Letter From the Editor

Greetings alumni!

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide an update on the happenings of the TBP MI-G chapter. My name is Daniel Pert and it has been a pleasure serving as your historian this semester. We have transitioned almost completely back to in-person activities, although the pandemic has taught us the usefulness of hybrid meetings which we continue to support. We were happy to continue our iconic TBP events such as Cub Scouts Day, MindSET, and The Breakfast Party (also known as Tuesday Breakfast Parties, or Thursday Bagel Parties). We also hosted social events like Ice Skating and a Halloween party, and professional development events like Engineering Futures and a resume workshop. In addition, we won the RC Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award for 2020-2021 and the Chapter Project Award for 2021-2022 for our ability to hold high-quality events, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. As always,

Go Blue!

-Daniel Orion Pert
TBP National Endowment/Chapter Operating Budget Endowment

Most of our chapter’s revenue is from the Career Fair, but this is not a guaranteed source of income to fund our activities in the long term-future, including Cub Scouts Day, MindSET, and Merit Badge Day. To put funds currently not serving the chapter to use, this semester the Officer Corps and Advisors approved a $100,000 contribution to our chapter endowment fund this fiscal year, with subsequent contributions of at least $25,000 each December. The TBP National Association has a “Chapter Endowment Initiative” (CEI) through which each chapter gets a fund that alumni can donate to. Interest from the first $80,000 funds chapter costs to the Association (convention, Engineering Futures, Headquarters, etc.) and any interest from additional funds go back to the chapter. Michigan Gamma made a $100,000 donation in 2016, along with a $5,000 donation by an alumnus, but we have not added to it since then. By continuing to endow the chapter’s operating budget, we will support the chapter’s long-term viability and sustainability.
Hello Alumni!

Continuing a long tradition of excellence, this semester we held The Cub Scouts Day on November 20th, 2022. A host of Tau Bates met with several dozen Webelos Scouts to foster a fun, collaborative, learning environment. As one of the chapter’s Five Year Plan Signature Events, we were excited to lead several engineering modules with local Cub Scouts. The activities included multiple design challenges where Scouts built bridges, launched catapults, and protected their egg during the famous Egg Drop Challenge!

We received overwhelmingly positive feedback on the modules from Scouts and their parents this year. With the right combination of entertainment and rigor, the youth learned many novel engineering principles and had a blast doing so. One group’s egg even survived the drop from the fourth floor of EECS! Moreover, The Cub Scouts Day event had more than 50 youth, 50 parents/scouters and 30 volunteers in attendance, making it the second-largest non-Career-Fair event held by the chapter since before the onset of COVID. We hope to continue this momentum moving forward and grow The Cub Scouts Day in scale, with a goal of reaching over 100 youth participants.

In addition to Scouts and parents/scouters, the Fall 2022 event saw over 30 student volunteers take part in the festivities. One of our primary goals for Cub Scouts Day is to foster a connection between the youth and Tau Bates in order to make a lasting impact. To aid in this goal, we held volunteer training sessions to better prepare students for working with the Scouts. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make this event possible!

One of the biggest changes to the event this year was our focus on media collection. Per tradition, we took hundreds of photos throughout the day to capture the awesome moments. However, in a novel and exciting development, we introduced an egg drop cam which zoomed in on the egg crash site, live-streamed the feed, and recorded every dropped egg throughout the day!

Now, our focus shifts to preparing for the next Cub Scouts Day event on Sunday, March 19th, 2023. We welcome any Alumni to join us and watch the spectacle of learning and fun that is The Cub Scouts Day.

Enjoy some photos of this semester’s event below and thanks for reading! Please direct any questions, comments or requests to cubscoutsday@umich.edu.

The Cub Scouts Day Team
Colin Davidson, Riley Garliauskas, Kevin Masel and David Martel
Cub Scouts Day Photos
Photos from Events

Matt getting rickrolled at New Initiatives III

Halloween Party

Ice Skating at Yost Arena
Buffalo Wild Wings

The Breakfast Party (TBP’s version of Welcome Wednesdays)

Our biggest customer yet
Fall 2022 Project Leaders

Abigail Overbeck    Drew Boughton    Mojtaba Abdolmaleki
Alexander Kalams   Hrishikesh Danawe  Penelope Springel
Andrew Plotner     Jacob Miller      Ranadeep Mitra
Ansh Patel         Jedidiah Pienkny  Richard Wang
Ayan Majumder      Jessica Simmer    Riley Garliauskas
Ben King           Julia Mocny       Tara Radvand
Brittany Rupp      Kanishka Panda    Varun Goyal
Colin Davidson     Katherine Giammalvo Yaswanth Cherivirala
Daniel Falvo       Kevin Masel       Zachary Goldston
David T Martel, PhD Matthew Kukucka

Fall 2022 Distinguished Actives (no. of terms as DA, no. of terms as PA)

Arjun Sundararajan (5) Zachary Goldston (1)
Daniel Falvo (4,2) Delaney Hammond (1)
Katherine Giammalvo (4) Ayan Majumder (1)
Jedidiah Pienkny (3,1) Julia Mocny (1)
Zahraa Bazzi (3) Kanishka Panda (1)
Hrishikesh Danawe (2,1) Penelope Springel (1)
Tara Radvand (2) Tony Zheng (1)
Chirag Bangera (1)

Fall 2022 Prestigious Actives (no. of terms as DA, no. of terms as PA)

David T. Martel, PhD (22,15) Matthew Kukucka (3,1)
Brittany Rupp (6,6) Benjamin King (2,2)
Yaswanth Cherivirala (4,3) Varun Goyal (2,2)
Jacob Miller (4,2) Colin Davidson (2,1)
Riley Garliauskas (3,2) Kevin Masel (2,1)
Drew Boughton (3,1) Ansh Patel (1,1)
Fall 2022 Electees

Undergraduate

Dillon Eshan Agrawal
Umair Ahmed
Devavardhan Bajla
Julia Choppin
Toland Corum
Jessica Dillon
Aidan Robert Goettsch
Brian Haimowitz
Lynn Jegal
Advika Jhingran
Karen Jin
Vance Kreider
Alexander Justin Li
Reese Paige Liebman
Amanda Rose Liss
Brennen Todd McManus
Jonathan Meng
Hunter Muench
Ibrahim Musaddequ Rahman
Kari Naga
Suyash Naik
Yahya Naveed
Trisha Pal
Daniel Jaymin Park
Sergio Ivan Quispe Sanchez
Piush Sarkar

Graduate

Obada Albaghdadi
Harkirat Singh Arora
Vishnu P K Giri
Taeksang Kim
Swamenathan Ramesh
Aaron Villiger

Sirawit Shimpalee
Cary Shu
Hannah Ebba Helena
Soderstrom
Yicheng Tang
Oliver Van Note
Richard Wang
Yichu Xie
Chris Howard Zhang
Tony Zheng
Alex Victor de la Iglesia
Xhulja Biraku
Winter 2023 Officers and Advisors

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External Vice President: Kevin Masel

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Professional Development: Ansh Patel
Campus Outreach Officer: Alexander Li
K-12 Officer: Tara Radvand
K-12 Officer: Yicheng Tang

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Membership Officer: Sirawit Shimpalee
Publicity Officer: Hunter Muench
Historian: Alex de la Iglesia

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Kate Giammalvo
Ranadeep Mitra
Zachary Goldston
Pritpaul Mahal

Your Amazing Winter 2023 TBP MI-Gamma Officers and Advisors