

Tau Beta Pi Announces 2021 Outstanding Advisor Susan L.R. Holl, Ph.D.

Knoxville, TN— Tau Beta Pi, The Engineering Honor Society, has named its 27th Outstanding Advisor. The award honors engineering faculty and practitioners who make important contributions to students and collegiate chapters.

Sue Holl, *CA Lambda '76*, nominated by *CA Upsilon*; Professor Emeritus at California State University, Sacramento (CSU), has been named the 2021 TBP Outstanding Advisor. She will receive \$1,000 and a commemorative plaque. Another \$1,000 grant will be presented to the Sacramento State College of Engineering's discretionary fund.

Established in 1996 by the Association, the Outstanding Advisor Award recognizes outstanding performance among chapter advisors, lauds excellence in engineering education, and in the ethical practice of engineering.



Dr. Holl was the driving force behind the establishment of the CA Upsilon Chapter in 1984 and she continues to be the backbone of the chapter as Chief Advisor, leading through her passion and contributions.

She earned a B.S. in electrical engineering and B.S. and M.S. degrees in materials science & engineering from the University of California, Davis. Her Ph.D. degree, from the University of California, Berkeley, is also in materials science & engineering. Dr. Holl joined Sac State in 1980.

Her service to the Association started as an undergraduate officer at the CA Lambda Chapter. In addition to being an Advisor, Dr. Holl was a member of the TBP Fellowship Board from 1994-2014, supported the 2008 Convention hosted in Sacramento by the CA Upsilon Chapter, and was elected to the TBP Executive Council (2014-18), serving as president in 2018.

In her nomination, Dr. Holl was lauded for “investing countless hours into helping the chapter grow and providing a flourishing environment for students to learn the values required to become effective leaders.”

Her encouragement of the chapter led to the 2019 Engineering Futures Conference hosted at Sac State focused on leadership. The event was so successful that it is now an annual event!

In the classroom, Dr. Holl directs students to develop their soft skills to improve effectiveness in the workplace and their personal lives. She does this, in part, by promoting attendance at Engineering Futures Sessions that are regularly attended by 50+ students.

The TBP Convention is truly Dr. Holl's favorite event, motivating the chapter to send as many possible attendees each year. She has contributed financially to help support delegates struggling to afford expenses.