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Underclassmen Mixer

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Tau Beta Pi's visibility on campus has long been an opportunity area for the chapter. When asked if they had heard of Tau Beta Pi before they were invited to join, many Tau Bates respond with a resounding, "No!" The Winter 2014 officer corps has undertaken many new initiatives in a collective effort to combat this. One of these events was a mixer for high-achieving freshmen and sophomores who, due to class standing requirements, are not yet eligible for membership in TBP.

The mixer was designed around a fifteen-minute panel consisting of prominent Tau Bates followed by an hour or so of networking (with yummy hors d'oeuvres, of course!). Invitations were sent to the high-achieving underclassmen at the beginning of the semester. Each invitation contained an RSVP form that included a space for attendees to submit questions to be answered by the panel members. Attendees were encouraged to submit questions about everything from Tau Beta Pi itself to life at Michigan, graduate school, careers, and internships.

Below: The panel answers questions from Undergraduates.



Approximately thirty percent of those invited attended the event, and a great time was had by all. The panel members enjoyed sharing their experiences and the Tau Bates in attendance enjoyed networking with the underclassmen and each other. The Winter 2014 officer corps looks forward to repeating this event in future semesters, with an eye for improving the program design by making the panel discussion more interactive.

Natalie Eyke
President, Tau Beta Pi, Michigan Gamma

Tuesday Breakfast Party



Above: Mike Boyd serving a bagel to a CoE student.

Tau Beta Pi started a new service event this winter semester: serving free bagels and coffee for University of Michigan students, staff, and faculty members every Tuesday morning, hence; the name, “Tuesday Breakfast Party.” The idea comes from a similar event held by the Alumni Center at the University of Michigan, known as Welcome Wednesdays. Welcome Wednesdays take place on Central Campus, but we wanted to provide this service on North Campus largely for College of Engineering students. Tuesday Breakfast Party is a great opportunity for the members of Tau Beta Pi to provide a service to the community and a great way for electees to interact with our Active Members. This event also allows us to further publicize our chapter on campus, to explain what Tau Beta Pi is, and what our chapter brings to potential future members and the community.

Tae-Hyung Kang, Operations Officer

Officer Scavenger Hunt

On January 18th, the officers got together for a group bonding event. Put together by three of the MI-Gamma advisors (Andy Boucher, Mike Hand and Kyle Lady), the officers separated themselves into three teams and set off on a scavenger hunt across central campus. They were given clues for where they would find different puzzles to solve. They would then have to solve that puzzle to receive the clue for where they will find the next puzzle. The puzzles were anything from a cryptogram to phone-call masquerade.

At the end of the competition, the executive committee team of Natalie Eyke, Ki-Joo Sung, Ariel Rose and Jason Casell won by several minutes over a team consisting of Leo Devota, Mike MacFarland, Cameron McBride, and Alyssa Woo.



Above: Winter 2014 officers after the scavenger hunt.

Andy Boucher, Advisor

Engineering Futures



Above: President Natalie Eyke facilitates the discussion of the team Charter with TBP officers.

The session closed with a team building exercise. The officer corps was split into three teams, each of which was given a bag of K'nex and 20 minutes to brainstorm a design for the tallest tower. Each team designated a time keeper, recorder, and facilitator to model a team meeting. During the brainstorming, no more than two K'nex pieces could be connected at once to prevent teams from building their tower. When the 20 minutes were over, each team had to build their tower, without speaking, in 60 seconds. Afterwards, the officer corps was able to reflect on the exercise and make any parallels to group processing and team work. Overall, the Engineering Futures session was a great opportunity to promote team work within the officer corps and set goals for Tau Beta Pi this semester.

A few weeks ago, the TBP officer corps participated in the Group Process and Team Chartering modules of Engineering Futures, facilitated by Katy and Dirk Colbry. Much of the session was devoted to creating a team charter. During the brainstorming of the charter, the officer corps was able to outline a list of goals for the future. Some highlights include: increase professional development opportunities within TBP and the college as a whole, reach out to underclassmen, diversify service and social events, initiate 90% of the electees who created website profiles, and increase the number of Distinguished and Prestigious Actives. The officer corps has already initiated and planned new activities in order to meet these goals.



Above: Officers working together to brainstorm the tallest K'nex tower.

**Cameron McBride, External Vice President
And Sylvia Domanico, Historian**



Left: The winning team poses with the tallest tower.