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New York Beta '87

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Indiana Alpha '87

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Massachusetts Eta '87

1987 Laureates

T HREE LAUREATES have been selected in the Association's annual program to recognize gifted engineering students who have excelled in areas outside of their technical majors.

All women, the 1987 Laureates are: Jill K. Groff of Syracuse University, recognized for her athletic feats; Margaret C. Lin of Purdue University, an outstanding violinist; and Boston University's Kathleen L. McLaughlin, whose diverse achievements led to her selection as a Rhodes scholar. They join 11 other outstanding Tau Bates who have been lauded since the Laureate Awards were first presented in 1982.

Nominated by their local chapters and selected by a committee of District Directors, the Laureates will be honored during ceremonies on October 24 at the Association's 82nd Convention in Louisville, KY. President Martha Martin will present each winner with a $2,500 cash award and a commemorative plaque.

The Laureate Program was inaugurated to further Tau Beta Pi's second basic purpose as stated in the preamble to the Constitution: "to foster a spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges."

District Directors David A. Greenblatt, Richard W. Mead and Marcia R. Miller considered 32 nominees from 26 chapters. Past awards have been presented in athletics, campus leadership, campus service, the performing arts, and diverse achievements. Not more than five Laureates can be named each year.

Jill K. Groff attended Syracuse University on a full-tuition athletic scholarship for her early achievements in field hockey. The university's varsity team had just moved up to Division I status when she arrived as one of five entering freshmen who made the first string. That season ended with six wins and nine losses, but Jill's 4.0 grade average earned her the designation of Eastman Kodak scholar.

During her sophomore year the team finished with seven wins and nine losses. For her performance as sweeper-back, Jill was voted the most valuable player and selected co-captain for her junior year. For her outstanding academic record, she was presented the sophomore engineering award by Eta Kappa Nu.

In her junior year Jill and her team improved their performance into a 10-6-1 record. She was designated the shooter in corner situations where she scored seven goals. But it was for her defensive work as sweeper-back that Jill was selected for the midwest region all-American first team, an honor which she repeated her senior year.

Concerned about the lack of enthusiasm for field hockey among young women, Jill organized a six-week summer program for local junior-high-school girls. She also attended national and international field hockey camps. In the 1986 U.S. Olympic Festival in Houston, her team brought home the gold.

Again voted the most valuable player her senior year, Jill scored 14 goals while her team was in and out of the top 20 rankings in their 11-5-2 season — a record which led them to post-season play.

Secretary of both her Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu chapters, she was designated class marshall of her college at graduation. An electrical engineering major, she has a special interest in both optics and digital logic design which she is studying this fall at the University of Pennsylvania.