
The Cornerstone

Volume 28, Issue 2

January 18, 20221



Letter From the Historian

Hello and welcome to Tau Beta Pi! Congratulations on your eligibility this semester, and we hope you choose to join our chapter. My name is Arjun, and I'll be your Historian this semester meaning I will be writing the Cornerstone for each meeting. These will generally include an agenda for the meeting, some upcoming events, games, and whatever else I feel like including.

I know the initiation requirements can seem daunting, but they are much more manageable than they might first appear to be (turns out to be a couple hours per week). Additionally, we have a wonderful officer corps here to help you get them done!

Good luck!

Arjun Sundararajan

“One Minute Reads”

This is a (new) segment of the Cornerstone where I want to give TBP members a chance to share whatever they are interested in, so if you would like to share a little bit about a topic you enjoy, please email me at tbp.historian@umich.edu! For today, enjoy a little bit of TBP history.

Tau Beta Pi was founded in 1885 at Lehigh University as a way to provide engineers the same type of recognition that students of the liberal arts and sciences could receive by Phi Beta Kappa (the oldest academic honor society in the US). The first undergraduate student was initiated into Tau Beta Pi on June 15th of that year as discovered in the 1940s. 21 years after TBP began, our chapter, Michigan Gamma, was founded. Since then, we have grown to be one of the largest and most active chapters in the country.

In This Issue

- Letter from the Historian
- 1st General
- Upcoming Events
- “One Minute Reads”
- Initiation Requirements
- Game Corner

1st General Agenda

- What is TBP?
- Initiation Requirements
- How-to for Action Items
- Upcoming Events
- Q&A

Upcoming Events

- Electee Interviews
 - 1/26 to 1/28, sign up for a time
- Ice Skating (Social)
 - 1/23, 3:30-5pm
- Benefits: What are they?
 - 1/27, 5-6pm

Initiation Requirements

- All 5 General Meetings, Elections, and Initiation
 - 1/18 (done!), 2/1, 2/22, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, and 4/16
- Service Hours
 - Undergrads: 16 service hours total
 - At least 1 hour of tutoring
 - At least 3 hours of K12
 - Finish 8 hours total by 3/15
 - Grads: 10 service hours total
 - Finish 5 by 3/15
- Social and Professional Development Events
 - Undergrads: 2 Social and 2 PD events
 - Grads: 3 Social Events
 - At least 1 must be a grad social
- 2 Electee Team meetings (more about electee teams at 2nd general!)
- 2 Meetings with your TBPals group
- Character Evaluation
 - Complete the electee questionnaire on the website
 - Upload your resume
 - Sign up for an interview (by 1/24)
- Paperwork
 - \$100 Membership dues (let us know if this is an issue)
 - See electee packet for other forms

Game Corner

Enjoy some Sudoku!

Puzzle 1 (Medium, difficulty rating 0.53)

	5	4				9	1	2
			9			4	7	
2						3		
			4		1			8
	8		6		9		4	
6			8		3			
		6						7
	7	9			4			
8	1	2				5	3	

Puzzle 1 (Hard, difficulty rating 0.69)

7	5		3				4	
			1		5	2		
				7		6		
	2		5		4	7		8
	1						5	
5		8	6		9		3	
		2		5				
		7	2		3			
	3				1		2	7