
Alumni Newsletter

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Letter From the Historian

Hi alumni! Welcome to this semester's (slightly belated) edition of the TBP Alumni Newsletter, and a special congratulations to all our newly graduated alumni! I hope you all choose to remain connected to the chapter and the university as a whole. My name is Arjun Sundararajan, and it has been my pleasure to serve as the historian for our chapter this semester.

This past semester, we have continued to move back to a more "normal" semester with many events being back in person. We're back to having in person meetings (with food!) in addition to many of our service and social events. Our chapter has shown great resilience and flexibility over the past two years, and it has been great to see things going back to in person.

I hope you enjoy this update about this semester!

Arjun Sundararajan

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Letter from the President

Greetings Alumni of Tau Beta Pi,

As the semester closes on another semester of Tau Beta Pi, it is clear that Michigan-Gamma is entering a new, brighter, more exciting era, and I could not be more excited to see what the future holds. After over two years of virtual operations, through which MI-G championed organizational strength and accessibility of events, we finally returned to typical operation last semester. While transitioning back to in-person events has not been without its challenges this semester and last, the chapter has both returned to normal activities and grown from the lessons learned during the virtual semesters.

This winter, we not only continued, but grew this chapter's 'marquee' events. The service team put together several Fleecefest (aka Knitwits) events this semester with great success. The Breakfast Parties returned as well, allowing students on campus to pick up bagels and coffee and hear more about Tau Beta Pi from volunteers. Even more excitingly, we were able to celebrate Tau Beta Pi day on 3/14 by handing out free pie to students, something we haven't been able to do for the past few years! The service team also saw a return to our Nature Area Preservation Events, a favorite among many Tau Bates!

As many of you may know, one of the most exciting events this chapter organizes is Cub Scouts Day, where we invite 5th-6th grade aged Cub Scouts to take part in several engineering activities to earn their engineering merit badges. This semester's Cub Scouts Day was truly special; our four engineering modules (bridges, circuits, catapults, and the egg drop) were at their best, refined over several years of in-person and virtual operations. In addition to CSD, we've continued our mission to host events with other organizations around campus, such as our board game night HKN and SWE. Finally, after several virtual years, Tau Beta Pi was also honored to co-host the Engineering Honors Brunch with the Officer of Student Affairs in order to recognize and honor the accomplishments of some truly exceptional students at the University of Michigan, several of them Tau Bates! This only touches the surface of the service events put together by TBP this semester; we had over 40 project leads this year organizing several unique and exciting events!

As always, we had a fantastic initiation this semester with 34 new Tau Bates joining the chapter! We had a lot of fun getting to know them at general meetings where we played games like Jeopardy, had a powerpoint party, and of course, listened to the electees parody songs for their electee team yells! We concluded a fantastic semester at our post-initiation banquet, where took after the scouts by having dropping egg drop packages from a drone and the officer corps (plus The Bent Patrol) joined the electees in parodying a song for the officer yell!

This chapter, all the officers, all the alumni, and all Tau Bates, have honored me by allowing me to serve as your president this term. In many ways, this semester marks the true end of the virtual era of Tau Beta Pi and heralds an exciting new one. As I have said time and time again, like all good things, TBP is many things to many people. To me, it is an honor; it is exceptional people who I shall not soon forget; but most of all, it is friendship in its purest form. To all you Tau Bates, thank you for an amazing semester, here's to the next one!

Ranadeep Mitra
President

PD Event Recap

The Professional Development team is incredibly proud of the opportunities that we have provided to the chapter over the last year. Running these kinds of events is very different from the chapter's service events, but that doesn't stop it from being rewarding in its way. We were able to host enough events that there was one for each week of the two semesters! Each one covered a different topic for the wide variety of interests in the chapter.

Throughout the year, the national Tau Beta Pi organization hosted presentations by multiple TBP alumni on topics such as when to go to grad school to how to manage debt and time. These were quite popular, and rightfully so. Within MI-G, we partnered with professors, university organizations, and student-led groups to run a gambit of events that took advantage of the variety of expertise on campus. I am especially happy with how our Agile project development presentation went.

Of course, we also had lots of corporate info sessions this year. I enjoy those presentations the most because you can often ask the presenters an incredibly in-depth question and actually get a response! We also provided secondary support for the job search through a hybrid synchronous/asynchronous interview workshop and a resume workshop. I know that next year will be even better as recruiters become more comfortable with in-person events again!

Honors Brunch Recap

The External Vice Presidents have been proud to lead a resurgent Winter 2022 semester in which we worked to expand the outstanding reputation of TBP among external organizations and members of the university community.

The primary event of the Winter semester is hosting the Leaders and Honors Awards alongside the Office of Student Affairs, recognizing several dozen College of Engineering students, student instructors, and student organizations whose accomplishments demonstrated unparalleled leadership and contribution to the college. In organizing the event, the EVPs were responsible for setting up selection committees for 13 awards, which involved scheduling Zoom interviews with nearly 100 finalists and enlisting the help of over 30 undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty members from within the College of Engineering to decide the award recipients. The EVPs served on selection committees for the Tau Beta Pi First Year Student Award, in which 3 winners emerged from a field of more than 20 well-qualified candidates, and the Tau Beta Pi Tom S. Rice Award, which had the most competitive field of Tau Bates in years, culminating in exemplary members Arjun Sundararajan and Ike Smith winning the award. We are thrilled to report that the Honors Brunch was held in person for the first time since March 2019, and the successful event featured speeches from TBP President Ranadeep Mitra and Dean Alec Gallimore. Photos from the event are included below.





The other significant responsibility for the EVPs has been organizing the 38th Fall Engineering Career Fair hosted by TBP/SWE, which is also making its return to an in-person format for the first time since 2019 on September 12-13, 2022. The logo design competition for the event was won by TBP active Nick Carr, who provided an outstanding graphic to accompany this year's slogan: "Forge Your Future". The influence of TBP will be felt throughout the event for the 2022 fair, with 15 of the 20 chairs responsible for running the event coming from TBP. Seeing the TBP community rally around the Career Fair to provide support in such overwhelmingly large numbers in proportion to the contribution from SWE has been one of the proudest moments for the EVPs this semester, and we are honored to know that we have the chapter behind us as we plan to run not only the first in-person fair in 3 years but the largest fair in history. We encourage all alumni to keep up with Career Fair at our website, umcareerfair.org, and to follow us on social media for the latest updates as they become available. Thank you for your support, and we hope to make this year's Career Fair the best it can be!

Riley Garliauskas and Jonhan Chen
External Vice Presidents

Pictures from Events

In addition to the Honors Brunch and meetings, some of our signature events like Cub Scouts Day and banquet have returned to being in person this semester. Enjoy some photos from those events!



The egg drop at Cub Scouts was a massive success as always! We had a great turnout as we returned to an in person event this semester.





Many of our Tau Bates helped make blankets at our Fleece Fests (formerly known as Knitwits) this semester! As you can see, we made many blankets and had a lot of fun doing so!





Our semesterly banquet was back in person at the Eagle Crest Resort in Ypsi. Congratulations to our winning electee team, the Existential Penguins (one of the grad electee teams)!



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