Letter From the Historian

Hello Tau Bates! I hope everyone is having a relaxing post-midterm (generally speaking) weekend. I know that, despite the consistently high volume of homework, this week did give me a moment to sit back, reflect, and enjoy some time without fearing an upcoming exam, and I hope some of y’all were able to do the same.

Next, there has been some exciting news regarding the upcoming Fall semester here at the University: many classes and school-related activities are shifting back to in person! While the details are not exact as of yet, the school is making it clear that they’re encouraging a relatively safe shift back to normalcy, as at-risk people will have been given the vaccine by next Fall. I am hopeful that this will mean some TBP events can be held in person, allowing all of us to meet in a non-virtual space. Any further information you might need can be found at https://campusblueprint.umich.edu/.

Additionally, as we creep closer to the end of this semester, it’s important to make sure that you have a plan to fulfil the active requirements for TBP, especially if you are electing this semester. There is a plethora of fantastic opportunities to get involved, and that list grows even larger each day. If you’re looking for places to start, events like New Initiatives and Netflix Movie Nights offer great opportunities to meet fellow Tau Bates and get involved with the chapter in a productive environment.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge that this last month of the semester will be tough, and you will likely face some sort of stress or impostor syndrome. These feelings are understandable, but you’re also not going to be alone in feeling them. Be sure that you’re keeping yourself mentally healthy, and that you’re allowing yourself to reach out for help, and you will thrive.

Go Blue!

Matt
TBPet Pictures

- Attend all Four **General Meetings + Elections**
  - First General: Feb. 9
  - Second General: Feb. 23
  - Third General: Mar. 30
  - Elections: Apr. 6
  - Fourth General: Apr. 13

- Complete **9.5 Hours of Service**
  - At Least 1 Hour of Tutoring
  - At Least 3.5 Hours of K-12 Outreach

- Complete **4 Hours of PD/Social Event**
  - At Least 1 Social Event
  - At Least 1 Professional Development Event

- Attend Two **Electee Team Meetings**

- Attend Two **TBPals Meetings**

- Complete the **Electee Questionnaire + Resume Upload**

- Complete the In-Person **Character Interview**

- Complete the **Electee Exam**

- Complete **6 Casual Peer Interviews**

- Pay the One-Time **$100 Membership Fee**

- Participate in the Apr. 17 **Initiation Ceremony**

**Cornerstone Engagement**

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