

Alumni Newsletter

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The Engineering Honor Society

Letter From the Historian

Hello alumni,

I hope this newsletter finds you well! My name is Arthur Yang and I am your historian for the fall semester. As this semester reaches its halfway point, our lively chapter has already seen so many exciting events and accomplishments. From the Career Fair to Merit Badge Day, there has been no shortage of opportunities to connect, learn, and grow together. I am happy to share some of the highlights and updates from this semester so far!

First of all, we are excited to announce that nearly 100 electees have begun the initiation process. This is a great milestone and is heartening to see such a strong influx of new Tau Bates. It is a clear testament to the continued development and influence of our chapter within the Michigan engineering community.

As usual, we have hosted many service events and social activities this semester. Some of our most notable include MindSET for K-12 Outreach Merit Badge Day, Cub Scouts Day, and the Fall Career Fair. On the social side, we have had a blast organizing activities such as the Ice Cream and Boba Social, Buffalo Wild Wings Night, Cantina Night, and the Wiard's Country Fair.

Other than service and social events, the Fall 2024 Career Fair was an ultimate success, bringing in more companies and student participation than even last year's fair. Additionally, Michigan Gamma won the Chapter Project Award for another consecutive year at the TBP Annual Convention, which was hosted this year by the Georgia Alpha Chapter at Georgia Tech.

The second half of the Fall 2024 semester is shaping up to be an exciting one as our chapter continues to grow. We are excited for what is ahead and I look forward to initiating our new members. Until then, I am eager to experience the rest of the semester with you all and can't wait to share more updates when I write again near the end of the term!

- Arthur Yang, Historian

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Letter from the President

Greetings Alumni!

I still remember the start of the Fall 2024 semester when we held Mail Out and First General, yet somehow we are already over halfway through the semester with just under a month until Initiation and Banquet. Michigan Gamma has been as busy as ever. We held many of our semesterly events including The Breakfast Parties, Nature Area Preservation, and NROTC Group Tutoring with so many more to come. Our K-12 Program has been as strong as ever. We held two Merit Badge Days, Cub Scouts Day, and two MindSET events with another MindSET event and our newest K-12 event Engineering Day on the horizon. Our K-12 Officers, Dylan and Evelyn, are working on expanding our K-12 program with different MindSET modules. Karen and AR, our Vice Presidents, have been working very hard guiding our electees through the initiation process. We have elected just under 100 candidates and are looking forward to our initiation in a few weeks where they will officially become Tau Bates!

Michigan Gamma co-hosted the 40th Fall Engineering Career Fair with the Society of Women Engineers. The entire fair was a huge success thanks to the continuous efforts of the 18 Tau Bates who served as directors and chairs along with the many volunteers, many of whom are electees. We hosted about 220 companies over the two days and thousands of students across every engineering department attended. I commend all the work out members put into this successful fair, especially the tireless efforts of our EVPs, Vance and Ibrahim.

Our Chapter also attended the 2024 National Convention in Rapid City, SD. We sent a group of 6 student delegates and 3 advisors who participated in the many sessions including professional development sessions, the National Interactive Chapter Exchange (NICE) sessions, Engineering Futures sessions, and committee meetings where they provided valuable input to the discussions despite most being non-voting delegates. Our chapter took home four awards at convention:

- The 2023-2024 New Engineering Solutions for Tomorrow (NEST) Challenge
- The Chapter Excellence Award with Distinction for 2023-2024
- The Chapter Project Award for 2023-2024 and a scholarship that accompanies it
- The R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award

Michigan Gamma continues to be heavily involved in community service, professional development, and outreach events. Karis, our Service Coordinator, has continued to grow our service opportunities with the support of Drew, former service coordinator and now advisor, to provide the best experience possible for the members of our chapter and of the community. Maggie, our Professional Development Officer, has helped organize many information sessions with companies throughout the semester and is working on even more opportunities. Maggie has also played a key role in leading our DEI committee and implementing different DEI initiatives within the chapter. Sabrina, our Campus Outreach Officer, has continued running our Breakfast Parties and our 1-on-1 tutoring service while restarting our First-Year Outreach events.

Our officer corps has been working hard to plan new events and initiatives to increase DEI and member engagement with the chapter and broader engineering community. Our electing class is increasing every semester, so there is no better time to get involved with the chapter! I am honored to serve as the President of this amazing chapter and lead such a dedicated and motivated officer corps. I look forward to the rest of this semester and the many future ones to come. We will continue to grow and promote integrity, inclusivity, and excellence in engineering!



Hunter Muench
President, TBP MI-G

Career Fair Recap

The Fall Engineering Career Fair, celebrating its 40th anniversary, was once again a success.

Our External Vice Presidents, **Vance Kreider** and **Ibrahim Musaddequr Rahman**, have done outstanding work as directors for the 2024 Career Fair. Vance and Ibrahim worked alongside the two directors from the Society of Women Engineers, navigating unprecedented challenges to ensure the smooth operation of this event.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this spectacular event. The Michigan Gamma chapter of TBP continues to proudly co-lead the University of Michigan's largest career fair, serving thousands of Michigan Engineering students and supporting chapter operations. This is only one way that our members show their unfaltering dedication to leadership, professional development, and support for the engineering profession and community; we cannot wait to see the growth of our chapter and the continued success of the career fair in the coming years.

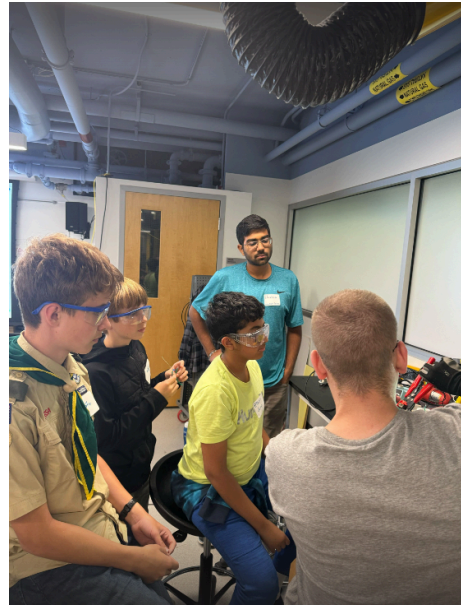
Career Fair Quick Stats

- Hosted 216 companies over two days
- 5000+ students participated
- Obtained 21 sponsors
- Ran largest Receptions since 2019, 500+ attendees
- 4 directors, 28 chairs, and 144 volunteers all came together to run the event

Photos



Merit Badge Day



Mindset



Cub Scouts Day



Convention



Fall 2024 Officers

Executive Team

President: Hunter Muench
Vice President: Karen Jin
Graduate Vice President: Abdur-Raheem AI-Hallak
Secretary: Jennifer Wang
Treasurer: Alex Li
External Vice Presidents: Vance Kreider, Ibrahim Musaddequr Rahman

Chapter Team

Chapter Development Officer: Aiden Ascioti
Historian: Arthur Yang
Publicity Officer: Grace Yoon
Membership Officer: Alyssa Fodale

Events Team

Service Coordinator: Karis Hu
K-12 Outreach Officers: Dylan Stone, Evelyn Lee
Campus Outreach Officer: Sabrina Chun Yan Wong
Professional Development Officer: Maggie Robbins
Activities Officer: Paco Haas

Advisors

Drew Boughton Michael Benson Kyle Lady
Jacob Miller Kate Giammalvo David Martel
Kevin Masel Ranadeep Mitra Zack Goldston

