

Alumni Newsletter

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Letter From the Historian

Hi Alumni! I apologize for the recent lack of newsletter, as with everyone TBP-MIG has had quite a unique time over the past year. COVID has thrown everything into disarray. But we worked throughout the pandemic to keep as many opportunities available as were possible virtually. Plus, the unique circumstances gave our officers and project leads time to begin formulating all new events for us to run. Now, at long last we are back and have begun to return to in-person learning and events, we get the chance to reflect on what events may still be useful to maintain in a virtual or hybrid setting. Regardless this semester has opened many great opportunities for TBP-MIG to excel as we have for many years now.

That said, if any of you alumni have any exciting accomplishments you'd like to share with the chapter, feel free to send them to me at tbp.historian@umich.edu, so I can include them in the cornerstone for all our actives and electees to enjoy. We remain proud of all of you, after all you are all still Tau Bates!

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Go Blue!

-Jacob V Miller



Letter From the President

Greetings Alumni!

After 2.5 semesters of interacting virtually (and often across great distances) the Notorious MI-G is finally getting back to more typical operation! However, we did discover some advantages of being online. Popular events like virtual movie nights and asynchronous interview practice have stuck around, and our mass meetings are now hybrid in order to allow greater attendance from all our members! Some classic events have also made a reappearance. I'm sure many of you remember Knitwits, Breakfast Parties, Nature Area Preservation, and Cub Scouts Day! These events and more have been brought back in person (or hybrid) and are still as popular as ever!

We are also seeing increased interest in joining the chapter now that students are back on campus. Our Vice Presidents Abby and Yash are working with 57 undergrads and 25 grad students who are in the process of electing to our chapter. These candidates have already made it halfway through the electing process and are well on their way to becoming full-fledged Tau Bates!

In addition to our continuing projects, I am excited to tell you about several new ideas that are in the works this term! Despite the cancellation/postponement of the National Convention, our chapter has reached out to other chapters in the area, and we are working to plan a few new inter-chapter events. To start, the chapters are organizing an inter-chapter bowling night, which will be happening sometime in the next few weeks. Similarly, we are also developing new ways to collaborate with other student organizations on campus. Our tutoring program continues to include tutors from HKN (EECS Honor Society) and OXE (ChemE Honor Society). We also recently had a social event with HKN at Cantina! Additionally, our Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity (DIE) Committee is working on a social event with some of the other student orgs that share our bullpen/office space. This is just one of the initiatives that the DIE Committee is pursuing to promote accessibility and equity for engineering students of all backgrounds and identities.

The chapter is also taking advantage of the in-person semester by creating several new events. New social events like Food Truck Day and Laser Tag have been a hit! Our K-12 and Campus Outreach Officers are also working on 2 Major Fairs - one for freshman and one for high school students. These events aim to give students an opportunity to learn about all of the majors offered at the college of engineering. Our Service Coordinator, Atishay, is also working on a series of events called Sandwiches and Speakers. These events are a collaboration with MSE GSC, which allow students to present their research and receive feedback from other students.

As we move forward after a particularly unusual year, I am honored to serve as chapter president along with all of the incredible officers of Fall 2021. I am excited to see the chapter develop in new ways as we continue to promote integrity and excellence in engineering! I look forward to the upcoming elections and initiation as we elect next semester's leaders and welcome new members of TBP to our chapter!

Katherine Giammalvo
President

Career Fair Recap

The 37th Fall Engineering Career Fair hosted by SWE/TBP was another resounding success this year. For the second year in a row, the fair was fully virtual, and we had over 250 companies and thousands of students attend. The fair took place from September 13th through 15th and was run by the four directors, including External Vice Presidents Arjun Sundararajan and Judy Liu, and several chairs.

There were a few major changes to the fair this year. For the second straight year, the Career Fair was held entirely virtually through Career Fair Plus due to COVID-19 concerns, but we hope that next year's fair will be a return to the in-person experience of years past. Like last year, students were able to schedule short appointments with recruiters through Career Fair Plus rather than waiting in long lines. Additionally, since the fair was fully virtual, we did not hold any student receptions.

This year, to allow students and companies more opportunities to meet, the fair was extended to 3 days and went further into the evening each day, although companies could set their own schedules. Companies were allowed to attend up to 2 days of the fair, and student sign ups were staggered for each day of the fair in an effort to make that process fairer to all students.

The Fall Engineering Career Fair hosted by SWE/TBP continues to be one of the largest student run career fairs in the country, and it continues to improve every year. Thank you to everyone who helped contribute!

Arjun Sundararajan and Judy Liu

External Vice Presidents

Event Photo Gallery



Aftermath of a volleyball social event, the hungry players chose to get some food to enjoy when the volleyball courts on campus were all full.



Graduate Electee team, showcasing where virtual aspects can still be used throughout the chapter's normal activities.

Event Photo Gallery



Proud Tau Bates presenting the pumpkins they got at a Wizard's Orchard social event



Participants in this semester's first Knitwits volunteer event hard at work preparing quilts for those in need.



Many of our graduate students for the first graduate social event of the semester.



Volunteers relaxing after a hard morning finding improvements for our Merit Badge Day activities to continue to improve the event

Fall 2021 Officer Corps

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