The Tau Beta Pi Association
Chapter Project Report

Project name: Tau Beta Pi Student of the Year Awards  Date(s) of Project: 12/01 to 05/02

Target Audience:  □ Community  □ University  □ Profession (Engineering)  ☑ Chapter  □ Other: Students

Participants in project:

Members: 3  Electees: 0

Participants: Rick Coffman (Chair), Joshua Shackelford, Paul Vergnani
Other members to vote on award

Hours spent on this project:
Organizing: 35  Participating: 10

DESCRIPTION OR INDEX TO ATTACHED DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description:
Each year, Tau Beta Pi selects the outstanding engineering students from the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes to be recognized for their accomplishments. These prestigious awards are presented at the TBP Honors Banquet.

At the 2001 National Convention, Wyoming Alpha received a $500 scholarship for their third consecutive Chapter Project award and a $500 scholarship for six consecutive Secretary’s Commendations. The College of Engineering Dean’s office offered to match the scholarship monies received by Wyoming Alpha to start a scholarship program in the name of Tau Beta Pi, Wyoming Alpha. Two of these $500 awards are given to the Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Sophomore and Junior.

The selection procedure is as follows:
1. Obtain list of all sophomores and juniors with GPA’s greater than 3.75 and freshman with GPA’s of 4.0
2. Solicit information sheets from candidates
3. Selection committee selects top 3 to 4 sophomores and juniors
4. Present selection to chapter and vote on awardees
5. Order award plaques
6. Compose a biographical write-up for banquet booklet

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBPi:
The purpose of these awards is to commend students on their academic and extra-curricular achievements. The freshman awards are given to those freshmen students with a 4.0 GPA
after the first semester. The sophomore and junior awards are given to one outstanding student from each class. It is quite appropriate for these awards to be given by the Tau Beta Pi chapter as it becomes a selection by peers and it is a great opportunity for the chapter to exemplify the values of the organization.

III. Organization & Administration: In conjunction with another group? □ Yes □ No

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements:
Costs: $20 for copies, certificates, and plaques
Personnel: One committee chair, two committee members

V. Special Problems:
It was difficult to determine what other factors (in addition to GPA) would be used to determine the outstanding students.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be specific):
We received some excellent information packets back from eligible students this year, indicating that the awards maintain a level of prestige among the top students. The outstanding sophomore and junior nominees all exhibited a high level of scholarship and exemplary character. Wyoming Alpha hopes to continue to be able to offer a small scholarship to the award recipients.
Outstanding Sophomore: Michael Gonzalez
Outstanding Junior: Jessica McGahan

VII. Index of Exhibits:
Finalist Information Sheets
Pictures of Outstanding Sophomore and Junior
(See Booklet for Citations)