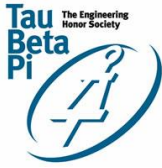


Fall 2019

Candidate Handbook



TAU BETA PI – FALL 2019 WELCOME

Welcome to Tau Beta Pi!

Thank you for coming tonight to learn more about our society. This information session will give you an overview of who we are and what we strive to do. At the same time, you will learn the steps necessary to become a member of Tau Beta Pi.

Tau Beta Pi is the nation's oldest and most prestigious engineering honor society. There are collegiate chapters at 241 colleges and universities, plus 33 active alumni chapters in 16 districts across the country, totaling an initiated membership of over 540,000. The Florida Alpha Chapter was founded in 1961 and since then has been one of the most active chapters. Our chapter has initiated over 5,000 members! We have been named the Most Outstanding Chapter nine times.

Our purpose is to recognize exceptional engineering students, encourage young students to pursue engineering, and serve our local community. We have three major programs to encourage young students to pursue engineering degrees: GatorTRAX, SECME, and Tutoring for Engineering Excellence (TEE). To be eligible for membership in Tau Beta Pi, juniors must be in the top eighth of their class, and seniors and graduate students must be in the top fifth of their class. All candidates must demonstrate exemplary character through participation in our chapter.

This packet has been put together to help you successfully become a member of Tau Beta Pi. It contains:

- a) An officer list with contact information
- b) A requirements checklist
- c) A list of events

You will receive weekly emails with important details about upcoming events. These can also be found on the calendar of events located on our website:
<http://uftbp.com/page.php?p=masterlistofdates>.

For more information about Tau Beta Pi, check out our chapter's website at www.uftbp.com or our National website at www.tbp.org.

Congratulations on your academic achievements, and we hope you choose to accept your invitation into Tau Beta Pi!

If you have any questions, please contact us at tbpvpofelectees@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Juho Kim and Shreedevi Kumar
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Vice Presidents of Electees



TAU BETA PI – FALL 2019 OFFICER LIST

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TAU BETA PI – FALL 2019 CANDIDATE CHECKLIST

- In order for our chapter members to get to know you better, we require you complete or participate in the following:
 - Attend 3 out of the 4 possible general body meetings (Not required to attend Candidate Elections Meeting on October 22nd 2019) on September 24th 2019, October 8th 2019, October 29th 2019 and/or November 12th 2019
 - Graduate students only: complete eligibility paperwork
 - Complete informal interview and short online application (by October 22nd 2019)
 - Attend two social events
 - Complete 6 hours of community service with Tau Beta Pi
 - Attend at least one GatorTRAX session (3 out of the 6 hours)
 - Any additional GatorTRAX sessions attended will also count towards requirement
 - Attend the Electee-only social
 - Fill out Catalog Card (you will receive an email about this)
 - National Copy – a link will be send out from National Headquarters
 - Attend Initiation on November 15th 2019
- Important Dates: event locations will be listed on our website and sent via list-serve

General Body Meetings

Tuesday, 9/24/19
 Tuesday, 10/8/19
 Tuesday, 10/29/19
 Tuesday, 11/12/19

GatorTRAX

Wednesday, 9/25/19
 Saturday, 10/12/19
 Saturday, 10/19/19
 Saturday, 11/2/19
 Monday, 11/4/19
 Thursday, 11/7/19

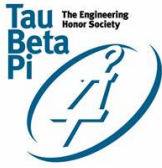
Service Events

Street Cleanups:
 Sunday, 9/29/19
 Sunday, 10/20/19
 Sunday, 11/3/19
Other Events:
 Saturday, 9/28/19
 Sunday, 10/13/19
 Saturday, 10/19/19
 Saturday, 11/9/19

Initiation

Friday, 11/15/19
 with
 Banquet to follow

- Chapter Dues:
 - Turn in check or cash for **one time** \$100 dues by General Body Meeting on October 29th 2019
 - Payment can be turned in at any meeting or during any office hours
 - Make check out to “Tau Beta Pi”
 - Email Julie Jameson (tbpfla.treasurer@gmail.com) with questions
 - **Note that dues are non-refundable**
 - Visit <http://www.uftbp.com/page.php?p=fees> for information on how the fees are distributed



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Social Events

Attend two socials to get to know our members! Previous social events have included: intramural soccer and kickball, trivia night at Gator's Dockside, meeting up for frozen yogurt at Mochi, and bowling for some friendly competition.

Service Events

Attend a service event to learn what Tau Beta Pi stands for and how we give back to our community. Service events have included: Habitat for Humanity, Humane Society of Gainesville, Adopt-A-Street Cleanups, GatorTRAX, and tutoring local elementary and middle school students.

What if I can't attend an event?

If you cannot complete one of the Electee requirements, you must make it up before you will be eligible for membership. Here's how:

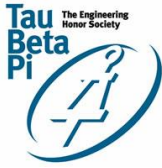
- More than 1 meeting: 2 additional hours community service per meeting missed
- Cannot attend any socials: 2 additional hours community service per required social
- Cannot attend Electee-Only Social: 2 additional hours community service
- GatorTRAX Session: 2 additional hours community service
- If you are unable to complete all service hours through Tau Beta Pi, up to half may be completed through another organization. Please contact the VP of Electees (tbvpofelectees@gmail.com) for approval ***beforehand***.

Informal Interview

You will be asked to have an interview with our current members. The purpose of the interview is not to judge your eligibility to be inducted into Tau Beta Pi, but to allow our current members to get to know you better. It will last for no more than 15 minutes. The interview must be completed before October 22nd 2019.

Interviews are informal and non-technical—they require no special preparation. Interviews must be completed by a member of the interview committee:

- Alex Schafer, *President*
- Felicia Sedwick, *Vice President*
- Sabrina Freeman, *Graduate Coordinator*
- Juho Kim, *VP of Electees*
- Shreedevi Kumar, *VP of Electees*
- Ryan Cooper, *Corresponding Secretary*



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Initiation and Banquet

Initiation will be held on November 15th 2019 and is a ***mandatory*** event. There will be a banquet immediately following initiation (attendance at the banquet is optional). The cost of the banquet is included in each electee's dues—meaning no additional payment is required. Guests are welcome; however, the extra seats are \$25/person. An RSVP form will be posted on the website.

Banquet Awards

Four honors will be awarded at banquet.

1. Best Electee
 - Chosen by the Vice President of Electees, winner must have completed the additional requirements for distinguished Electee, which can be found at <https://www.uftbp.com/page.php?p=candidateInfo>
 - The winner is not required to attend banquet
2. Best Bent
 - Electees are **not required** to polish their bent, but if they choose to do so instructions can be found at <https://www.uftbp.com/page.php?p=candidateInfo>
 - The officers present at banquet will vote on this award, the Best Electee is not excluded from consideration, the winner must attend banquet
3. Best Member
 - Voted on by officers, winner is not required to attend the banquet, officers are not eligible
4. Best Officer
 - Voted on by the officers, winner is not required to attend the banquet, president is not eligible