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## The Tau Beta Pi Association's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society, is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 15th. Tau Beta Pi is the nation's second-oldest honor society, founded at Lehigh University in 1885, and is also the world's largest engineering honor society. There are now collegiate chapters at 236 colleges and universities, active alumnus chapters in 16 districts across the country, and a total initiated membership of more than 515,000.

It is the only honor society representing the entire engineering profession. Tau Beta Pi's mission is to mark in a fitting manner those who have conferred honor upon their alma mater by distinguished scholarship and exemplary character as students in engineering, or by their attainments as alumni in the field of engineering, and to foster a spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges.

Tau Beta Pi is proud to support collegiate engineering students with the most monetary aid of any engineering honor society through annual fellowships, scholarships, and available financial aid. This year marks the 77<sup>th</sup> group of Tau Beta Pi Fellows and more than \$5.1 million in stipends given by the Society to support engineering graduate students since 1932. In its 12th year, the Scholarship Program has awarded \$1.9 million in scholarships to 960 undergraduate scholars.

The World Headquarters of Tau Beta Pi is located in Knoxville, TN, on the campus of The University of Tennessee, its home since 1907. The Nathan W. Dougherty Engineering Building has housed the Headquarters' office and staff since 1963.

The culmination of Tau Beta Pi's anniversary celebration will take place in October (7-9) at the National Convention in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Association members are returning to the site of Tau Beta Pi's founding at nearby Lehigh University to commemorate the Associations' founder, Dr. Edward H. Williams, Jr., head of the mining department at Lehigh at the time.

Special events have been planned for the Convention, including a keynote address by Dr. Alton D. Romig, Jr., executive vice president, deputy laboratories director, and chief operating officer, of Sandia National Laboratories (New Mexico). Dr. Romig is an alumnus of Lehigh University and was initiated into Tau Beta Pi as a materials science and engineering undergraduate student in 1973. He is a fellow and former president of ASM International and has received several awards for his work in Analytical Electron Microscopy and Solid State Diffusion.

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