

# The Cornerstone

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**Tau Beta Pi**  
The Engineering Honor Society

## Letter From the Historian

Welcome electees to the Tau Beta Pi Fall 2024 Semester!

I would like to first congratulate all of you for your incredible academic accomplishments and success so far. You not only represent the leaders and best but also embody the spirit of excellence, integrity, and dedication that Tau Beta Pi stands for. So please take a moment to give yourselves a pat on the back and to acknowledge all of the hard work you have done to earn a place in this prestigious organization. (No seriously take a moment to do so)

Tau Beta Pi (TBP) is an engineering honor ~~frat~~ society that houses many opportunities for professional development, volunteer service, and social events. While somewhat daunting at first sight, our amazing leadership team prioritizes a welcoming and supportive environment for all electees, actives, and alumni alike. In addition, the requirements will also seem intimidating, however you will have the whole semester to complete them piece by piece and by the end of the semester, you can become an active in one the largest chapters of Tau Beta Pi, the Michigan Gamma Chapter! (2nd largest)

As for myself, my name is Arthur and I am excited to be your historian this semester as I take charge of The Cornerstone (which you are reading right now if you didn't know) as well as the lovely Alumni Newsletters. Here I will provide the general agenda for meetings, upcoming events, and fun puzzles. Please feel free to ask me or any other actives any questions. We are all looking forward to having a great semester and to see you all flourish in this community. Go [Blue!](#)

- Yours in at the 2nd Floor of the Dude, Arthur

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### Meeting Agenda

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### Upcoming Events

- Hands-On Robotics Workshops for Girl Scouts: 8/31  
11:00-2:00 pm
- TailgateBP1 - Fresno State: 8/31  
4:30-6:30 pm
- New Initiatives I: 9/24  
6:30-7:30 pm

## Initiation Requirements

1. Attend All Meetings
  - a. General Meetings: 9/3 (Already done! :D), 9/17, 10/8, 11/5, 12/3
  - b. Elections: 11/19
  - c. Initiation and Banquet: 12/7
2. Complete Service Hours
  - a. Undergrads - 16 Hours Total
    - i.  $\geq$  1 TBP Tutoring
    - ii.  $\geq$  4 hours K-12 Outreach Service Events
    - iii. 8 hours must be done by Third Actives (10/29)
  - b. Grads - 10 Hours Total
    - i. 5 hours must be done by Third Actives (10/29)
3. Attend 2 Professional Development Events
4. Attend 2 Social Events
5. Attend 3 Team Meetings with your Electee Team
6. Participate in TBPals (mentorship program)
7. Electee Interview Questionnaire. Upload this and your resume to your TBP profile!
8. Complete Character Evaluation Interview. Sign up on the website ASAP at [tbp.engin.umich.edu](http://tbp.engin.umich.edu)
9. 6 Casual Peer Interviews due by Fifth General (12/3)
10. One-time \$100 Membership Fee due by Fifth General (12/3)

## Quick Links and Guides

Access to the TBP Website: [tbp.engin.umich.edu](http://tbp.engin.umich.edu)

- Access resources for electees at **For Members** -> **Electee Resources**
- Sign up for events at **Calendar** -> **Event List**
- In the event list, make sure to sign up for Electee Interview Slots ASAP!

Prerequisites for signing up for K-12 Outreach Service Events:

1. Complete the Youth Protection Training by Second General: [tbpmig.org/ypt](http://tbpmig.org/ypt)
2. Upload Certificates at [tbpmig.org/YPT-confirm](http://tbpmig.org/YPT-confirm)
3. Opt-in to UMich background check at [tbpmig.org/opt-in](http://tbpmig.org/opt-in)

## One Minute Reads

Tau Beta Pi is the only engineering honor society representing the entire engineering profession. It is the nation's second-oldest honor society, founded at Lehigh University in 1885 to mark in a fitting manner those who have conferred honor upon their Alma Mater by distinguished scholarship and exemplary character as students in engineering, or by their attainments as alumni in the field of engineering, and to foster a spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges.

There are now active collegiate chapters at 257 US colleges and universities, 52 active alumni chapters in 16 districts across the country, and a total initiated membership of 640,293.

## The Best Puzzles

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