Why I Joined TBP

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A recollection of my time as an electee

I remember a few years back sitting in this room hearing about this group of people in this whole Tau Beta Pi thing. So why did I join? Well to answer that let’s split the question into two questions: “Why did I start joining?” and “Why did I continue joining?”

Why did I start joining?

So why did I come to anything after this meeting? The easy answer is the distinction that came with it. There are a lot of tangible benefits that come with membership. Just being able to put TBP on my resume was worth something; the additional networking opportunities with company recruiters were even better. There were also a number of opportunities for leadership experience. The people seemed pretty nice. And I can’t lie; the free food was a pretty convincing offer.

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Why did I continue joining?

One of the first things I got involved in while joining was the Career Fair. I loved it. Helping to put on such a large event that was tangibly beneficial to the college was a great experience. I volunteered so much during the Fair that I was over half done with my service hour requirements before September was out. The next year I got involved as a committee chair for Career Fair and the year following as a Director. In addition to just loving the event, I found that the people I was interacting with were really great to be around. Those were really the two most enticing things I found while joining: the opportunity to find my niche, and the opportunity to interact with driven people from across engineering.

My niche turned out to be working with Career Fair and companies; yours can be whatever you’re passionate about. With a group as diverse in its activities as TBP, you can find a niche that works for you. And if we don’t currently offer what you’re looking for, you can get it started yourself. Career Fair, Book Swap, MindSET: programs like these all started somewhere. Maybe you’ll have the next big thing for Career Fair.

Throughout my time in TBP, I’ve gotten to know a number of people from majors across engineering that I would never have had the opportunity to get to know otherwise. These people have been involved in interesting projects, groups, and internships. I’ve learned a lot from interacting with them, and have made some great friends in the process.

Overall, I’ve thoroughly enjoyed my time in TBP, and I’ve gotten a lot out of it. If you decide to join, I know you’ll find something worthwhile in your membership.

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The ABCs of The World of Tau Beta Pi In Form of Haiku

H - Honor
Tau Beta Pi is
An honor society
Be honorable!

I - Integrity
Doing the right thing
An important quality
It's integrity.

J - Jobs
Looking for a job?
We co-run a Career Fair!
A good place to go...

K - KnitWits
A misnamed project
But very fun anyway
It's /sewing/ mittens!

L - Leadership
When you're a Tau Bate
Companies will seek you out
At least on campus

M - MindSET
Teaching little kids
Math, science, engineering
That's what MindSET is!

Help TBP Wage an Epic Battle of Soccer, Kickball & Volleyball
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Tau Beta Pi engineers may be known for solving math equations but we aren’t terrible at sports either! (As mutually exclusive as those sound).

This year we are signed up for the following sports and in desperate need of new players! At least one guy and girl needed for each team!

- Soccer—Division A—Mondays 7:30pm (Mitchell Field)
- Kickball—Division B—Thursdays 9:30pm (Elbel Field)
- Volleyball—Division B—Thursdays 6:30pm (Elbel Field)
A note from the Publicity Chair...

Hey guys, in case you don’t know me, I’m Nick Ruff, one of your TBP Publicity Chairs along with Ryan Chen. In charge of the Cornerstone, I have the power to give YOU swag upon swag by doing a very important community task: outreach.

Is there an event coming up you want to spread the news on? Is there an interesting philosophy you developed over the summer? Got any good advice for undergrads, for grads, for anyone, for everyone? Put together a travelogue, a blog, whatever. What’s going on around campus? Off campus? Underneath campus? I want your articles.

Get points for your electee team & reach your fellow Tau Bates!

Thanks for reading this shameless plug,

And more importantly,

Thanks for reading the Cornerstone enough to get to the back page… :)

~ Nick

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If you have a cool puzzle to submit or just artwork, a funny picture, whatever, there is a spot just for you in the next Cornerstone!!!