LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, is where the 107th Convention of Tau Beta Pi took place, hosted by the Kentucky Alpha Chapter at the University of Kentucky. This year nearly 500 members, including 338 engineering students and 260 voting delegates, of the Association were on hand to conduct Convention business.

The panoramic Hyatt Regency hotel, connected to historic Rupp Arena, housed out-of-town attendees and served four banquet-style meals. The Recruiting Fair was on Thursday in the adjacent Lexington Center with recruiters from 25 corporations and 15 graduate schools. (See the full list on page 2.)

The three-day schedule was filled with business, committee, District and Engineering Futures meetings, Interactive Chapter Exchanges (ICE), the model initiation, and several professional development sessions with topics ranging from ethics and etiquette to persuasion and graduate school admissions advice.

Arrangements Chair Brandon J. Isaac, KY A ‘13, guided preparations for the Convention and its extensive logistics. He, a team of Kentucky Alpha chapter members, and Chief Advisor Dr. Bruce L. Walcott, IN A ’81, managed such duties as hospitality, publicity, and technology.

At Thursday’s Welcoming Dinner, Ray A. Rothrock, TX A ’77, general partner at Venrock and member of the Tau Beta Pi Vision Development Group, delivered the keynote address, entitled “Being Your Own Boss – Engineering Entrepreneurship.”

Special Convention guests Rodger F. Smith, WI A ’64, managing director of Greenwich Associates and Tau Beta Pi Trust Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair, and Harry W. Lange, MI Z ’75, portfolio manager for Fidelity Management and Research Co., and member of the TBP TAC, conducted investments and personal finance sessions on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night for all of those in attendance.

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There were a few noteworthy changes to the 2012 Convention schedule. Each day began with a continental breakfast during district meetings. A quorum was met and the official opening of Convention happened Thursday afternoon, but the First Business meeting took place during the Welcoming Dinner that evening.

In TBP’s usual method, Convention business was handled by committees, except for those few items that emerged during the meetings as New Business. Seven standing committees are called for by the Constitution, and six ad hoc groups were also appointed.

Convention committees included: Alumnus Chapter (ad hoc); Awards; Chapter Advisors (ad hoc); Constitution & Bylaws; Convention Site; Curriculum Review (ad hoc); Financial Affairs; Member Benefits; Image, & Insignia (ad hoc); MindSET (ad hoc); Petitions; Resolutions; Rituals; and Website Development (ad hoc).

At Saturday night’s Awards Banquet there was an impromptu flash mob dance by District 4. The excitement carried over into the DJ and casino social with other TBP Districts choreographing dances.

Executive Director Curt Gomulinski calls the 107th TBP Convention to order in Lexington, Kentucky.

Convention Ratification Ballot

The Ratification Ballot on constitution amendments approved by the 2012 Convention is a graded report. There are six amendments to be voted on:

1. Consider graduate students eligible if they are “enrolled” rather than “in residence.”
2. Allow certain required actions to be completed without written documentation.
3. Update Association officials’ terms to begin at any point and be up to three years in length.
4. Clarify the amending process by removing the words “undergraduate” and “collegiate.”
5. Establish a position of Director of Alumni Affairs.
6. Change the name of Alumnus Chapters to Alumni Chapters.

The deadline is April 1, 2013, for TBP chapters to either scan a signed copy of the ballot and email it to tbp@tbp.org or send the signed ballot through postal mail (postmark April 1). Please see the summary sheet on the “Constitution Amendment Approved by the Convention but Subject to Ratification by the Chapters” for Convention minutes references, and the “Instructions for Ratification Balloting” on page 3 for explanation of quorum requirements and active status. Download the Ratification Ballot

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Outstanding Chapter: Florida Alpha

The 2011-12 R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award was presented to Florida Alpha at the University of Florida. It was stated by the Awards Committee that Florida Alpha best fulfilled the objectives of TBP over the year with its “wildly successful GatorTRAX program, extensive tutoring program, and numerous community service projects.”

The chapter conducted a total of 28 projects. Members planned and participated in several MindSET–GatorTRAX hands-on sessions with local K-12 students. To increase the resources available for these sessions, the chapter partnered with other campus engineering organizations.

They continued with many other successful activities, including participation in the college E-Fair, organizing and running the local SECME Olympiad competition, and tutoring undergraduate students in physics and chemistry.

Chapter leaders (2011-12) included President Meghan C. Ferrall, Vice President Daniel De Leo, Treasurer Dorianne I. Erazo, and Recording Secretary Luis E. Alvarez. The Chief Advisor is Dr. Curtis R. Taylor.

The honorable mentions went to Alabama Epsilon at the University of South Alabama and Michigan Kappa at Western Michigan University.

Most Improved Chapter: Kentucky Gamma

The 2011-12 R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award was presented to Kentucky Gamma at Western Kentucky University. The Awards Committee recognized the chapter for “doubling of the chapter (membership) size, increasing their project score, and conducting a large body of projects.”

A highlight was volunteering at a “Girls in Science” event co-hosted with the university physics department. Other projects included LEGO Robotics Competition, preparations for a Bent monument on campus, and designing polo shirts to increase campus visibility of Tau Beta Pi and to give uniform appearance to volunteers at future service activities.

Chapter leaders (2011-12) included President Timothy D. Anderson, Vice President Yancee P. Burchett, Treasurer Kevin A. Hinson, and Recording Secretary Jacob D. Chaney. The Chief Advisor is Dr. Shane M. Palmquist, P.E.

The honorable mentions went to Georgia Alpha at the Georgia Institute of Technology and Michigan Kappa at Western Michigan University.
2013 District Conferences

The District Program provides a vital link between the Association and every chapter. Each year Directors gather students for regional conferences to provide retiring and new officers opportunities to improve chapter operations and socialize. Chapters are urged to elect new officers before their District conference. New and outgoing officers are encouraged to attend.

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Membership Award

These chapters were presented commendations for membership improvements in 2011-12:

- Arizona Beta
- California Alpha
- California Delta
- California Zeta
- California Mu
- California Omicron
- California Omega
- California Alpha Beta
- Colorado Alpha
- Connecticut Alpha
- Connecticut Gamma
- Delaware Alpha
- Dist. of Columbia A
- Dist. of Columbia F
- Florida Alpha
- Florida Eta
- Georgia Beta
- Idaho Gamma
- Illinois Beta
- Illinois Epsilon
- Iowa Beta
- Kentucky Beta
- Maryland Epsilon
- Massachusetts Epsilon
- Massachusetts Eta
- Michigan Iota
- Michigan Kappa
- Michigan Lambda
- Missouri Delta
- Montana Alpha
- Nevada Beta
- New Jersey Alpha
- New York Delta
- New York Eta
- New York Nu
- Ohio Alpha
- Ohio Gamma
- Ohio Nu
- Ohio Xi
- Pennsylvania Beta
- Pennsylvania Kappa
- Pennsylvania Lambda
- Rhode Island Alpha
- Tennessee Alpha
- Texas Eta
- Utah Alpha
- Virginia Beta
- Virginia Delta
- Washington Gamma

J.D.F. Membership Award

Illinois Epsilon at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale received the 2011-12 J.D. Froula Most Improved Membership Award. Honorable mention was given to Massachusetts Zeta at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Kyle Goetzelmann, Illinois Epsilon President, accepts the J.D. Froula Award from Executive Director Emeritus Jim Froula.

Tau Beta Pi has a new travel benefit for members and their families. Members now have access to a worldwide inventory of hotels at exclusive discounted rates. Take advantage of average savings of 10-20 percent anytime at any hotel.
At the Thursday Recruiting Fair, Tau Beta Pi collegiate students Timothy S. Enserink, Sierra L. Spitulski, and Eric C. Kemp from CA Rho (California State University, Fresno) speak with recruiter Sam Minton from BNSF Railway Co.

Craig A. Cowing, MI I ’13, Chair of the Committee on Resolutions, presents Convention Arrangements Chair Brandon J. Isaac with a plaque of appreciation.

Vice President Solange Dao recognizes TBPI advisors: R. Efimba (DCA), H. Hegna (OH N), and D. Kaplan (MD A) for attending ten consecutive Conventions.

At the Saturday Awards banquet, attendees “offer a napkin.”
Vision Development
Student Advisory Board

Focus groups were conducted at the 2011 Convention on the recommendation of the Vision Development Group (VDG). The input gathered from the focus groups was invaluable to the VDG in providing recommendations to the Executive Council for the growth and enhancement of the Association.

One of the recommendations from the VDG was to form a Student Advisory Board to provide regular advice and recommendations to the Executive Director.

Tau Beta Pi is looking for nine students or recent graduates to serve one, two, or three-year terms on the Student Advisory Board. Virtual meetings will be held three to four times per year with a potential in-person meeting at the annual Convention.

Any interested students or recent graduates interested in serving on the board are requested to submit an email of interest along with a resume to Executive Director Curt Gomulinski (tbp@tbp.org) by Dec. 31. Terms on the board will run from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

We are excited at the prospect of receiving regular input from students on areas of concern and how to improve the Association.

Student Advisory Board Purpose

- Supports the Association in identifying strategic initiatives that would improve the appeal of membership to candidates and enhance chapter operations
- Provides a student perspective on proposed initiatives of the Executive Council or the Executive Director
- Identifies areas of potential improvement with TBP programs and member benefits and offers opinions regarding priorities
- Shares issues and concerns being faced by the Collegiate Chapters that should be addressed by Headquarters or the Executive Council
- Works with the Executive Director to enhance resources used by Collegiate Chapter officers

Executive Council Slates

The nomination deadline for Tau Beta Pi Executive Council slates is April 1, 2013. Election of the Executive Council will be accomplished by the 2013 Convention in Ames, Iowa, in October. The term of the present Council will expire in the fall of 2014.

An elected candidate slate will take office in 2014, after spending one year learning about the Association and the responsibilities of the Executive Council.

Candidates should be from different engineering disciplines and should have experience in a variety of functions, including management, finance, teaching, business, research, etc. Nominees must agree to serve if elected, but need not live in the same geographic area.

Biographical data about each of the candidates will be published in the summer 2013 issue of THE BENT. The nominating chapters will provide further information to the 2013 Convention delegates about their slates.

Historical Video

Tau Beta Pi has a new historical video that was presented at the final banquet; please enjoy a short clip.
### 26 Chapter Project Awards

Executive Director Curt Gomulinski presented Chapter Project Awards for outstanding performance during 2011-12 to the following 26 chapters:

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<td>AL B University of Alabama</td>
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<td>KY I Western Kentucky University</td>
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<td>• Tutored fellow students.</td>
<td>• Helped with Girls in Science Day.</td>
<td>• Held a Lego Robotics competition for elementary &amp; middle schoolers.</td>
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<td>• Collected Toys for Tots.</td>
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<td>AL E University of South Alabama</td>
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<td>MD B University of Maryland</td>
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<td>• Worked to help with ‘Engaging Youth in Engineering.’</td>
<td>• Hosted a MindSET session and STEM gap awareness week.</td>
<td>• Helped with Habitat for Humanity in Tuscaloosa and New Orleans.</td>
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<td>CA A University of California, Berkeley</td>
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<td>MI I University of Michigan</td>
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<td>• Assisted in ‘Pioneers in Engineering.’</td>
<td>• Adopted a highway.</td>
<td>• Reached out to students in Detroit as Pen Pals.</td>
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<td>• Held MacGyver Olympics.</td>
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<td>CA E University of California, Los Angeles</td>
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<td>MI E Wayne State University</td>
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<td>• Showed K-5 students how Engineering Minds Cultivate Creativity.</td>
<td>• Helped children through hippotherapy (riding horses).</td>
<td>• Planted some trees to help make Detroit a little greener.</td>
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<td>• Held second annual Rube Goldberg competition.</td>
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<td>CA S University of California, Santa Barbara</td>
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<td>MI K Western Michigan University</td>
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<td>• Conducted hands-on project for Science &amp; Technology Day.</td>
<td>• Taught Girl Scouts about engineering.</td>
<td>• Collected empty pop cans for Relay for Life.</td>
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<td>• Helped keep the streets of Santa Barbara clean.</td>
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<td>CA T University of California, Irvine</td>
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<td>MI A Grand Valley State University</td>
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<td>• Adopted a row of shade trees.</td>
<td>• Mentored incoming freshmen.</td>
<td>• Helped with the Science Olympiad.</td>
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<td>• Conducted a paper airplane contest for E-week.</td>
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<td>CA W University of California, San Diego</td>
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<td>MN A University of Minnesota-Twin Cities</td>
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<td>• Helped the Tijuana orphanage.</td>
<td>• Painted the bridge to draw attention to TBI1.</td>
<td>• Held a blood drive.</td>
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<td>• Reached out to High Tech middle school.</td>
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<td>FL A University of Florida</td>
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<td>NM I New Mexico Institute of Mining &amp; Technology</td>
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<td>• Hosted several MindSET sessions through GatorTrax.</td>
<td>• Assisted with Socorro Art’s Party.</td>
<td>• Volunteered with Destination Imagination.</td>
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<td>• Collected food at Thanksgiving.</td>
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<td>NY E Clarkson University</td>
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<td>• Organized storm kits for Boy Scout Merit badge.</td>
<td>• Helped promote engineering at Science &amp; Engineering Day.</td>
<td>• Cleaned hiking trail through Azure Mountain.</td>
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<td>• Conducted a MindSET session for third graders.</td>
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<td>GA A Georgia Institute of Technology</td>
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<td>OH I Ohio Northern University</td>
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<td>• Generated interest in TBI1 by participating in orientation.</td>
<td>• Participated in STEM Day at Washington Intermediate school.</td>
<td>• Helped make Ada Park a Winter Wonderland of Lights.</td>
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<td>• Collected books for Africa.</td>
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<td>IL A University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</td>
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<td>SC A Clemson University</td>
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<td>• Helped clean up Meadowbrook Park.</td>
<td>• Assisted Oconee County Humane Society with Howl ‘O Ween.</td>
<td>• Collected food for Clemson Community Care.</td>
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<td>• Collected food at football game for Eastern Illinois food bank.</td>
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<td>IA A Iowa State University</td>
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<td>TX A University of Texas at Austin</td>
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<td>• Held their Pi mile run.</td>
<td>• Helped raise awareness of children’s cancer and funds for CureSearch.</td>
<td>• Worked to keep Lady Bird Lake clean.</td>
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<td>KY A University of Kentucky</td>
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<td>WY A University of Wyoming</td>
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<td>• Held a TBI1 Lego Speed Bent competition for children.</td>
<td>• Organized and hosted College of Engineering Honors banquet.</td>
<td>• Judged and helped guide tours during the Science Fair.</td>
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**Distinguished Alumnus Program**

The Tau Beta Pi Distinguished Alumnus Award was first given in 1993 to recognize alumni who have continued to live up to the ideals of Tau Beta Pi as stated in our Eligibility Code throughout their lives after their college years.

The program is an opportunity to mark in a fitting manner exemplary performance by alumni.

Any chapter or member of Tau Beta Pi may nominate one (or more) alumni members for the award. A nomination must be submitted by February 1. Selection is made by a committee of Association officials. The Distinguished Alumnus nomination form is available [online](#). Each winner is invited to the TBI1 Convention to receive a recognition plaque. Since 2003, a $2,000 TBI1 scholarship is also named in his or her honor and awarded to a student member.
Tau Beta Pi chapters can now access their invoice statements 24/7 online through the Eligibility/Online system. This new resource tool complies with recent efforts to greatly reduce mailings to the collegiate chapters.

We encourage chapter treasurers to check your chapter’s balance each month to keep your account in good standing with TBP Headquarters.

In addition, Chapter Presidents, Treasurers, and Chief Advisors will also receive an email at the beginning of each month with the current chapter balance. Detailed invoices are available on request.

Below is a sample statement as found online. If your chapter owes money, the brown box will read “PLEASE PAY THIS AMOUNT.” If your chapter’s balance is zero, or has a credit, the brown box will read “CREDIT BALANCE NO PAYMENT IS REQUIRED.”

There should be a reference number, date, code, and description of unpaid charges. At this time, you cannot pay your invoice balance online, however, you can pay by credit card, call 1-800-TAU-BETA. Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8am to 5pm.

There is a link at the bottom of the invoice web page where you can open a printable copy of your current invoice statement. Including this page with your mailed check is the easiest way to ensure that your payment is posted to your chapter’s account quickly. Any payments that are received without details of the account or chapter name may result in significant delays.

In the case of technical difficulties, or if you are having trouble during non-business hours, you may use the “Support Team” link to email your concerns.

We are pleased to be able to offer this new feature to our TBP chapters. We welcome your comments and feedback; send an email to the address link above. As always, if you have questions or concerns call Headquarters at 1-800-TAU-BETA.
Chapter Development: Time to Get Personal

Chapter officers have been doing a good job of communicating with the eligible students and following up! They also took advantage of contacting the parents of the electees with letters from the dean. But a personal invitation remains the most effective means of inviting your fellow students to join the Association.

Interactive Chapter Exchange (ICE) sessions are held on Friday at each annual Convention—and the reason these meetings are so popular lies in the first word: Interactive. Trained teams of Association officials conducted these ICE sessions using the presentation skills of our Engineering Futures Facilitators. Students shared problems facing all chapters and worked together to develop solutions. This year, two groups focused on the unique challenges faced by our larger chapters.

Professional development took on a new emphasis in Kentucky this year. In addition to Convention Chair Ronald M. Hickling and Parliamentarian John R. Luchini, Ph.D., P.E., instructing committee chairs, vice chairs, and secretaries in the do’s and don’ts of parliamentary procedure, several seminars presented attendees with opportunities to learn valuable lessons. Topics covered included personal finance, developing leadership potential, job interviewing, business ethics, and even business etiquette. These leaders gained valuable experience guiding their teams and presenting reports. Engineering Futures Facilitators taught interpersonal, team-building, and meeting-management skills. District Directors gathered delegates in each of the 16 regions to renew friendships and begin new ones.

Committees met on Thursday and Friday to handle the business of the Association. This assembly provided ample opportunity to practice the original Robert’s Rules as Tau Bates debated motions and amendments. The occasional point of order was heard.

Chapter advisors are priceless assets. Fifty-three of them made the trip to Lexington where they met as a committee to decide how they might better serve the Society and their chapters. They also attended ICE sessions alongside their delegates.

You are the enduring strength of Tau Beta Pi because you will carefully elect new members who will then improve and strengthen your chapter. Be certain that they receive the invitations. Contact electees, and let them know of our sincere desire to join us. Help them understand what it is about TBP that made you join. After initiation, interact with them. You can build an even greater Association. It just takes time.

—Roger E. Hawks, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

The Best People Engineering Job Board is a resource for Tau Beta Pi members to search nearly 1,700 engineering jobs, post résumés, and look for internship opportunities. Two newly highlighted job postings can be found daily on the TBP website home page.

Current positions are available with Boeing, ITT, Near Space Corp., Raytheon, and more!
Fellowships & Scholarships

Tau Beta Pi’s 80th annual program of graduate fellowships for study in the 2013-14 academic year opens November 1, and closes February 1, 2013, when applications must be in the possession of Director of Fellowships D. Stephen Pierre Jr., P.E.

Approximately 20 cash awards will be given, each worth $10,000, made on the promise of future development in engineering or related fields, and financial need. Winners will be selected by the Fellowship Board and notified in April.

All members of TBPI are eligible to apply. Students and alumni may download informational documents here.

Scholarship applications for advancing the interest of the engineering profession will be accepted until April 1 for full-time undergraduate study during the academic year 2013-14. The submission period begins November 1.

Undergraduate members of TBPI that will return to school for at least one semester are eligible. Winners will be selected by the Fellowship Board and notified in June.

Each full-year award is given in the amount of $2,000 payable in two equal increments. Approximately 200 scholarships may be given in 2013.

MindSET Program

K-12 schools in the U.S. are in need of support to increase the number of students that successfully complete Algebra I by the 8th grade and calculus before graduation from high school. Visit the MindSET website

Currently, 28 Tau Beta Pi chapters have hosted MindSET activity sessions at local schools. At this year’s Convention, delegates discussed ways to increase the number of MindSET projects. Chapters are now encouraged to work with local TBPI alumni in making contacts and forming partnerships with school districts.

A 10-step guide to MindSET chapter implementation was finalized and a new communications tool will soon be sent to all 240 active TBPI chapters. Nine chapters were recently recognized at Convention for receiving 16 MindSET grants and hosting 30 activity sessions during the past two academic semesters.

We strongly encourage TBPI chapters to consider starting a MindSET project. Not only does this provide an important service to local K-12 students, but it is also a way to increase the activity and visibility of Tau Beta Pi. Remember, there is no deadline for applications, 30 math and science hands-on modules have already been created, and detailed instructions are available for use.

McDonald Mentor Nominees

Marion and Capers W. (NC Gamma ’74) McDonald and the Association have established an award to celebrate excellence in mentoring and advising among Tau Beta Pi educators and engineers. The honor recognizes those who have consistently supported the personal and professional development of their students and colleagues through mentorship. Application deadline is April 1.

The TBPI-McDonald Mentor is chosen by a committee of Association officials and will be presented a special medallion and a $2,000 cash award ($1,000 to honoree and $1,000 to the nominating chapter—or to the honoree’s chapter if nominated by a member). Only one award will be presented at any annual Convention.

Member Benefits

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