



*April 2009*  
**TBS Council  
Connection**

## ***Convention Season***

During March and April, each district convenes to review the previous year, and to chart the course for the next term. At district conventions, members from near and far get to know each other, trade service project ideas, and be recognized for the outstanding contributions they've made to the bands they serve. There are opportunities to network with leaders of every arena of musical work- and the opportunity to improve your musicianship or guard/auxiliary skills. District officers are elected, and representatives from the National Council, the Board of Trustees, and the Alumni Association are on-hand to provide updates about the inner-workings of Tau Beta Sigma.

Sisters and Brothers, I urge you to take these conventions seriously. This is where information is disseminated that helps shape the future of our Sorority. It is YOUR TIME to ask questions and to place a face with the names you see on chapter, district, and national websites or other communication. If you've already had your convention, take a moment to talk with your chapter's delegate as well as each person who sat on a committee. What was discussed and decided? Who were the key players? What issues are left unresolved? What actions would you like to see occur next? If you're on your way to convention, be prepared to attend with an open mind and inquisitive spirit.

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## ***National Council 2007-2009***

### ***Kimbi Sigle***

*National President*

### ***Dollie McDonald O'Neill***

*National Vice President for  
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*National Vice President for  
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*National Vice President for  
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*National Vice President for  
Professional Relations*



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This district convention season – take a moment to reflect on why you chose Tau Beta Sigma. After attending conventions, I feel refreshed and renewed in my desire to serve this sorority. By renewing our ritualistic vows and seeing the work each chapter does to improve their university community, **I am encouraged. I hope you are too.**

Yours in Service to Music,

*Deena*

## A MESSAGE TO GRADUATING SENIORS



Dear Sisters and Brothers of Tau Beta Sigma, Your loyalty and service to promoting the purposes and ideals of Tau Beta Sigma is the foundation of the Sorority. We thank you for your support and invite you to celebrate your graduation by becoming a Life Member of the organization.

Tau Beta Sigma strives to provide a life-long bond between the Sorority and its membership. As a student, your membership is essential to providing service to collegiate bands, while encouraging the advancement of women in the band profession. Soon, you will join thousands of Tau Beta Sigma members who have completed their active membership. In this new role, you will continue to have opportunities to support the future of our Sisterhood.

**Life Membership is a very important way to participate in the future of our Sorority.**

Individual Life Memberships are \$250, a portion of which is tax deductible. Your continued involvement as a Life Member supports the Tau Beta Sigma Trust Fund, which finances valuable long-term projects of the Sorority, including the National Intercollegiate Band, Commissioning Program, Women In Music Speaker Series,

scholarships and leadership development. Your commitment will make a difference in the accomplishment of Tau Beta Sigma's national programs.

As a Life Member you will receive exclusive privileges, including a Life Membership card, certificate and pin as well as eligibility to serve in various National leadership roles. Life Members also receive a complimentary current year's membership in the Tau Beta Sigma National Alumni Association, upon achieving alumni status, and a subscription to The Podium.

**You can become a Life Member today by downloading the Life Membership Application from the Member Resources link on [www.tbsigma.org](http://www.tbsigma.org) and mailing your completed application to our National Headquarters.**

## Tau Beta Sigma for Greater Bands!

\*Applications for Life Membership made within two (2) years of graduation require Chapter approval. Purchase of a Life Membership does not exempt Active members from payment of annual membership dues.

\*Go [online](#) to view the Life Membership description.



GO TO NATIONAL  
CONVENTION & WIN!

Hey All Tau Beta Sigma Members!

For Every 10% of your chapter membership  
you register for National Convention,  
your chapter will be entered in a DRAWING  
to win one of these prizes!

**FREE Registration for your Chapter Delegate**  
*((a \$115 value))*

**1 FREE Hotel Room for 1 Night at the Biltmore during Convention**  
*(a \$99 value)*

**Lunch with Wava & National Council**  
*(priceless!)*

*To qualify, register your chapter members on time for the National Convention Deadline. For every 10 percent of your chapter membership registered, you will earn an entry to the contest. More registrations increase your chance to win! Chapters must be present at National Convention to redeem their prize. All prizes will be distributed at National Convention.*



Register for Convention TODAY at [www.kkytbs.org](http://www.kkytbs.org)



## National Intercollegiate Band

### Applications Due April 15, 2009



Begun over half of a century ago, the National Intercollegiate Band (NIB) continues to make a significant contribution to the advancement of the collegiate band. **Open to all qualified musicians, whether or not they are members of the Fraternity or Sorority, the NIB brings members face-to-baton with some of the most dynamically stimulating composers and respected conductors in America.** Dr. F. Lee Bowling, Kappa Kappa Psi National President (Alpha Iota) from 1941-1947, is regarded as the Founder of the National Intercollegiate Band. Colonel John R. Bourgeois, Director Emeritus of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band, will be the conductor of the 2009 ensemble.

**Members of the 2009 NIB will be in Phoenix, prior to National Convention from July 19-21, 2009.** NIB Registration begins at noon on Sunday, followed by chair placement auditions. Complimentary housing will be provided on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, July 19, 20, and 21, 2009. Meals and transportation to and from Phoenix are not included.

#### Guidelines for Application

1. Submit a stereo cassette tape or CD with not less than 5 or more than 10 minutes of you performing at least two contrasting selections on your instrument. One selection should be technical in nature with enough tempo and complexity to demonstrate your facility. The other selection should be lyrical in a way that will demonstrate your musical sensitivity and phrasing. Percussionists should include performances on at least three instruments. (Timpani, snare drum and a mallet instrument are preferred.)
2. The recording should be unedited. It can be performed with or without accompaniment.
3. Tapes or CDs must be clearly marked with your name, school, instrument(s) and compositions selected.
4. **Application Form** and tape or CD must be postmarked by April 15, 2009 and sent to the National Headquarters.
5. You will be notified of your audition results by late May. If accepted you will receive a detailed information package and a questionnaire to be completed and returned.

*Please send Application and Recording to:*  
**Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma – NIB**  
**P.O. Box 849**  
**Stillwater, OK 74076-2849**

**Applications must be postmarked no later than  
 Wednesday, April 15 2009.**

Visit [www.kkvtbs.org](http://www.kkvtbs.org) for more information.

## 2007-2009 Biennium Chapter Sponsor Award

Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma,

The National Council is still accepting nominations for the **Chapter Sponsor Award**. This award, established by the 1993-1995 National Council encourages chapters to recognize sponsors who have shown outstanding service to the Sorority. Electronic applications submitted to [TBS@TBSigma.org](mailto:TBS@TBSigma.org) will be accepted through May 31, 2009.

In the application, we ask you to:

1. Explain the Sponsor's previous involvement in Tau Beta Sigma,
2. Describe how the Sponsor has supported and assisted your chapter,  
and
3. Provide three (3) letters of endorsement for the Sponsor.

To obtain a nomination form, **download it** or contact us by email. Be sure to return an electronic copy by May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions about this or any other National Award, please contact National Vice President for Communication & Recognition, Deena Smith at [deena1946@tbsigma.org](mailto:deena1946@tbsigma.org).

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# Show us What You Got! 2009 Video Compilation



What does Tau Beta Sigma mean to you? How do you implement our Qualities or Essential Factors into your daily life? I challenge you, the members of Tau Beta Sigma to take one of our “Eight and Five” and produce a short (3 minute or less) online item to show the world that you will Take A Stand for Tau Beta Sigma.

The video can be as fancy or as simple as you like. I ask that you keep it under three (3) minutes in length. Do you have a poem that expresses how you feel about this Sisterhood? Does your chapter have a step or chant that refers to our Ideals? Have you a favorite chapter song, or beautiful artwork created by a member? Now is your opportunity to share it with the world!

**Email [TBS@TBSigma.org](mailto:TBS@TBSigma.org) a link to your video to by June 30, 2009.**

The clips featuring one of our “Eight and Five” will be added to our Tau Beta Sigma [YouTube channel](#); and a compilation will be created and premiered at National Convention. Submissions can be from individuals as well as chapters. Be sure to include:

Title of Video;  
Date(s) / Location(s) it was filmed;  
Names and ages of everyone featured in the video; and  
Mailing address, Email address, and Phone number for the point of contact.

***Take a Stand for Tau Beta Sigma... show us what the Sorority really means to you!***

