



The Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Advisor has been recognized every year since 1994. Selection is made by a national committee of deans of engineering colleges.

2009 NATIONAL OUTSTANDING ADVISOR

Patrick D. Homen

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE to his chapter and the Association, **Patrick D. Homen, California Upsilon '85**, is named the 2009 Tau Beta Pi National Outstanding Advisor. He is a lecturer in the department of mechanical engineering at California State University, Sacramento, where he is also coordinator of the mechanical engineering technology program. Mr. Homen serves Tau Beta Pi as a District 15 Director and Advisor to California Upsilon.

Professor Pat, as his Advisory Board refers to him, was initiated into the chapter as a graduate student. He left the university to work in industry, returning as an instructor in 2001.

Mr. Homen then became active as a chapter advisor and has been praised for a wide range of work, from the mundane task of making sure office and storage space are available, to strategic work with college administrators to make sure they are aware of chapter needs and goals. During his leadership, the chapter's annual number of initiates has nearly doubled.

The Outstanding Advisor Selection Committee cited his District-level activity and service as President of the TBPI Sacramento Alumnus Chapter. At CSUS, TBPI was seen as the *go to* engineering organization on campus, especially when people needed engineering volunteers.

Pat has served as *unofficial* advisor to several District 15 chapters in the Sacramento region, working to incorporate more advisor activities in District meetings.

He led construction of the university's child-center play-shelter project, teaching Tau Bates to work with administrators in designing and building a structure to provide protection from rain and sun. The result was a great addition to the children's play yard, an opportunity to work with the alumnus chapter, and well-earned recognition for the contributions of engineers to everyone's lives.



Mr. Homen coordinates an EIT/FE examination review series conducted by California Upsilon each semester for all candidates preparing for the exam. His efforts allow Tau Beta Pi to foster togetherness and inclusion by aiding and supporting everyone who wants to pass the EIT, and eventually the PE exam.

Pat led the chapter's successful bid to co-host the 2008 National Convention, having experience as an advisor to the group of chapters that made an unsuccessful bid for the 2007 event. This led to California Lambda and California Upsilon making a successful bid to serve as joint hosts in Sacramento in 2008. He conceived the partnership and acted as a bridge between the two institutions. Although the schools are not physically far apart, CSUS is on a semester schedule, and UC, Davis, is on a quarter schedule.

Chapter officers said that without his optimism and ability to work through all details, this would not have happened. He helped steer them around the roadblocks and told them, "Things generally work out for the best."

His community interests include service as president of the Eureka school district site council and as an industrial expert for the California Department of Consumer Affairs. He is a small business owner as a state classification C-8 concrete subcontractor and has been a wastewater treatment plant operator for Sacramento County.

As his Advisory Board has stated: "Professor Pat provides the California Upsilon Chapter with a wonderful model of how to make an impact on the professional world. Through his unflagging positive attitude, creative suggestions, and constant support, our members learn to make contributions to the college, university, and profession. He helps us maintain enthusiasm for our chapter, and the work of Tau Beta Pi. His efforts provide a foundation for excellence. We believe Patrick Homen—*Professor Pat*—is the perfect choice as Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Advisor for 2009."