

The Cornerstone

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Letter From the Historian

Hello Tau Bates, both actives and our brand new electees! For those in the latter group: welcome! I'm confident that I speak for the whole of the chapter when I say we are overjoyed to have you here, and excited to see what this semester holds for you and for TBP MI-Gamma at large.

Last week I spoke about stress as a very general concept, and how it pertains to the University of Michigan as a whole. This week I want to lend some (hopefully helpful) advice to our electees, focusing on why the process you're about to embark on should not be stressful. I know: After first general, it sounds like a lot to do and a lot to remember, but I promise that the requirements are not as overwhelming as they look, and everything is genuinely fun, because you get to do the activities with your fellow electees. If I were to give one major piece of advice on how to avoid stress, it would be this: lean in. If something seems silly or unnecessary or difficult, just lean in and give it your best; it might turn out to be better than you thought!

This previous week has been mostly quiet, relative to what has been happening earlier in the semester. A few highlights were, of course, Super Bowl LV (which had an objectively bad logo), the inflation and subsequent deflation of Gamestop's stock price and, most importantly, New Initiatives I.

Seeing everything that is happening this semester, from the enthusiasm of the TBPeople that I've spoken to so far to the COVID-19 vaccines rolling out, I am optimistic. Optimistic that we have made a turn for the better in terms of this pandemic, that we are going to regain some form of normalcy, and that we will all be able to meet face-to-face next semester. Let's continue to stay strong and healthy for ourselves and for those around us.

Go Blue!
Matt

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First General

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Upcoming Events

**Maize and Blue
Cupboard Distribution**
Wed. Feb 10, 1:30 pm

**UM Science Olympiad
Judging**
Thu. Feb 11, 11 am

Smithsonian Volunteer
Fri. Feb 12, 2:00 pm

Euchre Tournament
Fri. Feb 12, 6:00 pm

New Initiatives II
Tue. Feb 16, 6:30 pm



Meeting Agenda

What is TBP?

We learned what TBP is:
development, community
service, and socializing

Message from Associate Dean Millunchick

Associate Dean Joanna
Millunchick spoke on
what TBP offers

Initiation Requirements

We learned how to
become a Tau Bate

How-To for Action Items

We were informed
specifically how to
complete certain
requirements

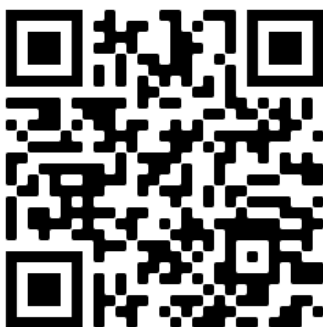
Upcoming Events

We learned of some of the
events that TBP is hosting

Wrap-Up/Q&A

We asked officers more
questions about TBP

Cornerstone Engagement



How do Undergrad Elections Work?

- ① Attend all Four **General Meetings + Elections**
 - ① First General: Feb. 9
 - ① Second General: Feb. 23
 - ① Third General: Mar. 30
 - ① Elections: Apr. 6
 - ① Fourth General: Apr. 13
- ① Complete **9.5 Hours of Service**
 - ① At Least 1 Hour of Tutoring
 - ① At Least 3.5 Hours of K-12 Outreach
- ① Complete **4 Hours of PD/Social Event**
 - ① At Least 1 Social Event
 - ① At Least 1 Professional Development Event
- ① Attend Two **Electee Team Meetings**
- ① Attend Two **TBPals Meetings**
- ① Complete the **Electee Questionnaire + Resume Upload**
- ① Complete the In-Person **Character Interview**
- ① Complete the **Electee Exam**
- ① Complete **6 Casual Peer Interviews**
- ① Pay the One-Time **\$100 Membership Fee**
- ① Participate in the Apr. 17 **Initiation Ceremony**

TBPet Pictures

Coco



Pippa



Theo & Jim



Lucy



Dixie

