



October 2008

T B Σ Council Connection

***Greetings from the desk of
the National President!***

***National
Council
2007-2009***

By Kimbi Sigle

We have just completed our District Leadership Conference (DLC) and you would be so proud to see the enthusiasm and energy our district officers and counselors bring to Tau Beta Sigma. The amount of leadership we've seen in the district officers, candidates for office, committee chairs and advisors throughout the year is outstanding. Our students want to make a positive impact in their band programs and in their chapters. After 62 years we are going strong!!

One of our current hot topics unfortunately is hazing. Kappa Kappa Psi has been named in a \$12 million dollar lawsuit resulting from an incident of physical hazing in 2006. TBS is receiving more and more hazing allegations these days which shows that our message of zero tolerance is being heard. Parents, grandparents, friends and roommates are letting us know if they see something out of the ordinary with our members. We will continue to educate our members and they in turn will educate their bands in order to eradicate hazing. Our members are joining together to Take A Stand for Tau Beta Sigma!

I continue to collaborate with our national council, Board of Trustees, counselors and students in an attempt to make great decisions for our members. I truly love TBS and all that we represent in the band world. Thank you for getting us to this point. There is no doubt in my mind that we will be here forever based on what I've seen from our students during this last year.

"TAU BETA SIGMA FOR GREATER BANDS!!"

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What exactly is the Council Connection?

During the 1995-1997 biennium, the *Council Connection* was developed as a special newsletter in order to communicate more regularly with district leaders. Your 2007-2009 National Council has decided to revive this publication, and make it available to all members of Tau Beta Sigma!

We are excited to have our own newsletter—for us, by us, and hope that you take the time to read and share it with your chapters. The *Council Connection* will be sent to you by the National Council four times a year.

Recruiting Tip for Fall 2008

By Dollie McDonald O'Neill

For a Recruiting Workshop and other ideas on attracting and retaining members, visit our website to download Recruiting Material for your Chapter!

Special Projects Update

By Dawn Farmer

As the National Vice President for Special Projects, I have been working to promote programs that are important to the Sorority. The Women in Music Program is a speaker series that arranges for females in various musical professions to speak at events. Women in Music speakers are most visible at District and National Conventions; I am currently looking for speakers for the 2009 District Convention season. I am looking in the areas geographically close to the Convention Sites, but may branch out if stellar opportunities arise. Concurrently, I am seeking out interesting and entertaining Women in Music for the 2009 National Convention in Phoenix. I hope to provide the students with a variety of speakers and topics. It is important to me that our students see the possibilities for not only women in the field of music, but also the different types of professions available that include music.

The Scouting for Music program encourages chapters to become involved with the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Sharing music and music making with the community is an integral way to promote band in our youth. Serving as mentors and role models with young students is beneficial for all parties and may encourage life long appreciation and involvement with music. I have been working on strategies for chapter involvement with such groups.

I have also been promoting the Composing Our Future project. Tau Beta Sigma needs new songs for our collection. Are you going to write the next Tau Beta Sigma Hymn? Other projects in the works are a Mentor Program, Leadership Development, and continuing work with the History and Archives Committee.

National Awards—Have you applied?

By Deena Smith

DECEMBER 1 is the deadline for nominations to be submitted to National Headquarters for the following awards:

- Outstanding Service to Music Award (OSMA)
- Paula Crider Award
- Service Certificate
- Johnnie Vinson Award
- The Baton

As we enter a convention year (2009), applications for these additional awards are now being accepted:

- Wava Banes Turner Award
- Chapter Sponsor Award

The awards application form is available online at www.tbsigma.org. Here is a little about each award and how you can apply:

Do you know a woman who has made a significant contribution to bands through outstanding musicianship, composition, or other means of distinguished service? Send a letter of nomination, a resume, and letters of recommendation to the council to nominate her for the **OSMA!**

Is your university band director distinguished in the field of university bands? Has he or she been supportive of Tau Beta Sigma and its ideals? Then this person should be nominated for the **Paula Crider Award!**

Has your chapter turned in all reports and paid all fees on time? Have your Director of Bands or Sponsor write a recommendation, and be sure to include the service projects your chapter has completed to be awarded the **Service Certificate.**

You've already earned it, now claim it!



There is a special award available for individuals, regardless of occupation, fraternal affiliation, or gender, who have promoted women in music through the exemplification of the ideals and vision of Tau Beta Sigma. Show your appreciation by nominating them for the **Johnnie Vinson Award** today!

Who in your chapter is an incredible student leader? If that person has made outstanding contributions to the Sorority, nominate that Active for **The Baton.**

We are especially excited to offer the Wava Banes Turner Award and the Chapter Sponsor Award once a biennium. It's possible that your application will direct us towards the next recipient!

Nominate the Life, Honorary or Alumnae member of Tau Beta Sigma who has demonstrated outstanding and continued service to the Sorority for the **Wava Banes Turner Award.**

Shine the spotlight on your sponsor! Recognize the sponsor who has shown outstanding service to the Sorority, by nominating them for the **Chapter Sponsor Award.**

Please consult the **Guide to Membership Education** for a more detailed explanation on the origin of these awards. If you have further questions, visit www.tbsigma.org National Programs Awards, or contact the council at TBS@TBSIGMA.ORG.

We look forward to receiving your nominations by **DECEMBER 1.**



2009 District Conventions

NORTHEAST

March 19-22, 2009
Amherst, Massachusetts
Delta Delta, TBΣ & Epsilon Nu, KKΨ

SOUTHEAST

April 3-4, 2009
Columbia, SC
Epsilon Alpha, TBΣ & Zeta Chi, KKΨ

NORTHCENTRAL

March 27-29, 2009
Toledo, OH
Beta Rho, KKΨ

WESTERN

April 3-5, 2008
San Luis Obispo, CA
Iota Pi, KKΨ

MIDWEST

April 3-5, 2009
Manhattan, KS
Delta Kappa, TBΣ & Epsilon Pi, KKΨ

SOUTHWEST

April 17-19, 2009
Baton Rouge, LA
Beta Gamma, KKΨ