

Tau Beta Pi Awards 31 Fellowships

The Fellowship Board of **Tau Beta Pi**, the engineering honor society, announces the selection of 31 engineering students from a pool of 453 applicants for graduate fellowships in 2026-27. Recipients will receive cash stipends of \$10,000 for advanced studies. By the time this 93rd group of fellows completes their graduate work, the Association will have awarded more than \$9,520,000 in stipends. These awards bring the total number of fellowships granted to 1,892 since the program's inception in 1929. All Tau Beta Pi Fellowships are awarded based on competitive criteria, including high scholarship, campus leadership and service, and promise of future contributions to the engineering profession. All fellows are members of Tau Beta Pi and may pursue their graduate studies at any institution of their choice.

This year's recipients will study a variety of fields in engineering and science, including: advanced computer science, aeronautical and astronautical engineering, aerospace engineering, bioengineering, biomedical engineering, biomedical sciences, building science, chemical and biomolecular engineering, chemical engineering, civil engineering, computational electromagnetics, computer architecture, computer engineering, computer science and engineering, control engineering, electrical engineering, materials science and engineering, mechanical engineering, medicine, naval architecture and marine engineering, and nuclear engineering.



Nelanne Bolima



Alyssa Hicks



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- The **Anderson Fellowships** are named for Mabel E. and Marshall Anderson, *MI Gamma '32*, who was Tau Beta Pi Fellow No. 19 and left a bequest to the Society.
- The **Brandt Fellowship** is made possible thanks to a gift by Larry D. Brandt, *OR Alpha '67*.
- The **Centennial Fellowship** honors the Society's most outstanding fellow and commemorates Tau Beta Pi's 100th anniversary.
- The **Dodson Fellowship** is named for the late Charles R. Dodson, *MD Beta '30*, who made a gift to the Association.
- The **James Fife Fellowships** are presented in memory of the father of the late member William Fife, *CA Alpha 1921*.
- The **Forge Fellowship** is named for Charles O. Forge, *CA Gamma '56*, who left a bequest.
- The **Hanley Fellowship** is awarded in honor of Mary A. and Edward P. Hanley, *IL Beta '42*, Tau Beta Pi Fellow No. 84, who left a bequest.
- The **Hennis Fellowship** is awarded thanks to generous gifts from the late Lee A. Hennis, *CA Delta '65*, to continue mentoring young engineers.
- The **Harold M. King Fellowship** honors the 1954-58 president of Tau Beta Pi, Harold M. King, *MA Alpha 1910*, and is given to that recipient whose participation in their technical society is judged worthy of special mention.
- The **Matthews Fellowship** is awarded in honor of R.C. "Red" Matthews, *IL Alpha 1902*, who served as Secretary and Secretary-Treasurer from 1905-47 and as Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus from 1947-78.

- The **Nagel Fellowship** is given in honor of Robert H. Nagel, P.E., *NY Delta '39*, for his service as Tau Beta Pi *Bent* Editor and Secretary-Treasurer from 1942-82 and as Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus in 1982-97.
- The **Sigma Tau Fellowship** perpetuates the name of Sigma Tau, a national engineering honor society founded at the University of Nebraska in 1904 and merged with Tau Beta Pi in 1974. It also commemorates Sigma Tau's former national president and secretary-treasurer, Clarel B. Mapes.
- The **Charles H. Spencer Fellowship** is named for Tau Beta Pi's president from 1936-47, Charles H. Spencer, *IL Beta 1913*. It is awarded to a recipient whose contributions to their collegiate chapter are judged worthy of commendation.
- The **Donald A. Stark Fellowships** are supported by a gift from a charitable trust named for the man who contributed much to progress in the fluid-power industry.
- The **Swalin Fellowship** is named in honor of Helen M. and Richard A. Swalin, Ph.D., *MN Alpha '52*, who left a bequest.
- The **Tau Beta Pi Fellowships** are supported by matching gifts from companies as part of the annual alumni giving program.
- The **Edward H. Williams Jr. Fellowship** honors the founder of Tau Beta Pi. It is given to a recipient who plans to earn a doctoral degree and become a professional engineering teacher, as was Dr. Williams, *PA Alpha 1875*.
- The **Zimmerman Fellowship** is named for Marlin U. Zimmerman Jr., *MD Alpha '44*, who left a bequest in 2011.

Fellowship	Recipient	Graduate Institution	Field of Study
Zimmerman No. 15	Nelanne Bolima, MD Δ '24	University of Cambridge	Biomedical Sciences
Hennis No. 7	Yuxuan (Lily) Chen, CA Σ '26	University of California, Santa Barbara	Control Engineering
Hanley No. 15	Trevor S. Dady, AR B '24	Purdue University	Aero & Astro Eng'g
Swalin No. 10	Rena P. Feng, NJ Δ '26	Carnegie Mellon University	Computer Architecture
Spencer No. 71	Mrigayu Ghosh, TX A '26	Georgia Inst. of Tech. & Emory Univ.	Biomedical Engineering
Forge No. 14	Jeffrey T. Guiette, CO E '26	University of Colorado at Denver	Comp. Electromag.
Fife No. 259	Vara Qi Gunananthan, MD A '26	Stanford University	Materials Sci. & Eng'g
Fife No. 260	Nathan J. Hansen, UT A '23	University of Utah	Computer Engineering
Fife No. 261	Alyssa M. Hicks, WA A '26	University of Minnesota	Chemical Engineering
Anderson No. 27	Urwa Irfan, IL B '22	University of California, Berkeley	Building Science
Anderson No. 28	Anjal M. Jain, CT A '26	University of Oxford	Advanced Comp. Sci.
Dodson No. 13	Anika M. Jena, CA Σ '26	Stanford University	Chemical Engineering
Fife No. 262	Sarp C. Kayabas, MD A '26	Johns Hopkins University	Chem. & Biomol. Eng'g
Centennial No. 41	Ayden J. Kemp, AL A '25	Auburn University	Aerospace Engineering
King No. 65	Kyle E. Kirwin, NC Z '26	University of Pennsylvania	Mechanical Engineering
Stark No. 49	Sophia J. Klymchuk, NY I '26	Columbia University	Mechanical Engineering
Stark No. 50	Vicky Lizardi-Lobb, NM B '26	University of New Mexico	Nuclear Engineering
Fife No. 263	Cole H. Malinchock, NC A '26	University of Michigan	Naval Arch. & Marine Eng'g
Fife No. 264	Abigail L. Moeller, MS B '25	Rice University	Bioengineering
Fife No. 265	Andres A. Moreno, NM B '26	Georgia Institute of Technology	Mechanical Engineering
Fife No. 266	Tran B. Ngo, FL A '20	University of Florida	Biomedical Engineering
Tau Beta Pi No. 855	Paul J. Nguyen, AL E '26	University of Pennsylvania	Chemical Engineering
Tau Beta Pi No. 856	Evrin E. Ozcan, RI A '24	University of Pennsylvania	Medicine
Sigma Tau No. 52	Khaleb L. Pafford, NE A '25	Georgia Institute of Technology	Aerospace Engineering
Brandt No. 5	Diego A. Puerta, AZ B '26	Massachusetts Institute of Tech.	Electrical Engineering
Tau Beta Pi No. 857	Chathusha Punchi Wedikkara, IN A '26	Purdue University	Mechanical Engineering
Nagel No. 29	Rachel E. Schenck, MI A '25	Georgia Institute of Technology	Materials Sci. & Eng'g
Tau Beta Pi No. 858	Araj Shah, DC A '25	University of Michigan	Computer Science & Eng'g
Tau Beta Pi No. 859	Brian N. Wang, NJ B '25	Rutgers University	Materials Sci. & Eng'g
Williams No. 47	Yameng (Moe) Zhang, RI A '26	Stanford University	Electrical Engineering
Matthews No. 29	Hu (Oliver) Zhao, AL A '21	Texas A&M University	Civil Engineering

Tau Beta Pi is The Engineering Honor Society, founded at Lehigh University in 1885. With 259 collegiate chapters and 52 active alumni chapters, it has initiated more than 655,000 members in its 141-year history and is the world's largest engineering society (see www.tbp.org). Contact Renea Lewis (r.lewis@tbp.org) for more details.