Once again, congratulations! It is an honor to be elected to Tau Beta Pi! We hope that you are interested in joining and will continue through the initiation process. The interest meeting will be Thursday, February 18th, at 6:00 in 185 McCain. There you will receive more information on initiation and upcoming events such as the cookout on the Drill Field. You will also receive a candidate packet. If you cannot make it to this event, please contact Michael Helmbrecht, Recruitment Chair.

Why should you join?

Personal and Professional Development
Engineering Futures sessions teach you valuable skills for working in engineering
A network of alumni can help you in your career search
Conferences enable you to meet other motivated engineers
Leadership opportunities give you experience and build your resume
Service opportunities enable you to reach out to the community
Guest speakers at meetings provide new perspectives on engineering
Scholarships and student loans through TBP can help with tuition

Friends and Fun
A variety of activities gives you the opportunity to bond with other Tau Bates:
Service projects
Socials
Conferences
Free food!

Recognition
We know that you have probably received offers from other honor societies and professional organizations. All of them (including us) tell you that membership will boost your resume. What's so prestigious about Tau Beta Pi, then? TBP is the second-oldest honor society in the United States. If you've heard about Phi Beta Kappa, you might consider TBP to be its equivalent for engineering. In addition, TBP is the only engineering honor society that represents the entire engineering profession.

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What is required to become a member?

To become a member, you must complete a packet and pay the one time initiation fee as shown below. In addition, a service project is required to join.

- **Initiation Fee:** $85.00 paid by Wednesday, March 10th, plus $5 bent fee.
- **Catalog Cards:** Due Wednesday, March 10th, at the Bent Polishing Cookout.
- **Points:** 10 points by Friday, April 9th. Include proof of any outside activities in your packet.
- **Packets:**
  - Packets include faculty signature sheets, signed resumes, proof of service and points, and your polished Bent castings.
  - Packets are due on Friday, April 9th, at 5:00 PM. They are to be turned in outside of Dr. J.W. Bruce’s office, located in 335 Simrall.
  - Graded packets may be picked up outside Dr. J.W. Bruce’s office on Wednesday morning, April 14th. You MUST wear your bent on Thursday and Friday, April 15th and 16th, in preparing for initiation, so be sure to get your packet.
- **Service Project:** You are required to participate in a service project – details to come!
- **Initiation:** Sunday, April 18th, at 5:00 PM in Simrall Auditorium on campus.
  - **Attendance is MANDATORY.**
  - Business formal dress is required.
  - Initiates must be at initiation NO LATER THAN 4:45 p.m. **DO NOT BE LATE!**
  - Only TBP members and initiates may attend the initiation ceremony. (No guests!)
  - Initiation Banquet will immediately follow initiation—FREE for initiates!
    - If you wish to bring a guest, please email Michael to receive more information and to arrange payment.
- **Initiation Requirements:**
  1. **Signature Sheets.** You must get 10 TBP faculty signatures.
  2. **Bent Polishing.** You must polish your bent to a mirror finish.
    (Hint: Ask current TBP students how they polished their bents).
  3. **Points.** You must get 10 points.
  4. **Dress up and wear your Bent for all classes on the Thursday and Friday before Initiation Day.** You must dress up for the entire day of initiation.
  5. **Resume signed by the Career Center.** Take a copy of your resume to the Career Center in Montgomery Hall and have a representative sign it.

Your completed packets (containing your signature sheet, signed resume, proof of service and points, and polished bent) must be turned in by 5 PM on April 9th to Simrall 335.

Your name must be on the outside envelope and on the signature sheet.

**Points**

Initiates will be awarded points for completing activities beyond the already required activities. These points will be awarded as follows:

- **Interest Meeting Attendance – 1**
- Huntsville Trip Attendance – 8
- Engineering Futures Session Attendance – 5
- Bent Polishing Party Attendance – 2
- Additional Service Project – 3

In addition, the bents will be awarded ribbons based on quality of polishing. The initiate with the best bent will be awarded a red, white, and blue ribbon and 3 points. The top third will be awarded blue ribbons and one point each. The middle third will receive white ribbons, and the bottom third will receive red ribbons. Any bent that remains unpolished at the time of submission will cost its owner 5 points.

**Events**

**Bent Polishing Cookout:** Wednesday, March 10\(^{th}\) on the Drill Field at 6:00 PM  
(Rain location: 180 McCain)  
Attendance is optional. However, we will provide tools to help you polish your bent, and it will be a great opportunity to meet current members and have a great burger!

**Engineering Futures:** Saturday, March 6\(^{th}\), 11 AM – Basic People Skills

For this and more information, check out our website at [http://www.tbp.org.msstate.edu/](http://www.tbp.org.msstate.edu/).