

The Cornerstone

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Tau Beta Pi
The Engineering Honor Society

Letter From the Historian

Hello electees! Welcome to your first Tau Beta Pi meeting! Congratulations on your eligibility, and we hope you choose to join our prestigious organization.

My name is Jacob, and as your Historian for the semester, I will be in charge of The Cornerstone. Here, you'll generally see an agenda, upcoming events, and other relevant information, as well as some fun at the end, such as the facts and puzzles in this edition.

Last semester, I was an electee in the same spot as you are right now. Although the requirements may seem like a lot, they are very manageable, especially because there is lots of fun to be had while completing them. Right now, as electees, you will have to go through the electing process, if you so choose, by completing these requirements. At the end of the semester, if you have completed all of the requirements, you will be initiated and become an active (a full member of TBP). For the low, low price of a couple of hours a week for one semester, you too can be an active in the Michigan Gamma Chapter of Tau Beta Pi, which is the second-largest chapter out there!

We are all looking forward to a great semester, and we hope to see you at future meetings. Feel free to ask me or any other actives any of your questions. We are more than happy to answer and help you feel welcome in the TBP community.

Welcome to Tau Beta Pi and Go Blue!

- Jacob Ziff

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Meeting Agenda

- What is Tau Beta Pi?
- Meet the Officers
- Initiation Requirements
- How-To for Action Items
- Upcoming Events
- Wrap Up and Q&A

Upcoming Events

- Lawton Super Science Night: 1/24, 5:15 - 8:00 P.M.
- Winter Blood Battle Blood Drive #1: 1/29, 12:00 - 6:00 P.M.
- Second General: 2/6, 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

Initiation Requirements

- Attend all Meetings:
 - > General meetings: 1/23, 2/6, 3/5, 3/19, 4/16
 - > Elections: 4/9
 - > Initiation and Banquet: 4/20
- Complete Service Hours:
 - > Undergraduates: 16 hours total
 - At least 1 hour of TBP tutoring
 - At least 4 hours of K-12 Outreach service events
 - > Graduates: 10 hours total
- Attend 2 Professional Development events
- (Undergraduates / Graduates): Attend (2 / 3) Social Events
- (Undergraduates / Graduates): Attend (3 / 2) meetings with your Electee Team
- Participate in TBPals (more info on this later, not required for graduates)
- Electee Interview Questionnaire: due 1/29
 - > Upload this and your resume to your tbp.engin.umich.edu profile
- Character Evaluation Interview
 - > 1/31 - 2/2, sign up on the website ASAP at tbp.engin.umich.edu
- Electee Exam due 4/16 (not required for graduates)
- Six casual peer interviews due 4/16 (not required for graduates)
- One-time \$100 membership fee due 4/16

Quick Links for Today's Meeting

- TBP Website: tbp.engin.umich.edu:
 - > Important documents at **For Members** → **Electee Resources**
 - > Sign up for events at **Calendar** → **Event List**
- Before you're able to sign up for K-12 Events:
 - > Complete the Youth Protection Training by Second General (2/6) at tbpmig.org/ypt
 - > Upload certificates at tbpmig.org/YPT-confirm
 - > Opt-in to U of M background check at tbpmig.org/opt-in

TBPhun Facts

- Every year, about 98% of the atoms in your body are replaced.
- Banging your head against a wall burns 150 calories per hour.
- The first stroller was designed to be pulled by a small animal rather than pushed by a person.
- Section 32 of the Salmon Act of 1986 makes handling salmon “in suspicious circumstances” illegal in England and Wales.

The Best Puzzles

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