THREE 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.

The 1988 Laureates are: Arianna Kalian of Cooper Union School of Engineering, Tau Beta Pi-Stark Fellow No. 10, honored for her diverse achievements; Eric J. Lang of the University of Virginia, for his athletic feats; and MIT’s Scott P. Lichtman, selected for his diverse achievements. They join 14 other Tau Bataes 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 15 at the Association’s 83rd Convention in Ames, Iowa. 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 E. William Beans, Richard W. Mead and John D. Reynolds considered 14 nominees from 13 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.

Arianna Kalian, president of both Tau Beta Pi’s New York Iota Chapter and her Pi Tau Sigma chapter, has been selected a 1988 Laureate for her diverse achievements while an undergraduate at the Cooper Union. The recipient of a four-year, full-tuition merit scholarship, she has majored in mechanical engineering as it applies to the automotive engine, and this fall she began her studies at Columbia University as Tau Beta Pi-Stark Fellow No. 10. By her accomplishments in sports, music, and service, she is an exemplary Laureate.

Car performance on the raceway has been a serious avocation since 1982, when Arianna became a licensed timing and scoring official. Since then she has been an official for the Sports Car Club of America, the International Motor Sports Association, the Canadian Automobile Sports Club, championship racing teams, and the Federation Internationale de l’Automobile. Since 1984, she has been chief of timing and scoring for the SCAA New York region.

The raceway isn’t the only arena where Arianna keeps time. A student of the oboe for 14 years, she studied with Livio Caroli of City Center Opera. From 1984 to 1986 she performed with the New York University Orchestra, and for the past three years she has played oboe and English horn with the Hunter College Symphony. Also, she has participated in Pro Musica, a student group that performs classical and popular music for the college community.

During her tenure as New York Iota president, Arianna renewed chapter enthusiasm, was instrumental in organizing a campus film festival, involved members of the engineering community in discussion groups concerning current ethical and legal issues, and engaged chapter members in community service projects to help the elderly.