

Tau Beta Pi Announces Dr. Richard B. Hayter, P.E., as 2008 National Outstanding Advisor

Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society, has named its 15th National Outstanding Advisor in its program to recognize engineering faculty who make important contributions to students and collegiate chapters. While the primary goal of Tau Beta Pi is to recognize students of superior scholarship and exemplary character and to honor eminent practicing engineers, the Association also lauds excellence in engineering education and in the ethical practice of engineering.

Dr. Richard B. Hayter, P.E., *South Dakota Beta '65*, Chief Advisor to the Kansas Gamma Chapter and associate dean of engineering for external affairs at Kansas State University, is the *2008 Tau Beta Pi National Outstanding Advisor*. He will be honored on October 25, 2008, at the 103rd annual national Convention to be held in Sacramento, California. Tau Beta Pi President Dr. Larry A. Simonson, P.E., will present \$1,000 and a commemorative plaque to Dr. Hayter. Another \$1,000 grant will be presented to the Kansas State University engineering college's discretionary fund.

An advisor to the Kansas Gamma Chapter for nearly nine years, Dr. Hayter was cited by students and peers for his personal commitment to Tau Beta Pi, his enduring direct involvement with his chapter, his integrity and genuine concern for the students, and his ability to motivate them by example as they strive for excellence under his visionary leadership.

Dr. Hayter has been an active member of Tau Beta Pi for more than 43 years. Initiated at South Dakota State University, he received his B.S. in mechanical engineering there in 1965, and went on to gain an M.S and Ph.D. from Kansas State University in 1973 and 1975 respectively. He is a licensed professional engineer who has also contributed to industry and government.

Dr. Hayter serves as associate dean of engineering for external affairs at Kansas State, coordinating outreach activities of the college, legislative affairs, international programs, and alumni and corporate relations. He served as director of engineering extension from 1980 to 2002 and was a member of the engineering faculty during 1974-1977.

He began as an advisor to Kansas Gamma in 1999, becoming Chief Advisor in 2001. Chapter officers and fellow advisors laud his ability to motivate and support students, and to coordinate the needs of the chapter with the resources and support of the college administration. Described as welcoming and friendly, Dr. Hayter takes an interest in the students' lives, providing direction, encouragement, and even recommendations for job and scholarship applications.

Dr. Hayter has provided stability at the chapter level, crucial for a chapter that changes officers every semester. He is present at nearly every meeting and project, including weekend activities, snapping photos of the members. With his help, the chapter has created many new service projects in addition to traditional annual projects that benefit both the campus and the Manhattan, Kansas, community. These projects include an annual food drive benefiting the local food bank, planting thousands of trees, and whitewashing the iconic set of "KS" letters on a hill overlooking the school. Tributes have been paid to his connections with everyone who can help with the project, such as the city parks department, local contractors and even the fire chief, who provides an engine to get water up the hill for whitewashing.

Despite a hectic schedule, Dr. Hayter attends district conferences and national conventions, supporting other advisors to be there as well. He also makes sure that as many students as possible attend and Kansas Gamma has some of the best attendance at these events, taking six officers to the National Convention at Dearborn last year.

Dr. Hayter began his engineering career as a test engineer with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966 to 1970, after which he came to Kansas State as a graduate fellow with the institute for environmental research. From 1977 to 1980, he was executive vice president of Energy Management & Control Corporation, a consulting firm specializing in running commercial and industrial buildings. He has served as president of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers and is past dean of the society's learning institute.

In addition to publishing 51 papers, 19 of which were peer reviewed, Dr. Hayter has lectured in over 34 countries. He received the American Society for Engineering Education-Dow Chemical Outstanding Faculty Award and was named distinguished engineer by South Dakota State University.

He was named to the Kansas Governor's cabinet as director of the energy office. He also served as city commissioner and mayor of Manhattan, KS, from 1987-91. Dr. Hayter is a board member of the Boy Scout Coronado Area Council and serves on the Manhattan Regional Airport Advisory Board. He lives in Manhattan with his wife Barbara. Their two children are KSU graduates.

In recognition of his leadership abilities, selfless contributions, and talent for inspiring students to create and maintain an effective chapter, Tau Beta Pi hereby recognizes Dr. Richard B. Hayter, P.E., as the 2008 Tau Beta Pi National Outstanding Advisor.

Tau Beta Pi, the world's largest engineering society, has initiated more than 500,800 members since it was founded in 1885. Headquartered in Knoxville, Tennessee, the Association has 234 active collegiate chapters and 16 active alumnus chapters throughout the country.