and Indoor Color Guard. She recently performed with the UDMB for President Barack Obama in the 56th Inaugural Parade.

The UD Color Guard, Delazure, will compete in the World Championships this year. Megan is also involved as a leader of the Catholic Campus Ministry. She is active in service work through Oratory such as knitting accessories for the homeless, preparing food at events, and volunteering at blood drives.

Megan enjoys studying the Latin language and Roman culture. She takes Latin classes and loves translating classic works.

Thank you to the chapters who took the time to nominate their outstanding peers for the Tau Beta Pi Laureate Award. A special thanks to these 12 Tau Bates for exemplifying "the spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges."