Two Laureates have been selected in the Association’s program to recognize gifted engineering students who have exhibited their talents in areas outside their academic major.

Barry J. Drogin of the Cooper Union received the Laureate Award for “Diverse Achievements,” and Ellen D. Sanders, a University of Alabama in Huntsville graduate, was commended for her contributions to the “Arts.” They join seven other outstanding Tau Bates who have received recognition from the Association since the Laureate Program was founded in 1981.

The goal of the program is to help implement Tau Beta Pi’s second basic purpose: “to foster a spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges.”

The Laureates, nominated by their local chapters and selected by a committee of District Directors, were honored during ceremonies on October 5 at the Association’s annual Convention held in Allentown/Bethlehem, PA. President Paul H. Robbins presented the winners with a $2,500 cash award and a plaque.

The selection committee, composed of District Directors Nancy J. Hillman, David A. Greenblatt, and James W. Kaster, considered 17 nominations from 16 chapters before making their decisions.

Since the Laureate Program was inaugurated, awards have been presented in athletics, campus leadership, campus service, the performing arts, and diverse achievements. Not more than five awards can be presented each year.

Occasional Singers, and his duet for flute and trombone was performed by the group Josquin Cage.

From the summer of 1983 until December 1984 Barry worked as an engineer for a small manufacturing firm in Queens, NY. He was involved in projects spanning analog and digital design, microprocessor and bit-slice programming, hardware production and software management. In January 1985, he returned to the Cooper Union to work toward a master’s degree in engineering.

A major musical undertaking has been the work on his one-act opera, Love and Idols. Barry recently completed a song cycle, which he is dedicating to his fiancée, based on Doubleday’s Love Poems from the Hebrew. J. F. Feder- spielf’s “The Ballad of Typhoid Mary” is the inspiration for modern dance music he is composing.

Ellen D. Sanders, Alabama Delta ’85, has been selected a Tau Beta Pi Laureate for her achievements in the Arts. Introduced to the world of dance as a high school student in 1972, she began studying ballet for physical education credit. She made rapid progress and attained advanced level status after only one year. She travelled to Oak Ridge, TN, to receive special training as a choreographer’s assistant. In Huntsville, she soon joined the Civic Ballet Company. Now a senior member, Ellen has danced in 11 productions of the company’s annual performance of The Nutcracker, taking major and minor roles.

Paralleling her involvement in classical ballet was her eight-year career in teaching ballroom dancing for the Arthur Murray Studio in Huntsville. At major national competitions, she received numerous awards for her own dancing as well as for her expert instruction. Her expertise is sought after in the community.

Ellen resigned formally as a dance teacher after her marriage and the arrival of daughters Rosetta and Paula, now eight and four. But her decision to return to school for a degree in electrical engineering has not curtailed her involvement in extra-curricular activities. Ellen has choreographed several short pieces, one of which, “Spañada,” was performed in the ballet company’s 1983 spring concert. This past spring she performed in three pieces with the company, appearing as an upper-class lady in the classical Haydn ballet The Count Requests . . . , as a dissident in the modern ballet Psalms danced to Leonard Bernstein’s “The Chichester Psalms”; and in a contemporary ballet, Red White and True Blue, set to music of Bagley Gold, Ives, Meacham. While concluding her studies, she joined the Huntsville Community Chorus in their production of My Fair Lady. She not only sang and danced a solo part, but provided instruction in ballroom dancing to members of the chorus.

A recognized leader on the UAH campus, during the past year Ellen has served as president of both Tau Beta Pi’s Alabama Delta chapter and Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society. On the National Dean’s List and elected to Eta Kappa Nu, Ellen was recently named the “Outstanding UAH Student for 1985 in the School of Engineering.”

For the past three years Ellen has been employed as a co-op student in the systems analysis department at Tele- dyne Brown Engineering in Huntsville; she is now an engineer in the advanced concepts branch.