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Tau Beta Pi Announces 2018 Laureates

Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society, has named two Laureates in the Association's annual program to recognize gifted engineering students who have excelled in areas beyond their technical majors.

The 2018 TBP Laureates are Amy Kurr, of Iowa State University, cited for her achievements in athletics; and Krista Stribling, of Valparaiso University, cited for service achievements. A total of 107 remarkable Tau Bates have been named Laureates since 1982.



Kurr

The Laureate Program exists to further Tau Beta Pi's mission to recognize academic and professional excellence rooted in personal integrity. The Society also promotes a well-rounded education essential for success.

The Laureates will be honored with other 2018 Association award winners at the 113th annual Convention in Denver. Tau Beta Pi President Sue Holl, Ph.D., will present each with a \$2,500 cash award and a commemorative plaque. Their biographies follow:



Stribling

AMY C. KURR, *Iowa Alpha '18*, graduated with a bachelor's degree in materials science & engineering. She is an international competitor and multiple award winner in the field of power lifting.

Kurr is also the founder of Ladies in Fitness Training, an organization that encourages women to engage in sports and fitness. A focal point of this organization is to combat the bullying women may face when they engage in traditionally male-dominated sports.

She was the first female member of the ISU weight club and currently holds four records each in the United Powerlifting Association women's junior 90kg and 90+kg weight classes.

In addition, Kurr conducted research at Ames National Laboratory, Cardiff University (UK), and Aachen University (Germany).

She is an active member of the IA Alpha Chapter, served as an initiate small group leader, and is a 2017 TBPI Scholar. Her contributions to the field of engineering, athletics, and as a role model defy her age. She's maximized her opportunities for leadership and development and found success in each endeavor.

KRISTA L. STRIBLING, *Indiana Delta '18*, recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. She is an international humanitarian with a commitment to service.

Stribling was president of an organization called WAVES, which stands for Working Across Vocations Everywhere through Service. This was a student chapter of Engineers Without Borders that was re-branded to grow into a diverse and interdisciplinary organization.

She has done field work in Haiti, Nicaragua, Uganda, and Ethiopia working on life-changing projects such as water pumps. Stribling has also grown personally through relationships with individuals on these trips.

In addition, Stribling has won multiple scholarships and awards for leadership and service.

As former IN Delta Chapter treasurer, Stribling drafted the 2018-19 budget, twice been involved with the planning of Engineers' Week, and was recognized as a 2017 TBPI Scholar. Her contributions to her college, her community, and the world have created a better future for many others beyond herself.

Tau Beta Pi is The Engineering Honor Society, founded at Lehigh University in 1885. It has collegiate chapters in 247 engineering colleges in the United States and active alumni chapters in 44 cities. It has initiated more than 593,000 members in its 132-year history and is the world's largest engineering society. (See <https://www.tbp.org/>)

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