

TBS Council Connection May 2011

Tau Beta Sigma National President Essay Contest!

Dear Members of Tau Beta Sigma,

It is with great excitement that we kick off our first National President Essay Challenge for the 2011 National Convention!

National President Essay Challenge:

Subject: 'What do you Envision for Tau Beta Sigma for the next 65 years?'

Guidelines:

In a 1000 words or less please write your vision, dreams, hope, motivation, ideas, etc. of where Tau Beta Sigma will be in the next 65 years.

Deadline:

June 30th to National President, Dollie O'Neill,
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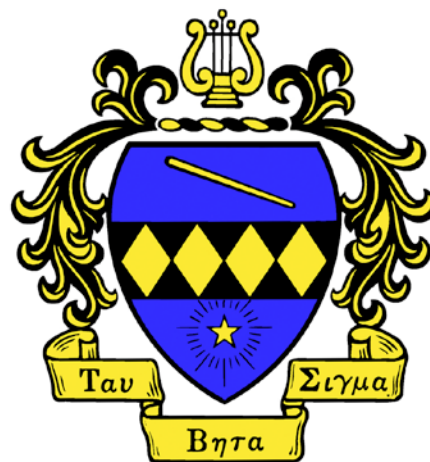
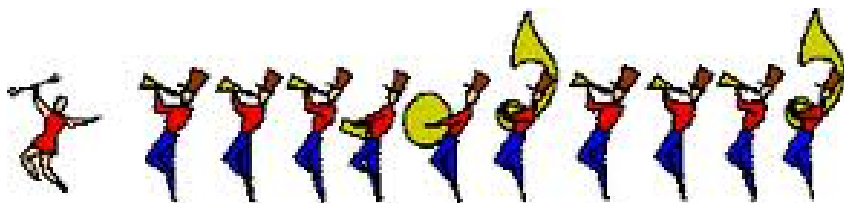
Winner will be announced at National Convention & must be present to win.

This Essay challenge is for active members who are currently enrolled or recently a 2011 graduate of their College or University.

*The winner will win \$200 & read the winning essay to the TBS National Delegation during National Convention. The winner will be selected at National Convention. You must be present to win.

Tau Beta Sigma For Greater Bands!

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What 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. During the 2007-2009 biennium the newsletter was revamped and published twice. Your 2009 - 2011 National Council has decided to revive this publication, and make it available to all members of Tau Beta Sigma!

We are very happy to share updates with our national membership. Please take the time to read and share it with your entire chapter. The Council Connection will be sent to you by the National Council four times a year. This will be the last Council Connection for the 2009-2011 biennium.

National Convention Deadlines

June 1st – Chapter Delegate Form

Attending National Convention? Great! Be sure that your chapter's delegate information is sent in to National Headquarters by filling out this form: <http://kkytbs.org/NatConv-2011/forms/Form-ChapterDelegate.pdf>.

June 1st – Hotel Registration Form

To reserve your room at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, download the Hotel Registration Form from: <http://kkytbs.org/NatConv-2011/forms/Form-HotelReg.pdf>. Be sure to send this form directly to the hotel!

June 1st – Reserve-a-Table Form

Does your chapter want to sell items or display your scrapbook or a display at National Convention? Be sure to fill out and send in this form: <http://kkytbs.org/NatConv-2011/forms/Form-ReserveATable.pdf> in order to reserve a table for your chapter.

June 5th – Convention Registration Form

You can download the form and fill it out by going to: <http://kkytbs.org/NatConv-2011/forms/Form-ConvReg.pdf>. Or you are paying with a credit card you can register online by going to: <http://kkytbs.org/NatConv-2011/register.html>.

June 5th – In the Bond Diversity Extravaganza Form

Have a unique talent that you want to show your fellow Sisters and Brothers? Apply to participate in the Diversity Extravaganza. You can download the form at: <http://kkytbs.org/NatConv-2011/forms/Form-Diversity.pdf>.

July 5th – Proxy Form

No one from your chapter attending convention? Be sure you fill out the Letter of Proxy form (download at <http://kkytbs.org/NatConv-2011/forms/Form-LetterOfProxy.pdf>) so that a chapter you know can sit for your chapter.

All these forms, as well as all information pertaining to the 2011 National Convention can be found at <http://kkytbs.org/natconv.html>. Bookmark this page and check back often for updates!

Chapter Summary Reports

Your Chapter Summary Report is due postmarked to National Headquarters by June 1st. Don't be afraid to begin working on this form and send it in EARLY! *Remember:* if your chapter does not turn in required documents for 2 consecutive due dates *your chapter is automatically placed on probation.* Be proactive and don't wait until May 31st to begin working on this form!

Jewelry and Graduation Cords

Do you want to order Tau Beta Sigma jewelry but cannot make it to a district convention? Tau Beta Sigma has placed a link to our jewelry vendor directly on the www.tbsigma.org homepage!

Are you graduating in May or August and need to order graduation cords? Don't wait until early May – order your cords now! For more information go to: <http://kkytbs.org/merchandise.html>.

Life Membership

Do you want to continue to attend Tau Beta Sigma events after graduation, receive an online copy of the Podium, and continue to support Tau Beta Sigma and its National Programs? Applying for Life Memberships allows you to accomplish all of these! Life Membership only costs \$350! The benefits of Life Membership are long-lasting and help support current and future members of Tau Beta Sigma. For more information go to <http://www.tbsigma.org/membership.html>.



A Note from your National VP for Colonization & Membership

Update Your Status, Get Ready for Summer!

As we all head off for our summer vacations, it is your responsibility to check your status. I don't mean your Facebook, status, but rather your *membership status*. Especially as a graduating senior, the status left on the books at National Headquarters will allow or prevent you from becoming an Alumni or Life Member of Tau Beta Sigma. Make sure that you are leaving your chapter in good standing. Did you pay your dues and meet all chapter requirements? If so, you should be set. Sometimes, though, a member will be moved to probation, conditional, or inactive status during the school year. They may eventually to return to Active status, but if that change is not reported to National Headquarters, there is no documentation that the student is good standing with the chapter. If you or members in your chapter have had to change statuses during the school year, take a minute to see if your status is correctly listed. When you need to update or change a membership status, there is a form that can be downloaded from the National Headquarters website at <http://www.kktybs.org/forms.html>. The form you need is under Tau Beta Sigma Forms, under Chapter Documents and Forms. It is a handy resource that makes it easy for your chapter to keep everyone's status up to date.

Also on the National Headquarters & Tau Beta Sigma websites, you will find a plethora of information about National Convention. I urge you to check out the resources we have online, even if you are not attending the meetings in Colorado Springs. On the NHQ web space, there are pages related to National Convention registration and activities. You can register, preview workshop and session information, see the hotel, peruse the convention schedule, and download important forms. On the Tau Beta Sigma site, you can review the campaign materials of the persons running for both National Council and Board of Trustees. Every chapter has a voice in the future of Tau Beta Sigma, so even if you are not going, you can share your thoughts with your chapter's delegate or proxy. Take the initiative to be involved.

I wish everyone an enjoyable summer. Find some time to relax, and I look forward to seeing many of you this summer in Colorado Springs. If you have any questions about membership statuses, National Convention, or Tau Beta Sigma, feel free to contact any member of the National Council for assistance. For Greater Bands!

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Need to Contact Your District Counselor?

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2011 Baton Winners

Congratulations to the following Baton Winners:

Sky Buffington, Beta Sigma
Ryan Carle, Alpha Chi
Ben Chocie, Eta Phi
Helen Cordova, Epsilon Kappa
Rachel Goldman, Epsilon Kappa
Lauren Madura, Beta
Donnellé Mitchell, Theta Theta
Kat Tribulski, Zeta Upsilon
Brianna Upton, Theta Xi
Stephanie Vinci, Delta Delta

Candidates for National Council and Board of Trustees 2011-2013

For complete information on candidates for National Council and Board of Trustees, please go to the TBS Website at <http://www.tbsigma.org> and click on the appropriate links at the bottom of the page.

National Projects Update from your National Vice President for Special Projects

Women In Music Speaker Series

Women In Music continues to be one of our biggest programs with planning underway for the 2011 National Convention. The speakers that participated in our 2011 District Convention Speaker Series were OUTSTANDING!! They gave our students advice and perspective while sharing their unique experiences in music. You can help support Women in Music in your chapters by hosting your own workshops to your band and your university community. We hope that by sharing their experiences, they can inspire further musical service and appreciation for future musical endeavors. Lisa Hunter, PhD and Cora Coleman-Dunham are scheduled to participate in our National Convention in Colorado Springs, CO as our Women in Music Speakers.

Music Relief 2011

Recently, the southeastern region of the US has been hammered with severe weather leading to destruction of property and loss of life. This severe weather has also caused damage to music programs throughout the area. In response, with the help of Nicole Burdick, Allison Leemann, and Julia Barnes Tau Beta Sigma will be stepping up to the plate to lend a helping hand. We will be collecting donations for the following schools and Colleges in hopes of assisting them in rebuilding their music programs: Page/Peasley Middle School, St. Augustine's College, and Shaw University. We will also be holding a raffle at National Convention in Colorado Springs, with all proceeds going directly to the schools listed above. If you would like to help, or having any questions, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.



2011 Paula Crider Award Winners

On May 3rd, Dr. Frank Tracz, Director of Bands at Kansas State University, was presented with the Paula Crider Award. Presenting the award was Chris Vanacore, Chair of the Executive Committee of the TBSAA, as well as the Delta Kappa Chapter.

On May 10th, Mr. Tony Sawyer, Director of Bands at Elon University, was presented with the Paula Crider Award. Presenting the award was Dr. Kathryn Kelly, National VP for Special Projects, as well as the Iota Xi Chapter.

Congratulations to these two outstanding university band directors who have excelled in the field of college and university bands, and who continue to support the Ideals of Tau Beta Sigma!



National Convention Charges & Proposals for Committees

Do you have a charge or proposal that you would like to see come before a committee at National Convention? Be sure to send these in to National President, Dollie O'Neill, by June 5th by emailing dolliemcdonald@tbsigma.org.

Colony Installations

The Beta Phi Chapter at Florida A&M University was installed on February 12th, 2011 by Colony Advisor, Crystal Wright. A big thanks to Crystal and the Alpha Omega chapter for serving as advisors.

The Iota Zeta Chapter at Savanna State University was installed on Saturday May 14th by Cenobia Hilton, Colony Advisor. Much thanks go out to Cenobia and the Epsilon Alpha Chapter for serving as advisors.

Brick Order From

Want to be a piece of KKΨ/TBΣ History? Why not purchase a brick and have it engraved? Your brick will be displayed in the brick walkway at National Headquarters. How do you order a brick? Download and fill out this form: <http://kkytbs.org/forms/BrickOrderForm.pdf> and send it in to National Headquarters with your payment! What a great way to support our organizations!

Scholarship & Communication Update from your National VP for Communication & Recognition

Tau Beta Sigma National Scholarships

Tau Beta Sigma annually offers 2 national scholarships that are due postmarked to National Headquarters by June 1st. The *Outstanding Student Leaders Scholarship* commends leaders within our organization who have excelled as a leader in their chapter, their band and their school. The *Scholarship for Musical Achievement* is awarded to active members that have established themselves as exceptional musicians during their college years. To apply for these scholarships you must be entering your junior or senior year of college after June 1st, you must have a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) and you must have been a active member of Tau Beta Sigma for at least one year. For more information on these scholarships go to: http://www.tbsigma.org/national_scholarship.html.

TBS Student Chats

One more chat will be hosted this biennium. The next will be on Sunday June 26th at 8pm CST. This chat will be focused on National Convention and we will answer any questions you have and will help your prepare for this fantastic event. I hope you will join us in the chat. To log in go to: www.tbsigma.org/chat.html.

Honorary Membership

Honorary Membership in Tau Beta Sigma is granted to individuals in recognition of outstanding ability, accomplishment, or devotion to the best interests of the Sorority. It is the highest honor that a chapter can confer, and is only eligible to those holding an undergraduate degree. It is important to take the time each year to reflect on those deserving individuals in your department, school, or community that your chapter fees may feel is deserving of Honorary Membership. The cost of Honorary Membership is \$50, and the form can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.tbsigma.org/resources.html>.



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