

The Cornerstone

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Tau Beta Pi
The Engineering Honor Society

Letter From the Historian

Welcome back, Electees, to the Second Tau Beta Pi General Meeting!

At this meeting, you will meet your electee teams for the first time. Throughout the semester, your team will compete against others in a variety of fun activities and events held during these general meetings. Winning these competitions will earn your team points, and the team with the most points at the end of the semester will be rewarded. However, excelling in general meeting activities isn't the only way to earn points—your team can also gain them by attending weekly officer meetings, running for leadership positions, and more. Your electee team is a fantastic opportunity to build lasting friendships within Tau Beta Pi, as you'll collaborate and stay in close contact throughout the semester.

For reference, the second page of this document outlines your initiation requirements once again. Additionally, if you have any questions about Tau Beta Pi or just want to chat with the officers, feel free to attend any of the teams' weekly officer chats. You can find details about these meetings on the event list on the Tau Beta Pi website.

Once again, I wish you all the best—not only in your Tau Beta Pi electing process but also throughout the rest of your academic semester.

- Jimmy Samson

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Meeting Agenda

- Announcements
- Meet Electee Teams!
- Electee Team Game
- Team Name Picking

Upcoming Events

- Grad Coffee Hour I:
2/5, 11:00AM-12:30PM
- TBP Game Night III:
2/6, 5:30PM-8:00PM
- SWE Engineering Games:
2/7, 6:00PM-9:30PM
- Sequoia Place I:
2/8, 12:00PM-2:00PM

Initiation Requirements

- ❖ Attend All Meetings
 - General Meetings (1-5): 1/21, 2/4, 2/25, 3/25, 4/15
 - TBP Elections: 4/8
 - Initiation: 4/19
- ❖ Complete Service Hours
 - Undergraduates - 16 Hours Total
 - ≥ 1 hour(s) of TBP Tutoring
 - ≥ 4 hours of K-12 Outreach Service Events
 - Graduates - 10 Hours Total
- ❖ Attend at least 2 Professional Development Events
- ❖ Attend at least 2 Social Events
- ❖ Attend 3 Team Meetings with your Electee Team
- ❖ Participate in TBPals mentorship program
- ❖ Electee Interview Questionnaire
 - Upload this with your resume to your TBP profile at tbp.engin.umich.edu
- ❖ Complete Character Evaluation Interview with an Active Member.
 - Sign up for a slot as soon as possible on the TBP website.
- ❖ 6 Casual Peer Interviews due by Fifth General (4/15)
- ❖ One-time \$100 Membership Fee due by Fifth General (4/15)
- ❖ (Undergraduate only) Complete and submit Electee Exam by Fifth General (4/15)

Quick Links and Guides

Access to the TBP Website: tbp.engin.umich.edu

- Access resources for Electees at **For Members** → **Electee Resources**
- Sign up for events at **Calendar** → **Event List**
- Track your electing progress at **For Members** → **Track My Progress**

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

- Complete the Youth Protection Training by today (2/4): tbpmig.org/ypt
- Upload certificates at tbpmig.org/YPT-confirm
- Opt-in to UM background check at tbpmig.org/opt-in

One Minute Reads

Mcity, located on the University of Michigan's North Campus, is a cutting-edge test environment dedicated to advancing autonomous vehicle technology. Designed as a controlled urban setting, it features realistic road infrastructure, traffic signals, intersections, and even simulated pedestrians to test how self-driving systems handle complex real-world scenarios.



Backed by both industry and academic research, Mcity enables engineers to push the limits of AI-driven mobility in a safe and repeatable way. Whether it's optimizing sensor fusion, developing smarter traffic management strategies, or stress-testing machine learning models in dynamic environments, Mcity offers a real-world proving ground for cutting-edge ideas.

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