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Laureates

Selected in the Association's annual program to honor those who have excelled in areas outside of academia, two members of the class of 1989 were selected by a committee of District Directors, who met on October 21 at the Association's 84th Annual Meeting. President Martha Martin will present each of these awardees with a commemorative plaque. The purpose of the award is to recognize the contributions of members to their local communities.

Henry H. Houh, nominated by the Massachusetts Beta Chapter, has been selected a Laureate for his extraordinary involvement in campus activities and service to the surrounding MIT community.

Involving many levels of campus life, including the student government's undergraduate association, Henry has helped provide a voice to students in the faculty/administrative decisions by producing and disseminating a booklet now published annually — How to Get Involved at MIT.

He served as vice president of the organization for his dormitory for one year, helped sponsor the house seminar last year on public policy issues in science and technology, and located funds to restore the residence concert grand piano. A trained violinist, he often performed at cocktail parties as well as informal chamber groups. He served on the tutor selection committee for four years and played a variety of intramural team sports.

Active in his class council, he helped coordinate a major fundraiser for senior week activities — a career fair; and he is the dormitory coordinator for the class gift — a scholarship fund.

Under his leadership as chapter president, Tau Beta Pi members expanded their volunteer services to the community. The number of students who contributed to the public good tripled; many volunteered to help the Boston Museum. The chapter raised over $7,000, updated the museum's computerized library checkout system, and provided seven regular volunteers this past year. The chapter recently launched a weekend seminar for gifted high-school students in the Boston area.

A June 1989 electrical engineering and physics graduate, Henry is currently completing his master's degree while working on his doctorate in electrical engineering.

Industrial engineering major Brent D. Lang of the University of Michigan was named a Laureate for his athletic achievements as a world-class swimmer.

Recruited from high school, the 6'6" swimmer from Portland, OR, selected UM because of its excellent engineering school. He was named "Big Ten Freshman Swimmer of the Year" and earned All American status.

Brent excels in freestyle and relay events and in his junior year swam in a gold-medal relay at the 1987 World University Games in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. In 1988, his sophomore year, he placed third in the nation in the 50 and 200-yard freestyles and was national champion in the 100-yard freestyle. Qualifying for the 1988 U.S. Summer Olympic team, he brought home a gold medal from the Seoul Olympics as a member of the U.S. men's 4x100-meter, freestyle relay. Named the "Big Ten Athlete of the Month" in January 1989 and Dallas Morning News MVP, he was again conference champion in the 100-yard freestyle and placed second in the 200 and third in the 50 before competing in the NCAA championships.

His accomplishments have been achieved through hard work and dedication. At the pool by 7:30 a.m. for a one-and-one-half-hour workout followed by a full load of morning classes, Brent then returns to the pool for a half hour of stretching exercises, followed by a two-hour workout. In his weekly schedule, Brent includes three, one-hour weight-training sessions, and on weekends he either travels to meets or continues his daily training pattern. His 30-hour-workout week has in no way diminished his academic achievements.

With academic scholarships, he has high expectations as he completes his senior year. Brent and his brother Eric, VA A '89, are Tau Beta Pi's only sibling Laureates.