



THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN!

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President of the Association through December 31, 2021.

As 2021 comes to a close, we look back on a year that began to see some of us return to on-site work, school, and the slow crawl back towards a sense of normalcy. While the Association was unable to meet the necessary quorum to hold Convention, the business of Tau Beta Pi continues to move forward. New chapter petitions are being submitted, and the creation of new training material for our professional development is trending nicely as we begin to see light at the end of the tunnel moving into 2022.

The contributions of our large volunteer groups such as District Directors, Advisors, and Engineering Futures Facilitators continue to keep our chapters engaged. However, it hasn't been easy! Due to the large collegiate chapters and varying rules/guidance from their respective colleges and universities on hosting in-person events, our dedication to these chapters and their growth has not diminished despite these challenges. Next year will see six additional collegiate chapter inspections, with two being international chapters in Qatar and UAE.

The Executive Council continued to meet remotely. During this time, members were willing to get involved through work in a variety of committees to continue to make progress towards our initiatives. Listening Sessions with our members have helped shape and guide our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee to address some of the concerns our members have voiced. The Fellowship Program awarded 28 Fellowships and 261 Scholarships for our students to continue their educational pursuits.

A difficult task I'm sure — as there are so many well-deserving Tau Bates! The Engineering Futures program has shifted entirely online and continues to provide excellent professional development content which allows our students and alumni alike to participate despite gathering or travel restrictions. It would take too much space to list all 1,000+ of our volunteers, **but I thank all of you for your continued support and dedication to our Society.**

Finally, it has been my pleasure to serve as president this past year. Although we couldn't meet in person, I feel that the efforts shown throughout these unprecedented times speak to the quality and character of our membership. *We continue to drive our mission by recognizing those who have conferred honor upon their alma maters by distinguished scholarship and exemplary character as students in engineering or by their attainments as alumni in the field of engineering; by providing leadership, professional development, career opportunities, and training for engineering students and alumni; and promoting lifelong alumnus member involvement. The work continues.*

I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. Until we meet again.

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