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## Tau Beta Pi Leaders Attend 101st Convention

Denver, Colorado, was the site of the 101<sup>st</sup> annual Convention of Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society. The members of Colorado Beta, the collegiate chapter at the University of Colorado at Boulder, hosted the event. Three hundred thirty engineering students from 223 collegiate chapters received leadership and management training and then practiced their skills in conducting the business of the Convention, held this year on October 5-7. There were 465 members of Tau Beta Pi on hand for this gathering of talented engineers.

The growth of the Association is a testament to the steady and enthusiastic 121-year involvement of students in the world's largest engineering society. National awards to outstanding members and chapters were presented.

At the welcoming banquet, **Dr. Bernard Amadei**, founder of Engineers Without Borders, delivered a moving keynote address entitled "The Role of Engineers in Poverty Reduction: Challenges and Opportunities."

**Major General William A. Anders, Ohio Eta '62**, astronaut on the 1968 *Apollo 8* lunar-orbit mission, was recognized as Tau Beta Pi's 2006 Distinguished Alumnus.

The R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award for 2005-06, the top honor to a campus group, went to Maryland Beta at the University of Maryland, with honorable mentions to Alabama Epsilon at the University of South Alabama and Michigan Gamma at the University of Michigan.

The R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award for 2005-06 was presented to Arizona Alpha at the University of Arizona, with honorable mention to Texas Theta at the University of Texas at El Paso. Both the Matthews and Nagel awards are named for former secretary-treasurers of the Association.

**Dr. Robert E. Barnes, New York Nu '84**, chief advisor to the New York Nu Chapter and associate dean for external affairs and adjunct associate professor of industrial engineering in the University of Buffalo School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, was recognized as Tau Beta Pi's 2006 National Outstanding Advisor.

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