

Alumni Newsletter

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Tau Beta Pi
The Engineering Honor Society

Letter From the Historian

Hello Alumni!

As the Winter 2024 semester comes to an end, there have continued to be many happenings in our Tau Beta Pi chapter. Members have remained active through so many different events. I hope that you can continue to stay connected with Michigan Gamma through this newsletter.

This semester, Tau Beta Pi has continued its traditional events such as Cub Scouts Day, MindSET, The Breakfast Parties, and many more! Through our high level of activity as a chapter this semester, we have both improved existing events and hosted newer events such as a potluck and an interchapter event. We all look forward to building on these ideas in future semesters!

Additionally, I am excited to welcome our 53 new Tau Bates! This was an amazing group of electees, which included eight who earned electee DA status and one who earned electee PA status. The group also includes three of next semester's officers.

It has been a pleasure to be your Historian. This has been an incredibly successful semester for our chapter, and I am eager to see what we can accomplish in future semesters!

Go Blue!

- Jacob Ziff, Historian

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Letter From the President

Greetings Alumni,

And just like that the W24 Semester has come to a close! Michigan Gamma was busy this semester hosting a massive 172 events between our chapter meetings, socials, professional development events, and service initiatives. These include our longtime events such as The Breakfast Parties, MindSET, Merit Badge Day, Cub Scouts Day, and Cantina, as well as newer initiatives and first time events such as Engineering Day, a DEI Potluck, and an interchapter Pi Day celebration co-hosted with MI-E at Wayne State and MI-I at Michigan-Dearborn. Through these events, we saw an unprecedented amount of engagement with our active members, where we amassed a total of nearly 2600 hours of service this semester!

On April 20th, we were ecstatic to be able to initiate 53 new Tau Bates to our chapter. Between 42 undergraduate students, 9 graduate students, 1 alumnus, and 1 eminent engineer, this initiation was the largest Winter initiation since before the pandemic. Our Vice President and Graduate Student Vice President, Karen and Aditya, were hard at work coordinating all of the initiation requirements for our newly initiated members. The Bake and Yell at the final general meeting made a return for the second consecutive semester, providing all with good desserts and even better laughs. The initiating process was able to run so smoothly thanks to the efforts of the active members who volunteered to be electee team leads.

Michigan Gamma once again hosted the Leaders and Honors Awards Brunch. Despite the event having moved to NCRC from its usual spot in the Union, our EVPs, Vance and Ibrahim, were able to assist OSA in the flawless execution of the prestigious awards ceremony. One of our long-time advisors, Michael Benson, received the College of Engineering's Most Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award for his contributions to our chapter over the years. As an organization ourselves, we received one of the college's Elaine Harden Awards for being one of the most outstanding student organizations in the College of Engineering. Tau Bates also made up a significant portion of the award winners at the ceremony, with 10 individual awards going to members of our chapter! We also gave out 4 scholarship prizes in the name of our chapter to outstanding first year students: Ava Chang, Dylan Cooper, Armaan Kamat, and Guanren Tao.

Our chapter also recently attended the 2024 District 7 Conference hosted by OH-Q at the University of Dayton. The Michigan Gamma chapter sent a large group of 14 student delegates comprising officers, advisors, actives, and electees. Our chapter was able to participate in ideation sessions, network with members from other chapters and the National Association, and bond closer as a group of individuals. Members from our chapter performed really well in the skit competition and the annual "Battle of Toledo" trivia competition.

I am honored beyond words to have served as the President of this incredible chapter and lead such a driven and motivated officer corps that have far exceeded my expectations. I look forward to seeing the chapter grow in future semesters with the involvement of students and alumni alike.



Kevin Masel
President, TBP MI-G

Honors Brunch Recap

Dear Alumni,

On March 24th, the Michigan Gamma chapter of Tau Beta Pi hosted the College of Engineering's annual Student Leaders & Honors Awards Brunch. The Honors Brunch recognizes outstanding students within the CoE for their academic achievement and leadership, and we are proud to support these students for exemplifying "Integrity and Excellence in Engineering."

All students who received one of the CoE's Leaders & Honors Awards are invited to the Honors Brunch. Engineering students applied for these awards in late 2023, and one finalist from each engineering department was selected for an interview to determine the recipients. Each interview committee consisted of one undergraduate student, one graduate student, and one faculty member from within the CoE. Additionally, Michigan Gamma presented the Thomas S. Rice Award to two outstanding Actives, as well as three First-Year Student Awards and the Tau Beta Pi Scholarship for MI-G to recognize four outstanding first-year Engineering students.

We are happy to share that the Michigan Gamma chapter won one of the two Elaine Harden Awards, presented to the Engineering student organizations that best exemplify dedicated leadership and service to the community. Karen Jin and Hunter Muench received the Thomas S. Rice Award for their outstanding leadership and service within the Michigan Gamma chapter. Our advisor Michael Benson received the Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award for his support and guidance of our chapter. Additionally, several members of our chapter were individually recognized for their accomplishments at U-M (more information about each of these awards may be found at <https://studentawards.engin.umich.edu/student-awards/>):

Vance Kreider—*Henry Ford II Prize*

Amanda Liss—*Harry B. Benford Award for Entrepreneurial Leadership*

Kevin Masel—*Distinguished Academic Achievement Award, Distinguished Leadership Award*

Ibrahim Musaddequr Rahman—*Distinguished Academic Achievement Award*

Maggie Robbins—*A.D. Moore Award*

Abdul Sayeed Khan—*Towner Prize For Distinguished Academic Achievement*

We extend our thanks to the volunteers who served on the interview committees and helped staff the event. We would especially like to thank April Hays and the rest of the team from the Office of Student Affairs for all their work behind the scenes; this event would not be possible without their contributions, and their professionalism and dedication made this year's Honors Brunch run as smoothly as possible.

If you are interested in learning more about the Honors Brunch or attending in the future, please reach out to tbp.externalvicepresident@umich.edu.

Sincerely,

Vance Kreider and Ibrahim Musaddequr Rahman
2024 TBP MI-G External Vice Presidents

Merit Badge Day Recap

Dear Alumni,

We were excited this year to expand our Merit Badge Day Event to more scouts than ever before. Since returning in-person after the pandemic, we have been steadily increasing our capacity for Merit Badge Day to reach larger and larger audiences. In Fall '21 when we first returned in person, Merit Badge Day only had capacity for 10 scouts a semester. Since then we've worked to steadily increase capacity up to 18 scouts per event last semester without sacrificing the high quality the scouts expect out of our event. However, space constraints prevented us from expanding any farther, so instead to continue bringing our event to a larger audience we decided to increase the number of events! So, for the first time we ran 2 events this semester. Both were a great success and we look forward to continue hosting multiple high quality events each semester.

Our events were March 30th and April 13th this semester. As always we worked to provide a unique opportunity for scouts to earn 4 STEM based merit badges in just 1 day. We covered Engineering, Programming, Digital Technology, and Electronics Merit Badges. While this event is on the smaller side, we take that opportunity to really connect with the scouts and make sure they are really learning all the engineering has to offer. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to tbp.meritbadge@umich.edu.

Sincerely,

The Merit Badge Day Team

Jacob V Miller

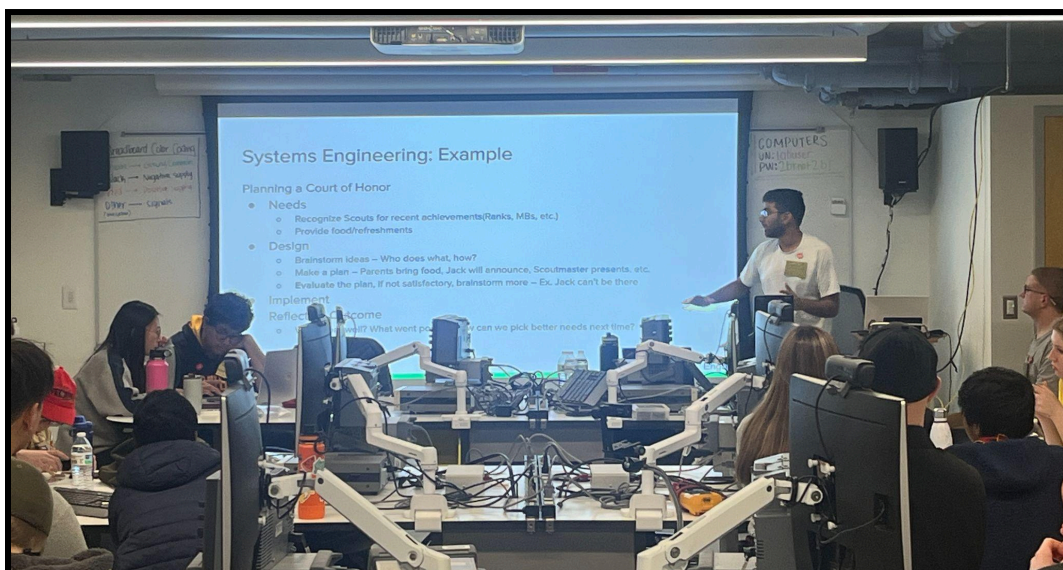
Ibrahim Musaddequr Rahman

Hunter Muench

Grace Yoon

Namit Padgaonkar

David T Martel PhD



Cub Scouts Day Recap

Dear Alumni,

On March 17th, 2024, Michigan Gamma hosted a signature event, the Winter 2024 Cub Scouts Day. Cub Scouts Day brings scouts a unique opportunity to earn their engineering elective adventure. We help the scouts develop a love for STEM through our exciting modules: Bridges, Catapults, Circuits, and everyone's favorite, the Egg Drop! Each module shows the concepts of engineering design, as they have to build something, and then they get to test it in a small competition against their peers.

For this semester the event ran very similarly to the past. However, our Cub Scouts Day has big things in the works for next semester's event. The requirements for Cub Scouts are being fully revamped starting in June, and therefore our event will receive a similar revamp to ensure we continue to meet the requirements for the scouts' Engineering Adventures. This is an exciting time for us as we prepare to delve into each module and continue to provide the one of a kind experience Cub Scouts Day has been known for! If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to cubscoutsday@umich.edu.

Sincerely,

The Cub Scouts Day Team

Jacob V Miller
Vance Kreider
Kevin Masel
Hunter Muench
Jack Phillips
Ansh Patel
David T Martel PhD

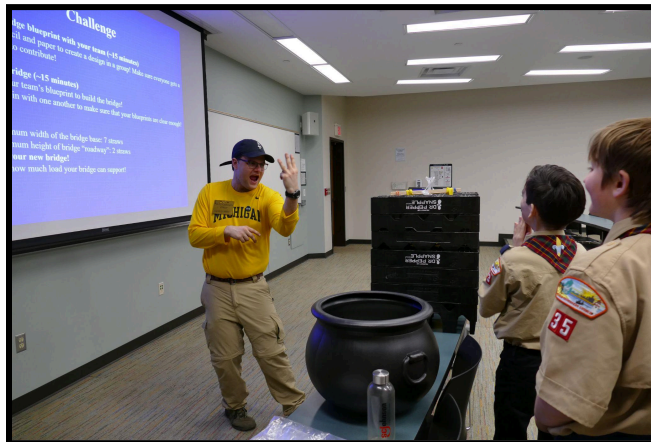


Photos From Events



PowerPoint Party winners at Fourth General!

The Breakfast Parties!



Cub Scouts Day!

Merit Badge Day!



District Seven Conference!



Initiation!



Winter 2024 Prestigious Actives

David T. Martel, Ph.D.	Jacob V. Miller	Drew Boughton
Kevin Masel	Ansh Patel	Tony Zheng
Karen Jin	Alex Li	Mitra Mokhlesi
Hunter Muench	Ibrahim Musaddequr Rahman	Advika Jhingran
Vance Kreider	Namit Padgaonkar	Yunseok Choi
Aditya Vasudevan	Niloy Gupta	Paco Haas
Evelyn Lee	Maggie Robbins	Grace Yoon
Jacob Ziff	Abdur-Raheem Al-Hallak*	

Winter 2024 Distinguished Actives

Zahraa Bazzi	Zachary Goldston	Anjali Sivakumar
Yicheng Tang	Syahidah binti Mohd Khairi	Jack Phillips
Abdul Sayeed Khan	Aiden Ascioti	Allison Dobbins
Nadine El Ghaffir	Alyssa Fodale	Karis Hu
Anna Novak	Trevor Perl	Leah Simakas
Dylan Stone	Jacob Bell*	Andrew Keil*
Zheng Li*	Adair Nolan*	Katherine Shih*
Jennifer Wang*	Sabrina Wong*	Arthur Yang*

* Indicates an initiate who earned DA/PA status

Winter 2024 Initiates

Undergraduates

Abdur-Raheem Al-Hallak	Leo Allentoff	Julia Baldwin
Jacob Bell	Hannah Bernardi	Alexander Bowler
Alyssa Budweg	Batu Engin	Evan Gebo
Thor Helgeson	Ryan Herster	Gary Huang
Madel Humbert	Andrew Keil	Dora Kuflu
Nikita Lebedz	Allison Li	Zheng Li
Vivien Lin	Benjamin Loney Siles	Yuhong Lu
Samit Mohapatra	Allen Mons	Nidhil Nayudu
Adair Nolan	Diego Ramirez-Gomez	Max Rucker
Natalie Ryan	Gino Sessa	Patrick Shi
Katherine Shih	Julian Skifstad	Matthew Solar
Samantha Staudinger	Katelyn Strawser	Natalie Tinklenberg
Jennifer Wang	Glen Warren	Sabrina Wong
Arthur Yang	Eric Yun	Xijia Zhang

Graduates

Lawanya Awasthi	Siddharth Bhurat	Ananya Burli
John Kustin	Jasmin Lim	Gokul Prabhakaran
Yingzhe Qian	Siddhant Singh	Jifeng Wang

Alumni

Yuru Chen

Eminent Engineers

Dennis Sylvester

Fall 2024 Officers

Executive Team

President: Hunter Muench

Vice President: Karen Jin

Graduate Student Vice President: Abdur-Raheem Al-Hallak

Secretary: Jennifer Wang

Treasurer: Alex Li

External Vice President: Vance Kreider

External Vice President: Ibrahim Musaddequr Rahman

Events Team

Service Coordinator: Karis Hu

K-12 Outreach Officer: Dylan Stone

K-12 Outreach Officer: Evelyn Lee

Campus Outreach Officer: Sabrina Chun Yan Wong

Professional Development Officer: Maggie Robbins

Activities Officer: Paco Haas

Chapter Team

Chapter Development Officer: Aiden Ascioti

Historian: Arthur Yang

Publicity Officer: Grace Yoon

Membership Officer: Alyssa Fodale

Advisors

Michael Benson Drew Boughton

Kate Giammalvo Zachary Goldston

Kyle Lady David Martel

Kevin Masel Jacob Miller

Ranadeep Mitra

