

Alumni Newsletter

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Letter From the Historian

Hello Alumni!

My name is Jacob Ziff, and I am your historian for the semester. I hope you are doing well as this semester at the University of Michigan reaches its halfway point. It has been a great semester so far with loads of events, and there is so much to talk about!

As always, there have been many social and service events. This semester, Michigan Gamma has enjoyed Game Nights, Buffalo Wild Wings Socials, Cantina Night, a Boba Social, and an Ice Cream Social, among many others. Tau Beta Pi members have volunteered for Blood Drives, Knitwits, Committee Meetings of all kinds, MindSET, University of Michigan Science Olympiad, Engineering Day for Detroit, and many more!

Additionally, over 50 new electees have begun the process of initiating. We look forward to initiating them at the end of the semester! Until then, I look forward to the rest of the semester, and I look forward to giving more updates when I write again at the end of the semester!

Go [Blue!](#)

- Jacob Ziff, Historian

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DEI Committee Recap

This semester, the Michigan Gamma chapter of Tau Beta Pi has recreated our DEI Committee.

The committee met for the first time on February 22nd, discussing ideas that came from New Initiatives. There were ideas from committee members discussed, as well as an open floor. Future plans were made, including DEI training sessions and events.

Future events include focus groups, DEI talks, and a DEI potluck! The committee has reached out to DEI experts to meet with them in the future and discuss approaches to DEI in Michigan Gamma. The details are being worked out behind the scenes, and we look forward to participating in all kinds of DEI activities in the future.

The DEI Committee is already making strides to improve the chapter. Committee members are hard at work organizing events, workshops, and meetings. There is lots more to plan and be excited about, and we all look forward to all of the future ideas and events.

NEST and SERVE Recap

Hi, I'm Drew, a current Master's student in Mechanical Engineering and the Service Coordinator for the Winter 2024 semester. Previously, I've served as the Winter 2023 and Fall 2023 Service Coordinator and have been a project lead for many of our service and K-12 outreach events. Community service is why I joined TBP in Fall 2021 and improving our variety of service events has been a priority of mine since becoming an officer.

As Service Coordinator, I've had the responsibility of both organizing home-grown events and managing volunteers for external events. Recognizing that the latter tends to outweigh the former, I desired to come up with the next big internal event. This, of course, is easier said than done. However, one evening last Fall, fresh off of my senior capstone project from the previous semester, an idea struck me: engineering service projects. With our newly available service endowment, we now had a way to fund student-run projects that enhance or create a community service.

As fate would have it, I soon learned of NEST (New Engineering Solutions for Tomorrow), a program started by TBP where participating chapters take part in a design challenge that addresses a major global issue selected at Convention (the current issue is waste management). I quickly got to organizing our NEST group while hinting at TBP's own service project program.

Starting this semester, SERVE (Subsidized Engineering Related Ventures for Everyone) has been supporting two projects under my supervision. The first project aims to take ideas from our K-12 content development sessions and physically prototype them with the goal of implementing them in future semesters. The second project seeks to develop new ideas for the Fall Engineering Career Fair's website that can improve the experience for students and recruiters alike. In combination with NEST, where we're currently designing a hand-powered organic materials grinder for compost preparation, the collective engineering service projects initiative has proven to be promising and well-engaged by both electees and actives.

With the lessons learned from this semester, NEST and SERVE will only improve as a way to earn service hours and, ultimately, a means by which our chapter's immense resources and engineering talent can be combined to improve the communities around us. We hope to host more projects in coming semesters, even ones directed by our distinguished alumni. If you have interest in proposing or directing a SERVE project, I'd encourage you to reach out to tbp.service@umich.edu for more information.

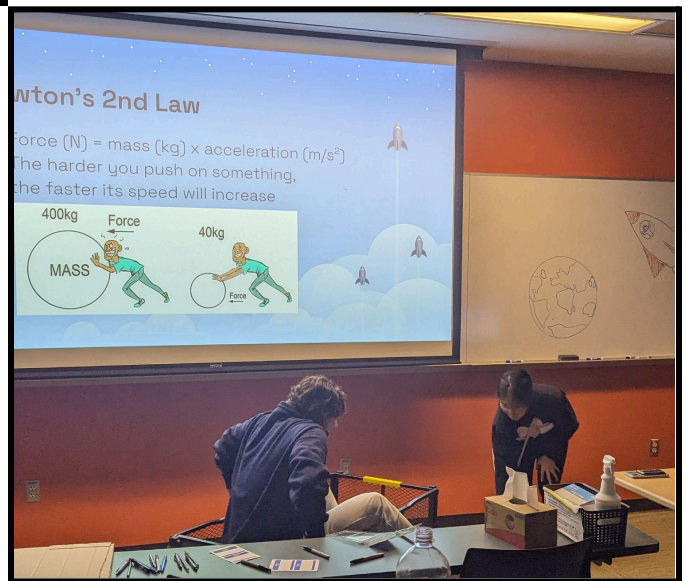
- Drew Boughton, Service Coordinator

Photos From Events



First General Meeting!

MindSET: Water Bottle Rockets Event!



Buffalo Wild Wings Social!

The Breakfast Parties!



Game Night!

Knitwits!



Winter 2024 Officers

Executive Team

President: Kevin Masel

Vice President: Karen Jin

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