Three Laureates have been named in the Association’s new program aimed at recognizing engineering students who have also excelled in nontechnical skills.

Lori S. Bocklund of South Dakota State University and Ellis P. Gardner of Georgia Tech were recognized for their achievements in athletics, and Thomas D. Wu of Stanford University was honored for his campus service. They join 1982 Laureates Verne C. Harnish, Kansas Beta ‘82, and Molly K. Brennan, Michigan Alpha ‘82, who were recognized for their achievements in campus leadership and athletics, respectively.

The Laureates, nominated by their local chapters and selected by a committee of District Directors, were honored during ceremonies at the Association’s annual Convention in Urbana-Champaign, IL, on October 8. Each received a $2,500 cash award and a plaque, presented by President Paul H. Robbins.

The Laureate Program, inaugurated last year, is being directed by Tau Beta Pi’s Executive Council for a three-year trial period before being formalized in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association. The goal of the Laureate Program is to help implement the Association’s second basic purpose: “to foster a spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges.”

District Directors on the selection committee this year were Joseph L. Abril, Alan R. Hirsch, and Kathy A. Davis. They considered 18 nominees from 18 chapters.

Although awards were presented in athletics and campus service in 1983, Laureate winners in other categories such as speaking, writing, community service, creative arts, performing arts, campus leadership, and community leadership may be chosen in the future. No more than five awards will be presented annually.

Lori S. Bocklund, South Dakota Beta ‘83, an electrical engineering major from South Dakota State University (SDSU), is a recipient of Tau Beta Pi’s 1983 Laureate Award in Athletics. The five-time All-American runner was the first female recruited on an athletic scholarship by SDSU, and the first woman to earn an All-American rating at that university.

Lori exhibited her outstanding athletic capabilities by being the number one team runner in every meet during her freshman season. She led her cross-country team to fourth place in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Division II national meet, and she placed eighth herself, making All-American.

During her sophomore year SDSU’s cross-country team first became the AIAW Division II national champion, and she received two All-American appellations—for finishing fifth in the national cross-country meet and fifth in the 5,000 meter run.

Her cross-country team was again national champion during her junior year. Lori was rated All-American in cross-country for the third consecutive year and was named captain for the 1982-83 season.

In her final season Lori helped her team to a second place AIAW Division II finish. Despite snowy 15°F weather during the national meet, she placed third in the cross-country event. In that meet she became the first SDSU athlete, male or female, to be ranked All-American four consecutive times.

On campus Lori was active in the Lutheran Center and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, serving for two years as co-director. Honored as the outstanding senior in the electrical engineering department, she was vice president of Tau Beta Pi’s South Dakota Beta chapter, treasurer of the student chapter of the IEEE, and a member of Phi Kappa Phi andEta Kappa Nu.

Currently employed by the MITRE Corporation in McLean, VA, she is attending George Washington University where she has begun work on an advanced degree in communications engineering.