

# *Tau Beta Pi*

## **T**HE ASSOCIATION'S FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### *1. The Annual Giving Program*

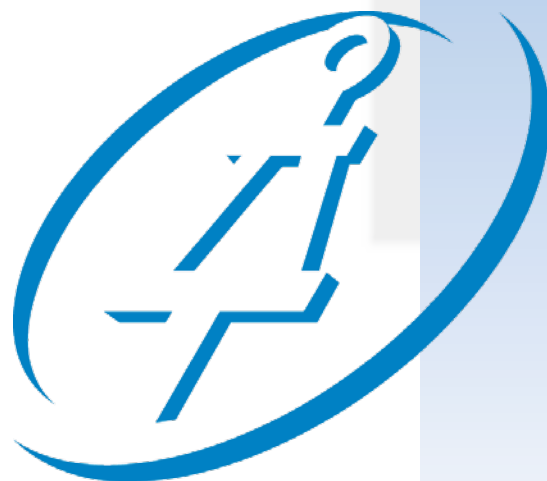
For Tau Beta Pi, annual support from alumni and friends is the margin between adequate and excellent. Annual gifts allow the Association to improve facilities and purchase needed equipment, recruit staff, maintain essential programs, and enhance the educational experience for engineering students across the nation. Most importantly, gifts to this program provide assistance to all Tau Beta Pi students at all 234 chapters.

### *2. The Convention*

The Convention is the major annual event for the Association, and more than 350 students participate and build camaraderie at this exciting venue. The expenses of one student delegate per chapter and the on-site expenses of chapter advisors are paid by the Association. Non-voting delegates and alumni are welcome, encouraged, and invited to attend at their own expense. However, based on available funds, either partial airfare for most or full expenses for a select few non-voting delegates will also be reimbursed.

### *3. MindSET—The National K-12 Math & Science Program*

There is much support among alumni for the emerging Tau Beta Pi K-12 Math and Science Program—MindSET. A significantly large percentage of our high-school graduates lag behind their peers in many developed countries in performance in mathematics and science. Many of these countries are our global competitors, and this situation has a direct long-term impact on our national economy. The goals of MindSET are to increase the number of K-12 students who successfully complete high-level math and science courses and to engage actively each of the important constituents: K-12 students, teachers, and parents.





In its search for opportunities to assist the nation in the area of preparedness for this technological age and beyond, the Tau Beta Pi Executive Council understands that within our membership lie the required brainpower and human resources to provide significant leadership geared toward strengthening the math and science skills of our K-12 students. This would enhance their

possibility of pursuing careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Numerous K-12 projects have been implemented or are currently being conducted throughout the nation. While many have been quite successful, most of these have been offered as individual programs with varying expectations. The Society is establishing a K-12 Program with nationwide impact through our 16 Districts and 234 campus chapters.

#### *4. Fellowships and Scholarships*

Implemented by President A.D. Moore in 1929, the Fellowship Program has provided graduate stipends exceeding \$4,800,000 to nearly 1,000 Tau Bates. Each graduate stipend currently provides \$10,000 to each selected Fellow. The Scholarship Program was started in 1999 and provides \$2,000 stipends to successful candidates during their senior year. The Fellowship and Scholarship Programs remain the principal philanthropic activity of the Association and continue to receive strong support from alumni, industry, and friends. Tau Beta Pi is most appreciative of this generous support.

#### *5. Engineering Futures*

This program facilitated by volunteers is offered by Tau Beta Pi to provide an interactive learning experience where students can enhance their technical education by developing interpersonal skills as they seek to improve their abilities to contribute to America's needs. The Engineering Futures Program won the American Society of Engineering Education corporate member council's 2007 Excellence in Engineering Education Collaboration Award, validating 18 years of effort by TBP Engineering Futures Facilitators and students. Approximately 200 sessions are presented to 3,000 students annually. Session expenses are paid by Tau Beta Pi.



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