

Tau Beta Pi Announces 2024 Outstanding Advisor Ramak Asgari

Knoxville, TN— Tau Beta Pi, The Engineering Honor Society, has named its 30th Outstanding Advisor. Established in 1996 by the Association, the award recognizes outstanding performance among chapter advisors who make important contributions to students and collegiate chapters.



Nominated by *California Eta*, **Ramak Asgari, CA H '99**, an Advisor to both the CA Eta and CA Upsilon Chapters, has been named the **2024 TBP Outstanding Advisor**. She will receive \$1,000 and a commemorative plaque. Another \$1,000 grant will be presented to San Jose State University College of Engineering's discretionary fund. Ms. Asgari assumed the role of a California Eta Chapter Advisor in 2019 and a California Upsilon Chapter Advisor in 2020. For years, she has demonstrated a sustained commitment to excellence and leadership in line with Tau Beta Pi's mission.

She obtained her B.S. degree in mathematics from the University of Kentucky and an M.S. degree in industrial & systems engineering from San Jose State University (SJSU). Ms. Asgari works as an artificial intelligence/machine learning engineer at Lockheed Martin and is also a Design of Experiments private instructor with ASQ Six Sigma Quality Black Belt and ASQ Quality Engineer certifications.

Ms. Asgari joined TBP as a graduate student and was elected CA Eta Chapter president in an effort to rescue the chapter from dissolution. She continues to host two annual industry events and actively participates in chapter projects. Ms. Asgari has extended invitations to CA Eta officers and members to join events, such as mock interviews and opportunities fostering collaborations. Her resume review, tech talks, and role in Lockheed Martin's University Recruiting Program have directly led to students securing internships. With an approachable personality and genuine passion to serve, Ms. Asgari has been crucial to maintaining CA Eta's momentum and cohesion. She also assists in officer transitions, helps with chapter operations, and reads parts during initiation ceremonies. Ms. Asgari has been indispensable to the recent success of the chapter, including receiving an honorable mention in the R.H Nagel Most improved chapter category for 2020-21. She also serves as an officer-at-large for the San Francisco Bay Area Alumni Chapter.

In a letter of recommendation for this award, it was noted that her care for SJSU's students goes beyond TBP, being actively involved in the MESA Engineering Program, which supports first generation, low-income, and under-represented students in engineering. Sheryl Ehrman, Ph.D., SJSU Dean, College of Engineering enthusiastically supported Ms. Asgari's nomination, saying, "I especially appreciate her support of students with disabilities. She is a great example to the students of how one's disability does not need to hold anyone back."

She was recognized by the Society of Women Engineers with an Engaged Advocate Award, "honoring those with a background in engineering who contribute to the advancement or acceptance of women in engineering."

For empowering engineering students through mentorship and volunteering and displaying the qualities of an exemplary leader, Ms. Ramak Asgari is the **2024 Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Advisor**.

Tau Beta Pi is The Engineering Honor Society, founded at Lehigh University in 1885. With 257 collegiate chapters and 51 active alumni chapters, it has initiated more than 640,000 members in its 139-year history and is the world's largest engineering society (see www.tbp.org). Contact Renea Lewis (r.lewis@tbp.org) for more details.