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A Look Back at Winter 2026

Built on scholarship, service, and
fellowship.

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Letter from the Historian

Hello TBP Alumni,

My name is Chayut (Peak) Shinawatra, and I am your historian for the Winter 2026 semester. As the semester comes to a close, I am honored to share with you all that we have accomplished.

First of all, I am very happy to welcome 44 new Tau Bates to our chapter. Out of these new members, 6 successfully earned DA status, with 1 going above and beyond to earn PA status. Their dedication reflects the continued growth of our chapter and the strong influence of Tau Beta Pi within the University of Michigan engineering community.

This semester, our chapter continued many of its traditional events, including Merit Badge Day, Cub Scouts Day, MindSET, and more. Year after year, young scouts and learners come to the university



to participate in these experiences. I am happy to report that these events have maintained their continued excellence.

On the social side, we have been very active. Throughout the semester, we have hosted 80 social events. These included both returning favorites and new events such as the Lunar New Year Social, Shamrock Shake Social, Yoon's Walk Social, and many others. Through these events, we have

continued to strengthen the bonds between our members while building on the traditions that make Michigan Gamma the meaningful community it is today.

Between socials, service events, meetings, and everything in between, this semester has truly gone by quickly. Still, it has been a wonderful one for our chapter, and we are excited for what comes next. I hope you continue to stay connected with us, whether you are

beginning a new chapter of your life or continuing to grow in your current work.

It has been a pleasure serving as your Historian this semester, and I am excited to continue sharing our chapter's story with you in the semester ahead.

Forever and always, Go Blue!

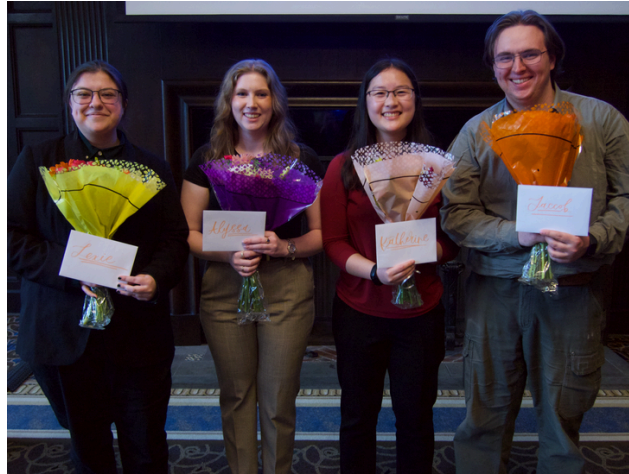
Chayut Shinawatra
Historian, TBP MI-Γ

Letter from the *President*

*H*ello, Alumni!

As the Winter 2026 semester comes to a close, it's hard to believe how quickly the semester flew by. Michigan Gamma was busy this semester, hosting over 200 events between our chapter meetings, socials, professional development events, and service initiatives. These include our longtime events such as The Breakfast Parties, MindSET, Merit Badge Day, Cub Scouts Day, and Cantina, as well as many new and creative socials. We also had several members attend an inter-chapter Pi Day celebration hosted by MI-E at Wayne State University, where they participated in fun challenges and met fellow Tau Bates from other Southeast Michigan chapters.

On April 18th, we were excited to be able to initiate 44 new Tau Bates to our chapter, including 26 undergraduate students,



17 graduate students, and 1 eminent engineer. Our Vice President and Graduate Student Vice President, Aidan and Lexie, were hard at work guiding our electees through the electing process. A scavenger hunt was introduced as a new activity for electees this semester, involving many fun activity stations scattered across North Campus. The electing process was able to run so smoothly thanks to the efforts of the active members who volunteered to be electee team leads.

Michigan Gamma once again hosted the Leaders and Honors

Awards Ceremony. Even though the event changed from a brunch as done in previous years to an evening ceremony, our EVPs, Cap and Anushka, were able to work with OSA to execute an amazing ceremony that celebrated the award winners, including several Tau Bates! We also gave out 3 scholarship prizes in the name of our chapter to outstanding first-year students: Alessandro Escobar, Carla Popovici, and Alan Yu.

Our chapter also attended the 2026 District 7 Conference hosted by OH-A at Case Western Reserve

University. The Michigan Gamma chapter sent a large group of 12 student delegates consisting of officers, advisors, and actives. Our chapter was able to participate in ideation sessions, network with members from other chapters and the National Association, and bond more closely as a group. Members of our chapter performed well in the skit competition and the annual "Battle of Toledo" trivia competition.

I am honored to have served as the President of this incredible chapter and led such an amazing officer corps. I look forward to seeing the chapter continue to grow in future semesters and am excited for all the great things the chapter will accomplish.

Katherine Shih

Katherine Shih
President, TBP MI-T

Merit Badge Day



This semester, TBP ran two Merit Badge Day events which allowed 36 Scouts to participate in 9 different technology-related activities, listen to presentations to understand the content, and earn four Merit

Badges for their time with us. They earn the Digital Technology, Electronics, Engineering, and Programming Merit Badges for all of their hard work on the activities, and enjoy learning while doing so.

At both events, the “Build Your Own Website” activity was the Scouts’ favorite. They had the opportunity to learn to code in HTML while building a website about anything they chose, and learned to include pictures, change font size and style, and organize the information in a fun way. Another favorite activity was the soldering activity, where Scouts made their own circuit on a Printed Circuit Board which lit up a colored LED by pressing a button. The Scouts also get to directly hear from different engineers at a

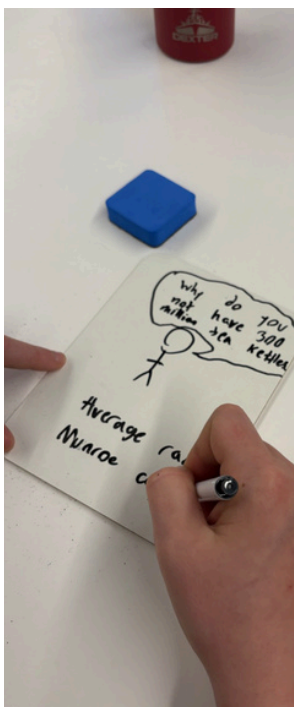
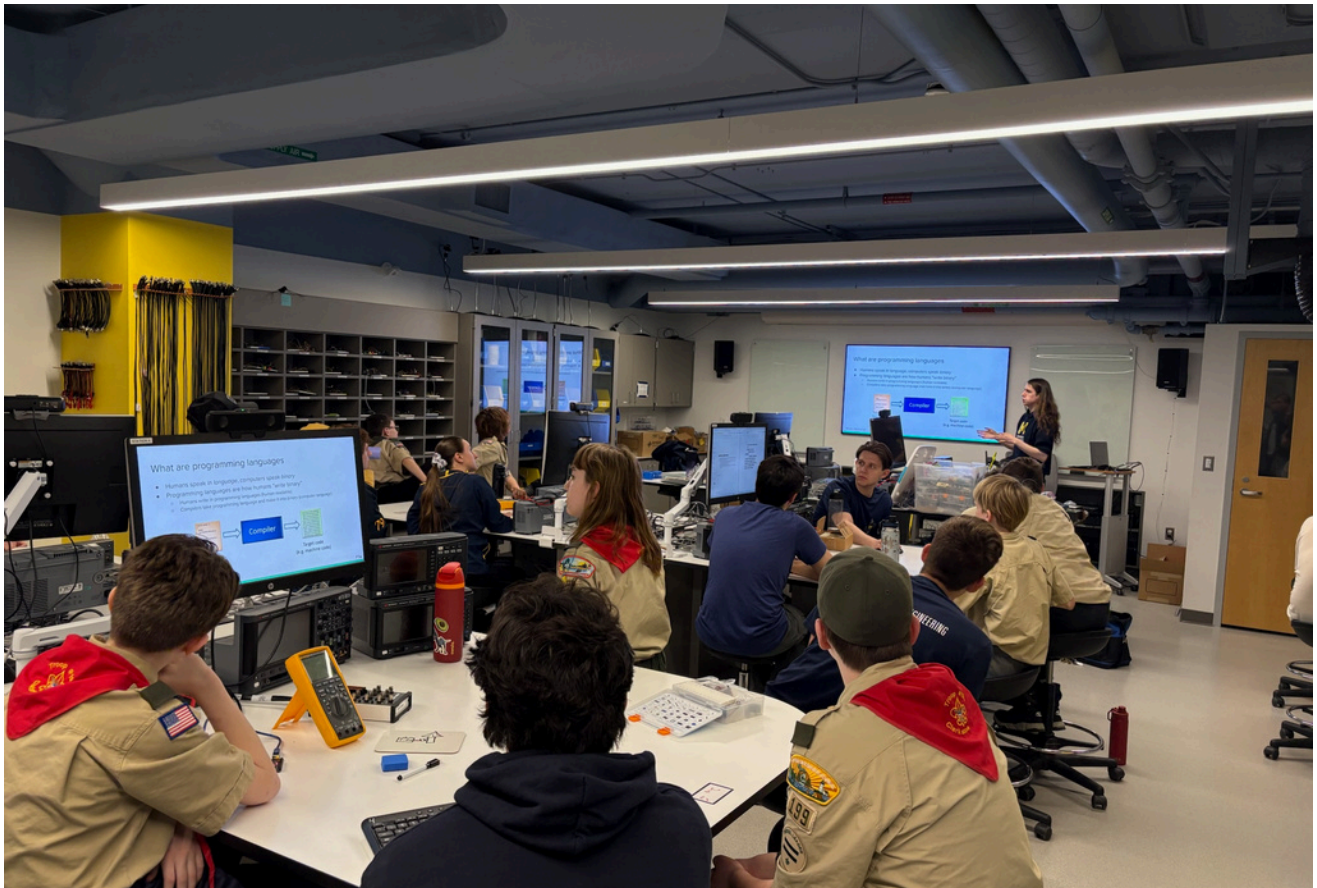
Question and Answer session, to learn more about engineering, college, and TBP directly from our volunteers.

Overall, these Merit Badge Day events this semester were a success, and we are happy that we were able to help these scouts earn their badges and learn more about engineering!

Ava Martin
K12 Officer, TBP MI-T



Merit Badge Day brought Scouts and members together for a day of learning, mentorship, and engineering discovery.



Cub Scouts Day



Cub Scouts Day gave young Scouts the chance to explore engineering through classic hands-on activities: bridge building, catapults, and the egg drop.



Semester

*From service events
and chapter
meetings to socials
big and small,
Winter 2026 was
filled with moments
that made the
semester memorable*

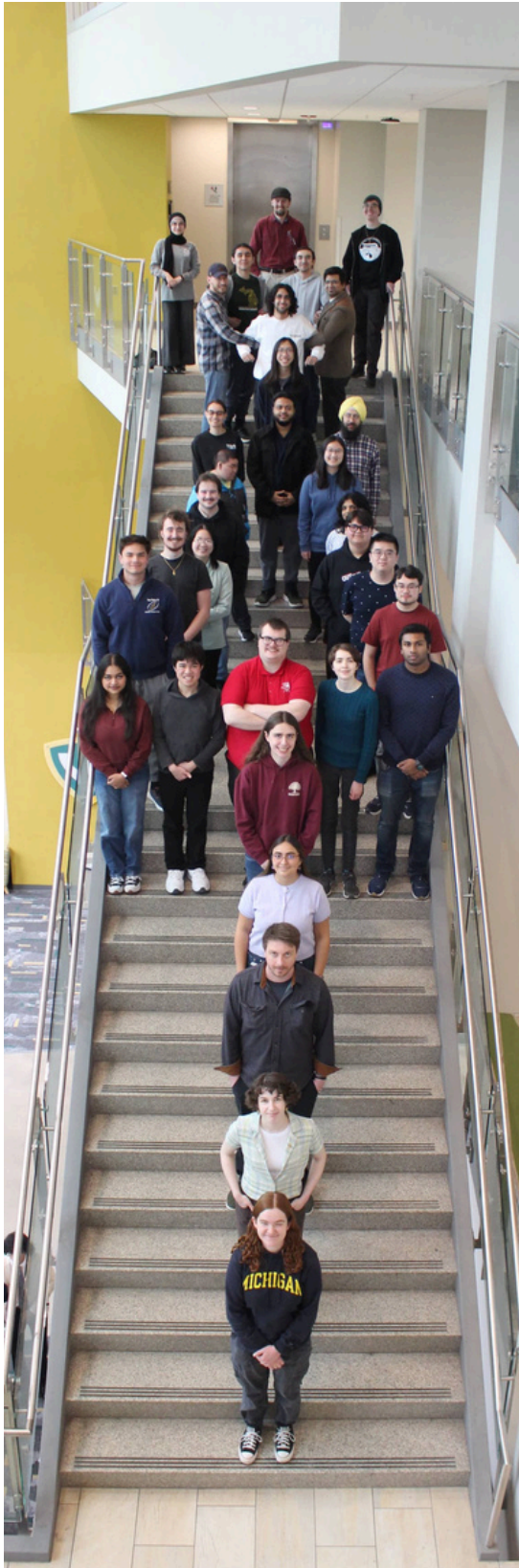
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*Our representatives went to the District 7
conference at OH-A at Case Western Reserve
University*

Review



Members came together throughout the semester through shared activities and service, from Interchapter Pi Day and Knitwits to the Gallup Park Adopt-a-Park Workday.



New ideas, celebrations, and bonding activities each found their place in chapter life through New Initiatives, the Lunar New Year Social, and the Escape Room Social.



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