

# Alumni Notes

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## Letter from the Editor

Hello TBP alumni! I'm Josh Polzin, your historian for this most recent semester. I'm a senior in computer science and have been in TBP since F17. I've worn several hats in TBP, starting off with External Vice President the semester after I elected, then Vice President, and I landed on Historian for this past semester. This newsletter is going to be a short highlight reel of events that have happened this semester. This includes two of our biggest events of the year - the SWE/TBP Career Fair and the TBP Convention.

I hope you have a wonderful year!

- Josh Polzin

## Alumni Book Recommendations

Our chapter is seeking book recommendations that help explore outside of pure science and engineering, enrich perspectives, and navigate through careers. In your career, If you have a book that benefited you, inspired you, let you see new possibilities or showed you how something works, provided answers to your confusion, guided you along your path, or you think is simply helpful, please share with the chapter. Please include the book title and some reasons for your recommendation, we will collect them and share with our community. Your contribution would make our chapter richer and wiser!

– Kang Liu, PD chair

Please send recommendations to  
[tbp.professionaldevelopment@umich.edu](mailto:tbp.professionaldevelopment@umich.edu).



## Career Fair Recap

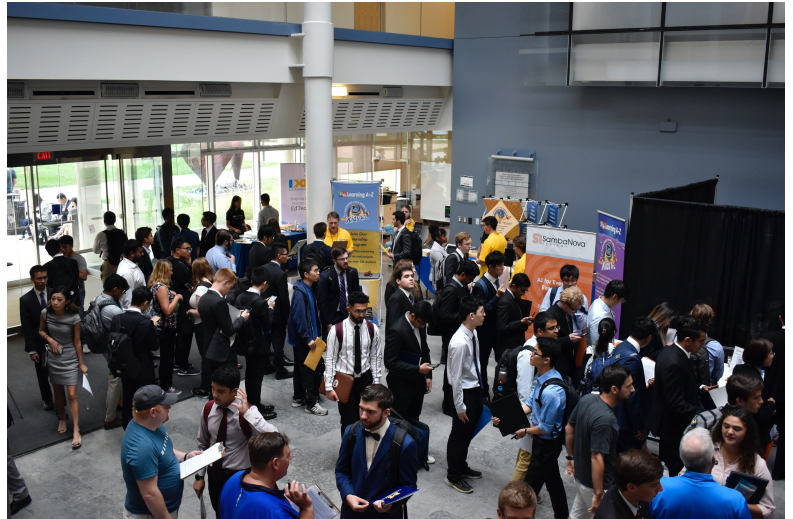
The 35th SWE/TBP Fall Engineering career fair was another fantastic success this year, with over 300 companies in attendance and thousands of students to match. It took place on the 16th and 17th of September and was put together by hundreds of volunteers. Among those volunteers were two of the four Career Fair Directors: Allison Easton and Joe Brenner, who were also our two External Vice Presidents. They worked hard all year long to ensure that the fair turned out well, and it certainly did.

There were a few major changes to the fair this year. The first major change was the removal of student registration and paper maps in favor of the Career Fair Plus app. The app allowed students to access the map and company list much earlier and much more easily. Students could check the app up to a week in advance of the fair to see a live-updating list of companies and their locations so that they could create a better recruiting plan. The app also allowed students to easily view the maps during the fair, saving paper that would have gone to print directories.

Student receptions were also a hit this year. The receptions take place the night before each day of the fair and give students a chance to talk to recruiters in an informal setting. Thanks to better publicity before the fair, the receptions this year had solid attendance and will be an even better starting point for receptions next year.

The SWE/TBP Career Fair continues to be one of the largest student-run fairs in the country, and it continues to improve every year. Thank you to everyone who helped contribute!

Photography by Casey Wong





## Convention Recap



This year was the 50th anniversary of first initiating women into TBP, and we definitely celebrated at convention! We had the opportunity to chat with some of the first women initiated – several of whom were UMich alumnae! We hope get some of them to come to UMich to present an Engineering Futures lecture for us in a future semester.

I, along with several other delegates from MI-G, served on the Resolutions committee, focusing on improving the process of electing Eminent Engineers into TBP. We came up with a clear step-by-step process to elect an Eminent Engineer, and the convention floor passed our motion to have the Executive Council review and publish this process on the national website by Pi Day, 2020. We hope this will help chapters have more interest and success in electing Eminent Engineers in the future. It felt awesome to participate in improving the honor society on a national level – I'm excited to come back next year to contribute again!

With An Ohio State University hosting, it was only fitting for us to wear maize sport coats as part of our business formal attire on Saturday. With the head business table decorated with maize pom-poms, the mass convention group photo highlighted with maize, the 50th anniversary women of TBP escorted into the banquet by men in maize sport coats, and the keynote speaker an alumna of UMich, we were pleased to make Michigan proud on OSU's campus this year.

This was my second time going to Convention, and it was even more inspiring than my first. Being surrounded by so many passionate engineers reminds me of the beauty of Tau Beta Pi and the honor of becoming an engineer. TBP for life!

– Marianne DeBrito

## Event Highlights



### Wiard's Haunted Hayride

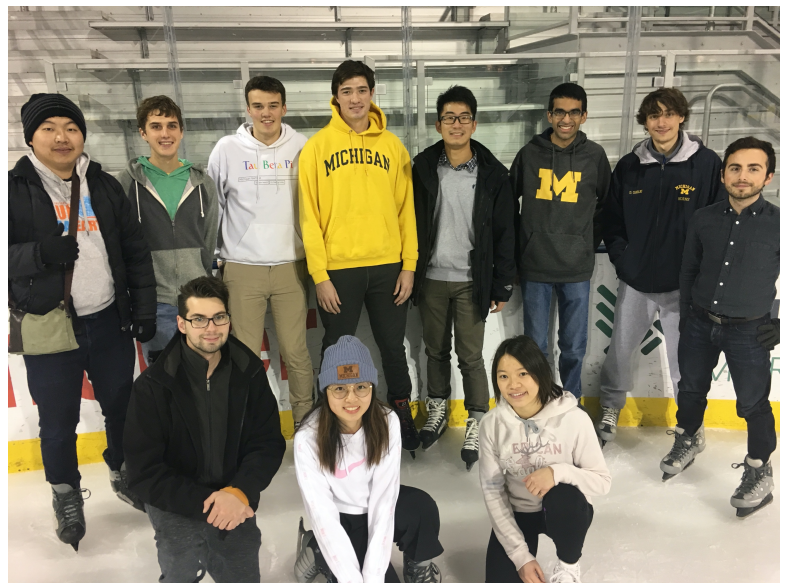
TBP members took a trip to Wiard's Cider Mill and Apple Orchard for a spooky October Haunted Hayride. On the ride, actors and animatronic horrors tried to scare participants on their way through the orchard. Afterwards, everyone got to warm up by the fire with some cider and donuts.

Photo Cred: Jipu Wang

### Ice Skating

In a classic semesterly social event, some members went ice skating at UM's very own Yost arena during open skate.

Photo Cred: Cameron Kabacinski



### Breakfast Parties

TBP's weekly Breakfast Party tradition continued this semester! Nearly every Monday, TBP volunteers handed out bagels and refreshments to lucky students passing by.

Photo Cred: Cameron Kabacinski







## Blood Drive

TBP helped out with the annual UMich vs OSU Blood Battle blood drive.

Volunteers helped to sign donors in and make goodie bags for them after their donation (shown to the left). In the end, UMich bested OSU in the Blood Battle 1938 pints to 1525!

Photo Cred: Luke Knowles

## Detroit Zoo: Wild Lights

Michigan Gamma participated in its second-ever inter-chapter event with MI-H from Lawrence Tech University. They went to the Detroit Zoo's Wild Lights event, where the front half of the zoo is decorated with over five million lights covering every surface possible.



# Winter 2020 Officer Corps

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