



Press Release
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Tau Beta Pi Leaders Attend 113th Convention

Denver, CO, served as the location of the 113th annual Convention. Tau Beta Pi leaders met at the Denver Marriott Tech Center to conduct the Association's business. Local alumni from the Front Range Chapter and students from Colorado Alpha, Beta, and Epsilon Chapters hosted the event. A group of 312 engineering students from 223 collegiate chapters received leadership and management training and practiced their skills in conducting the business of the Convention, held October 11-13. A total of 470 members of Tau Beta Pi were on hand for this gathering of talented engineers, including representatives from 31 alumni chapters.

The Colorado Gamma Chapter at the University of Denver was formally reactivated with the restoration of engineering programs at the school.

The R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award for 2017-18, the top honor to a collegiate chapter, went to Ohio Iota at Ohio Northern University. Two honorable mentions were given 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 2017-18 was presented to New Mexico Beta at the University of New Mexico. An honorable mention was given to Arkansas Alpha at the University of Arkansas.

The J.D. Froula Most Improved Chapter Award for 2017-18 was presented to New Jersey Delta at Princeton University. Two honorable mentions went to Massachusetts Theta at the University of Massachusetts Lowell and Oklahoma Gamma at Oklahoma State University.

William L. Collins Jr., *Florida Gamma '75*; **Aprille J. Ericsson**, Ph.D., *DC Alpha '86*; **James E. Halligan**, Ph.D., P.E., *Iowa Alpha '62*; & **Gary D. Hoover**, *Iowa Alpha '61*, were presented with the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Awards. A \$2,000 scholarship in the name of each alumnus was awarded to a Tau Beta Pi student for the 2018-19 academic year.

The McDonald Mentor Award celebrates excellence in mentoring and advising among Tau Beta Pi educators and engineers. **James C. Hill**, Ph.D., *California Gamma '62*, was named the 2018 McDonald Mentor, receiving \$1,000, a pin, and an engraved medallion.

The Laureate Program recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding expertise outside of the field of engineering. The Tau Beta Pi 2018 Laureates were: **Amy C. Kurr**, *IA Alpha '18*, cited for achievements in athletics; and **Krista L. Stribling**, *Indiana Delta '18*, cited for service achievements. Recipients received a \$2,500 cash award and a commemorative plaque.



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Eighteen scholarships of \$500 each were presented for sustained excellent performance in project activities to the following chapters: Alabama Epsilon (University of South Alabama); California Alpha (University of California, Berkeley); California Epsilon (University of California, Los Angeles); California Eta (San Jose State University); California Psi (University of California, San Diego); Florida Alpha (University of Florida); Florida Gamma (University of South Florida); Florida Theta (Florida International University); Iowa Alpha (Iowa State University); Maryland Beta (University of Maryland); Maryland Delta (University of Maryland Baltimore County); Michigan Gamma (University of Michigan); Michigan Epsilon (Wayne State University); New Mexico Gamma (New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology); Ohio Iota (Ohio Northern University); Tennessee Alpha (University of Tennessee); Texas Alpha (University of Texas at Austin); and Wisconsin Alpha (University of Wisconsin-Madison).

The Friday evening Advisor & Mentor Banquet was sponsored by the University of Virginia School of Engineering & Applied Science. Executive Associate Dean of Research at UVA SEAS **Pamela M. Norris**, Ph.D., *VA Alpha '87*, addressed the banquet attendees and encouraged them to consider graduate school. She introduced the keynote speaker, **Jill S. Tietjen**, P.E., *VA Alpha '76*, President/CEO of Technically Speaking, Member of Colorado Women's Hall of Fame, and TBPI 2004 Distinguished Alumna, who spoke about her career path and tips to personal and leadership success.

This year, Thursday and Friday included the largest offering of Professional Development Sessions to date. There were 35 Professional Development Sessions conducted by Tau Beta Pi alumni and guests. At the same time, representatives from 12 companies, non-profit agencies, government entities, and 31 graduate engineering programs manned recruiting booths at the Grad School & Corporate Recruiting Fair.

Tau Beta Pi is The Engineering Honor Society, founded at Lehigh University in 1885. It has collegiate chapters in 248 engineering colleges in the United States and active alumni chapters in 44 cities. It has initiated more than 594,500 members in its 132-year history and is the world's largest engineering society. (See <https://www.tbp.org/>)

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