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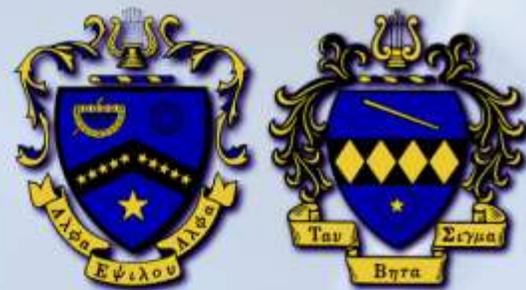


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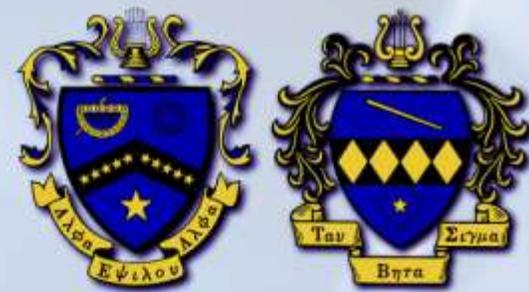
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The Counselor's Cup – NEW AWARD for 2010!

Every chapter in the district is eligible for this award! The basic criterion is to turn in all of your national paperwork from district convention to district convention by the required deadlines. Make sure your chapter officers submit member dues, chapter fee, fall activity report, chapter summary report and initiate dues on time! All eligible chapters will receive an application (in January/February) to be reviewed by a panel of judges. Finalist chapters will be selected based on the applications, and will prepare a presentation for district convention. The winning chapter will be determined at convention, based on applications, letters of recommendation and presentations. In addition to recognizing chapters for getting the required paperwork in, the goal of this award is to motivate chapters to document your fabulousness! Your Counselor wants to see more chapters eligible for the (NATIONAL) Grace and A. Frank Martin Chapter Leadership Award, the highest honor a chapter can receive. This could be you! Make it happen!

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Letter from Todd Halling (MWD President)

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone had an excellent summer and a good start to the new school year. I'd like to take some time to introduce myself (as I failed to get an article into the last issue of the notes) and update everyone on what your new officers have accomplished thus far.

As for an introduction, my name is Todd Halling, I'm a senior in Electrical Engineering at Kansas State University. I currently have the honor of holding the office of president for the Epsilon Pi chapter at K-State and the Midwest District. Something less known is that as of May 30th, 2009, I am now married to the Tau Beta Sigma MWD VPSP. This also caused me to miss the subscription deadline for the last issue of the notes (which was the week of my wedding), but I'm trying hard to make up for that this time. I spent the rest of my summer working for an Engineering Consultant firm in Lenexa, KS and beginning to get things organized for my term as District President.

The Joint District Councils met twice over the summer in Kansas City. At these meetings we started making a plan for the council for the upcoming year, preparing of National Convention, and at the most recent meeting started getting the ball rolling on District Convention. These meetings were very helpful and established a firm foundation for your officers to build upon the rest of the year. Along with these topics we discussed Region Days and their importance, the new alcohol policy, and other, more managerial aspects of the district.

These meetings also touched on plans for the upcoming year. I know many officers are already planning chapter visits and other trips. I have yet to finalize any plans due to our marching band schedule (we have an event every weekend from the 26th of September to the 22nd of November) but I have thought about multiple chapters I could visit, along with our Colony at South Dakota State University and National Headquarters. I will keep you posted on my travel plans through the Midwest District Notes and the listserv, but I don't plan on finalizing anything for a couple of months.

In closing I would like to say that I'm looking forward to being your MWD President. I think the rest of the officers and I have some good ideas and will lead the district well throughout the upcoming year. I would also like to encourage anyone to contact me at any time. I have an open inbox that I check regularly (mwdpres@kkpsi.org). You don't have to have a question, a problem, or need something to drop me a line. Feel free to email me at any time.

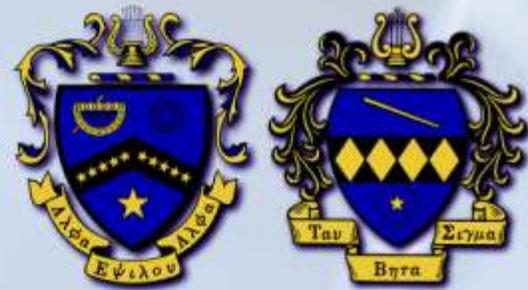
I hope everyone has a great school year and look forward to leading the district throughout the upcoming year.

ITB,
Todd Halling
MWD President

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Letter from Jason Dornbush (MWD President)

Hello MWD,

Well, the start of another year is upon us and the District Council of Tau Beta Sigma is hard at work. This year we are trying a few new things to make The District run a little better. We now have weekly meetings just to see how things are going with our offices and to make sure that everything is getting taken care of. If you have anything that you would like to bring to our attention please email mwdcouncil@tbsigma.org. Officers are conscientiously working to ensure that this year is the best ever for TBS.

Over the summer the officers met twice in Kansas City with the Kappa Kappa Psi Council. Both officers meeting went well, and we are looking in to future face-to-face meetings. At these meeting we discussed the focus of the councils for the up coming year. This year the focus of the district is district activities and chapter involvement. Last year we created the region days. They will continue and we are always looking for chapters to help host! The purpose of the Region Day is to promote Sisterhood and Brotherhood and build upon our already strong joint relations. We also created a district theme for this year...To Boldly Go... is our theme. With this we hope to promote more and more and more district involvement.

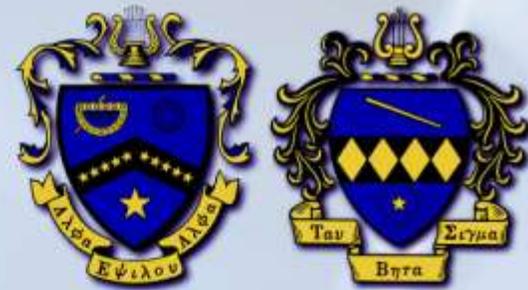
So Get Out and Explore the MWD!

Respectfully Submitted
Jason Dornbush
Tau Beta Sigma - Midwest District President

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Letter from Jennifer Halling (MWD VPSP)

Hello Sisters and Brothers!

My name is Jennifer Halling and I am serving as your Vice President of Special Projects this year. The other District Officers and I have been working together since the beginning of the summer talking about the many projects we would like to pursue over the course of this year.

I am a senior at Kansas State University majoring in Family Studies Human Services once I graduate in May I would really like to work with children, more specifically infant to five year olds. A fact that not many people know is that over the summer I had pleasure of experiencing a life changing event; on May 30th I married the Kappa Kappa Psi District President.

Over the summer both of the District Councils had the opportunity to meet in Kansas City to discuss our plans for the upcoming year. Many of the officers have decided to take on independent projects to help better what will be left behind for next year's council. When I was looking through my box I noticed that our District History hadn't been updated in nearly a decade. One of my goals is to update the Midwest District History by the end of this year. During the spring semester I hope to make a weekend trip to National Headquarters to see what I can dig up.

I also have the pleasure of being in charge of all of the awards that your chapter can apply for at convention. As of now I am still going to make the due date one month before convention takes place. I would really like to see more chapters apply for awards this year. I hope to have the awards packet on the District web site before the fall semester is over. If you have any questions about the awards you can apply for and the criteria please don't hesitate to email me!

In closing, I am really looking forward to hearing from all of you through the course of this school year. I am going to post what I have of the Midwest District History on the website soon. If your chapter has time to look through it and can help me fill in some of the gaps please email me at mwdvpsp@tbsigma.org. Once again if you have any questions about awards please drop me a message.

In the Bond,

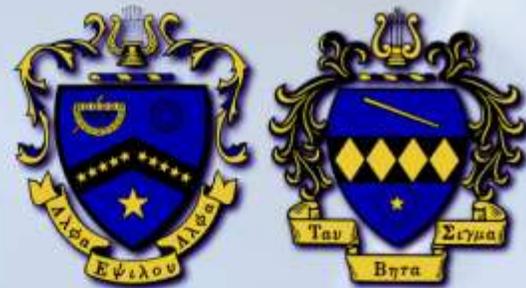
Jennifer Halling

VPSP

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Letter from Stacy Laue (MWD VPM)

Hey Midwest District!

I hope everyone's semesters are going well and having a great time in band. I have enjoyed seeing all my sisters again and getting to know the newest members of our band. Summer time is fun, but my favorite part of returning to school is spending time with my sisters.

If you haven't seen The Midwest District Beat yet, I highly recommend you take a look at the newest form of communication from your very own district officers. If you are in charge of membership education or retention, this publication would be a great resource from you. Our goal is to use this as an educational resource for you. We will include the latest happenings in the district, some fun projects/activities you can do with your members, membership education help, and photos of what your district officers are doing for you. I'll be sending out emails every month as a reminder. You can find "The Beat" online at www.kkytbs.org/mwd. Look under the documents tab or you find it next to our officer information.

One of my goals this year is to collect all the membership education programs from our district and make them available online for everyone in the district to see and hopefully take away new ideas for their own education programs. This is a joint effort of both KKY and TBS district officers. You can send your programs via email or snail mail.

If you would like to host a district officer for a weekend or a Saturday night, please let me know. I'd love to make a trip to your chapter and learn more about you. If you would like help with membership education activities or anything else, I would be more than willing to help. Give me a call, let's set a date, and I'll be there. Hurry, though, I've all ready had a few chapters book me.

Have an amazing semester and I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

LITB,

Stacy Laue

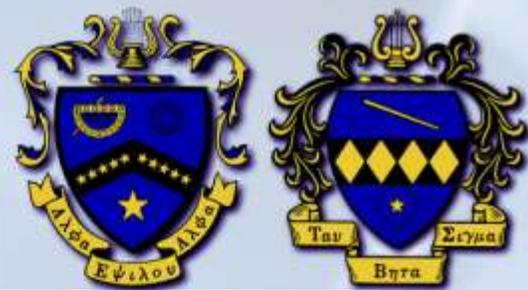
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Kappa Kappa Psi Counsel for meeting in Kansas City



Tau Beta Sigma Counsel for meeting in Kansas City

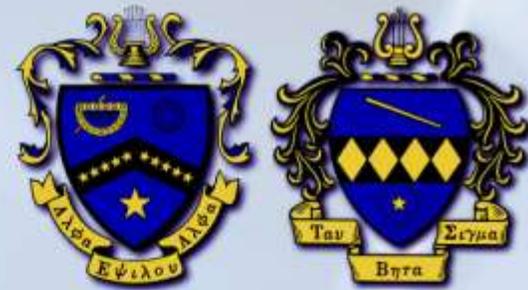


Members of the Midwest District in attendance at National Convention

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Letter from Jennifer Miller (MWD Sec/Treas)

It is now approaching the second week of classes for the University of Northern Iowa, but it is the third week for those who are in marching band! This is my second fall semester as an active member and is also my first fall semester in which I am not in the marching band. At first, I didn't think that this would have an impact on my involvement in my chapter's sorority, but I have found that it really does! I have always known that one problem that we have been faced with as a chapter is reaching out to other bands. All of our social recruitment activities are held right after marching band rehearsals, which is good for the marching band students, but can be very inconvenient for others. To try to change this and boost our numbers, we have made it our goal to reach out to all of the bands. We talked in one of our meetings on how to deal with this problem and have come up with the following.

After talking to other chapters about how to deal with this problem, my chapter (Zeta Nu) has decided to hold Band Unity events once a month that would be for all those that are in some sort of band program. It would just be a time for everyone to socialize and meet with each other and would also be a great way to get our chapter's name out among the bands. I know some activities we have planned include Go-Karting, bowling, and going to a haunted house just to name a few. If this idea is of interest to your chapter, some very important things to do would include advertising really well and look very closely at your school's calendars to make sure there isn't a concert coming up for any ensembles. Also making sure those who want to go have rides will also be a good idea. I have heard that this has had great success at the Kearny chapter and feel that we will have success as well.

Another problem that I have noticed with our chapter is the lack of people involved who are music education majors. This really isn't a problem, but seeing that it is a music sorority, getting more involvement from those interested in going into music could be a valuable thing. Plus, getting their involvement automatically means getting involvement from other ensembles in which as future members, they can then go and recruit from. I feel that some reasons why music education majors wouldn't join would be because they either feel they don't have time, or think that servicing the bands they are required to be in doesn't sound like a good use of their time. One thing to really mention then if you have music education majors who are interested in joining would be very valuable for them later is the amount of organizational skills and leadership skills in dealing with bands that can be gained from joining this organization and that our purpose is to grow leaders to support the bands. It can also be a great advantage for them to actually see and deal with administrative functions such as fundraising, possibly managing uniforms, and purchasing needed but often forgotten items that are essential for the band.

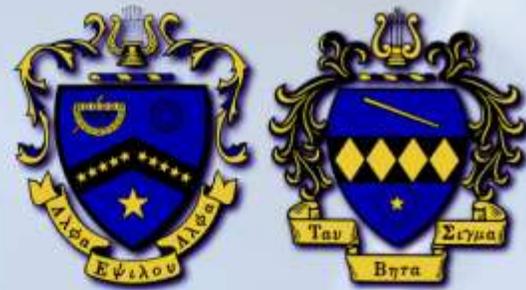
I will definitely keep you all informed as to how these ideas have worked out for our chapter as the year progresses. Here is hoping that all of your chapter's endeavors will be successful this semester as well! Keep in contact with all of the other chapters and let us know new ideas that your chapter has been implementing so we can build each other up for success!

Jennifer Miller
MWD Sec/Treas
TBS- Zeta Nu
University of Northern Iowa

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Counselor's Corner

A New Biennium!

Another summer and national convention have come and gone, and now we're all back to school/marching band/meetings/studying/service projects...whew! So much to do and so little time! I want to encourage you to get this biennium off to a good start! I know that all of our Midwest District Chapters do some fabulous things throughout the year, but in order to be recognized at National Convention for the Chapter Leadership and other awards, every chapter needs to be sure to get all required documents in on time – for the entire biennium! Please make it your goal to be sure this happens for your chapter! Ensure that you allow time for your Sponsor to look over them and sign them (if necessary) in plenty of time to mail them before the deadlines. Below is a quick reference list of these dates for the entire year.

I don't have to worry about those! That's the Chapter President's job...isn't it?

Well, no, not exclusively. Yes, most forms require the President's signature, and in most cases the President will fill them out...but I would like to encourage each of you to ensure that your Chapter President is aware of the National Deadlines, as well as your chapter's eligibility for all National and District Awards. After all, you are a contributing member of your chapter. Don't you want to know if your chapter is meeting its obligations? Hold your Chapter President responsible for making sure these deadlines are met!

Also, make sure you **KEEP A COPY** for your chapter files. When sending money, write a CHECK (**never** send cash) and be sure to **request "Return Receipt"** from the Postal Service - or any option that confirms delivery of your money!

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 15: Annual chapter fee and dues for each Early Bird Deadline member due to National Headquarters (NHQ)

*Did you know...chapters that submit by the Early Bird Deadline automatically receive certificates!
(Okay, so perhaps you missed that but there is still time for...)*

SEPTEMBER 30: Annual chapter fee and dues for each member must be submitted no later than this date!

Did you know...chapters that submit on time are eligible to apply for a National Service Certificate! Also, this is the easiest way to raise funds for the district. A portion of your dues goes into the district account!

OCTOBER 30: Member dues & chapter fees submitted this late must now include 25% late fee

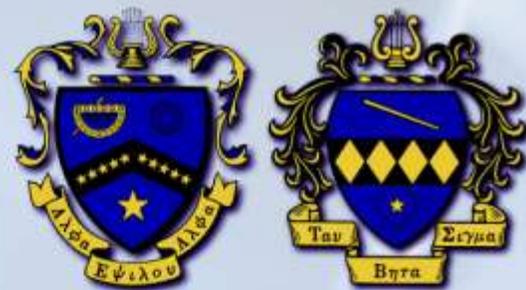
NOVEMBER 1: Articles for our National Publication, *The Podium*, must be submitted

DECEMBER 1: Postmark deadline for Fall Activity Report

Chapter Presidents should complete this report, and submit to sponsors for approval and signature in time to meet deadlines

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DECEMBER 1: Deadline for TBS Awards: Outstanding Service to Music, Paula Crider, Wava Banes Turner, Johnnie Vinson, Chapter Sponsor, Service Certificate, and Baton applications
(<http://www.tbsigma.org/awards.html>)

JANUARY 30: Review member's academic achievements and apply for awards ([Link to Form](#))

APRIL 16-18, 2010: Midwest District Convention in Boulder, Colorado!

MAY 1: Articles for our National Publication, *The Podium*, must be submitted

JUNE 1: Postmark deadline for Chapter Summary Reports and TBS Scholarship applications. Also review member's academic achievements and apply for awards.
(<http://www.tbsigma.org/images/JointAcadAchievApp.doc>)

THINGS TO REMEMBER

CHAPTER EMAIL ADDRESS: All chapters have an email address reserved for them. Please make sure your chapter takes advantage of this opportunity. Contact National Headquarters for more information. (kkytbs@kkytbs.org)

CHAPTER DIRECTORY: All chapters should check this regularly, to ensure that NHQ has the most current info. Change form available within the directory. Link from <http://www.kkytbs.org/>

CHAPTER OFFICERS FORM: This form should be completed after officers have been elected. Chapters can do this via the website: <http://www.kkytbs.org/infochange.html>

INITIATE REPORTING: New Initiates and Honoraries should be reported and dues paid to NHQ within 30 days of initiation. Otherwise, late fees apply! ([Link to Form](#))

Don't hesitate to contact your Counselor/Governors/District Officers if you have questions!

Love in the Bond,

Wendy =)

Wendy McCann

TBS MWD Counselor

KKPsi MWD Honorary

wmccann@tbsigma.org

303/981-2928 cell MST

<http://www.kkytbs.org/mwd/>

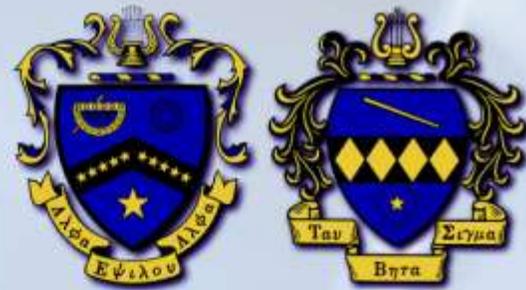
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P.S. Bonus: TBS members...send me a message via Facebook and tell me you read this edition of *Notes* (as long as you really did), and you could win a prize! =) Deadline: October 7th!

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What Happens When Forces Unite With a Common Goal

Happy Marching Band Season to all from Tau Beta Sigma-Theta Mu and Kappa Kappa Psi-Iota Psi! We hope all of our sisters and brothers are off to a fabulous start to another successful marching band season, we definitely are! This wonderful start is due to two terrific directors, Dr. Neil Schnoor and Dr. Gary Davis, a fabulous color guard instructor, an outstanding drumline instructor, two amazing drum majors, an awesome leadership team, and a phenomenal freshman class. However, most importantly, our incredible take-off is because of the close relationships our band formed during week one.

The University of Nebraska at Kearney "Pride of the Plains" Marching Band season began for the color guard, drumline, and leadership team on Thursday, August 13, the rest of the band arrived on Saturday, August 15, and ended for all on Thursday, August 20. This week is exhausting, yes, but it's also very beneficial to the band because, although the days are very long and we get little sleep, this one week is equivalent to a month of rehearsals after classes start.

During band camp '09, Theta Mu and Iota Psi teamed up to welcome all returnees back and welcome the new into their new "family." Following evening rehearsals on Sunday, the first full day of camp for the whole band, Theta Mu held their annual Welcome Wagon, where they visited band members in their dorms, gave them door decorations, and welcomed them personally.

Monday, the band began work at 8 in the morning until about noon and then broke for lunch, which was paid by the university. After rehearsals were done for the day, Theta Mu and Iota Psi jointly held a BBQ and Game Night at University Lutheran. We grilled hot dogs and had chips and cool beverages. We enjoyed games of catch, hacky sack, Apples to Apples®, and mingling and conversations.

Tuesday evening, we held the traditional band camp dance. The dance was held in the gym; we hung icicle lights and had a sister and brother DJ the event. Every year the dance is proven to be a wonderful way to kick our feet up and dance the night away with others in band.

Theta Mu and Iota Psi didn't schedule any events for the last two days of band camp due to the schedule of those days. Wednesday night was a twilight rehearsal to finish up setting the last song of the halftime show in the cool evening air. Thursday was the final day of band camp and the band performed in the annual band camp exhibition that evening.

So as you can see, TBΣ-ΘΜ and ΚΚΨ-ΙΨ, strive to unite our band during the first week of rehearsals to set the foundation for a successful marching season. We know that all of your bands are successful and we hope that you place band unity high on your priority list and know that it benefits your band for the whole year!

Good luck to you and your bands for the marching season and the fall semester!

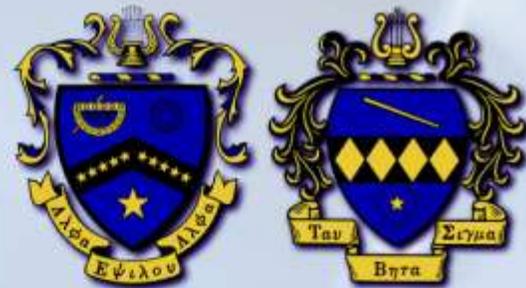
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Apply and Earn!

Nicole Burdick, NVPCR

Do you know about all the awards Tau Beta Sigma has to offer? I'm sure many of you have glanced at the list on the website, or have seen the awards listed in the Chapter Operations Handbook, but have you read the list carefully? While there are many prestigious awards, such as the Wava Banes Turner Award, and the Stanley G. Finck Award, there are also other awards that you can easily earn.

There are several awards that can be applied for year-round and do not have specific deadlines. These include: F. Lee Bowling Musical Excellence Award, the "For Greater Bands" Award, and the Auxiliary Award.

- ★ The **F. Lee Bowling Musical Excellence Award** is awarded to students in a pre-secondary school that have demonstrated excellence in a school band program. Chapters can request the award via Supply Order Form.
- ★ The **"For Greater Bands"** Award recognizes outstanding musicians in college band programs. This award can be requested by chapters or your Director of Bands by filling out the Awards Application and submitting it to National Headquarters.
- ★ The **Auxiliary Award** is for individual visual performers who are enrolled or actively participating in a music-related group. This can also be requested by chapters or your Director of Bands by filling out the Awards applications and submitting it to National Headquarters.

In addition to the awards that can be earned year-round, there are also several awards that have deadlines on December 1st. These awards are the Paula Crider Award, The Service Certificate, and the Baton.

- ★ The **Paula Crider Award** is awarded to band directors distinguished in the field of university bands. To receive this award, the nominee must have supported TBΣ, its ideals, and its purposes. Chapters can send nominations for this award to National Headquarters using the Awards Application on the national website. Nominations will be reviewed by the National Council.
- ★ The **Service Certificate** can be awarded to any chapter. For this award chapters must meet all reports and fee deadlines, as well as complete a special project that benefits the band program directly. Chapters must submit an application for the award, on the national website, and include an endorsement from their Director of Bands.
- ★ **The Baton** is awarded to student leaders who have made outstanding contributions for the Sorority. Nominations can be submitted for either December 1st or June 1st deadlines. Individuals and chapters can send nominations for this award to National Headquarters using the Awards Application on the national website. Nominations will be reviewed by the National Council.

Lastly, there are academic awards that can be applied for following the end of an academic term: Top Chapter Scholar, Outstanding Academic Achievement, and the Chapter Certificate of Academic Achievement. All three awards can be applied for using the Academic Achievement Program Application.

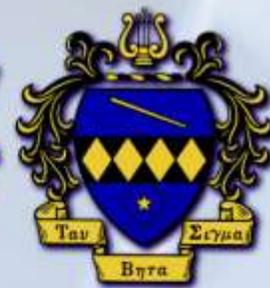
- ★ The **Top Chapter Scholar** is awarded to the active member with the highest GPA in the chapter for a given academic term.
- ★ The **Outstanding Academic Achievement Award** recognizes individuals who achieve a 3.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) or better for an academic term.

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- ★ The **Chapter Certificate of Academic Achievement** is awarded to chapters whose active members achieve a cumulative 2.75 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) or better for an academic term.

As you can see, there are several awards that you and your chapter can earn. Many of them only require for you to take the time to apply! All the forms and applications can be found on our National Website, www.tbsigma.org. What are you waiting for?

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Tau Beta Sigma *National Programs*

National Historian/History and Archives Committee

Through the Leadership of the National Historian, Lisa Croston, the History and Archives Committee have worked diligently to organize, preserve and protect the history of Tau Beta Sigma. Stage one of the project was completed earlier this year with the purchase of Acid-free boxes for the Petitioning documents of our Active and Inactive chapters. The committee is currently cataloging and organizing the historical documents of the Sorority and accepting contributions towards new shelving and fireproof cabinets to be placed in Stillwater station.

Women in Music Speaker Series

Women In Music Program seeks to connect the active membership of the sorority to successful women in different musical fields and expose them to the multiple aspects and paths available through music. Past speakers have included music therapists, professional performers, band directors, conductors, music education professors, composers, jazz musicians, military band members, and women in various other musical careers. Most recently at the 2009 National Convention, Dr. Jill Sullivan spoke on the History of Women in Bands which connects musical performance and Historical research. These speakers educate, share, and inspire our membership to continue in serve to music. Women In Music Speakers are part of all National and District Conventions.

Scouting for Music

Scouting for Music was developed to encourage local chapters of the Sorority to work with local youth to bring music into their lives by working with area Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops. Chapters should begin by establishing contact and creating relationships with local Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops to offer assistance music badges and other music related activities.

To find information on Scouting and find a Girl Scout or Boy Scout troop near you go to:

Girl Scouts of the USA- www.girlscouts.org and go to "Find a Council"

Girl Scouts of the USA
420 Fifth Ave.
New York, NY 10018-2798
(800) GSUSA4U
(800) 478-7248
(212) 852-8000

Boy Scouts of America- www.scouting.org and go to "Find a Local Council"

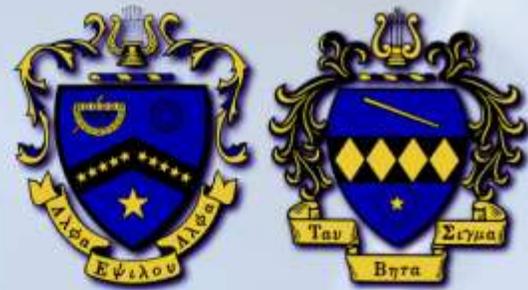
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, TX 75038
(972) 580-2000

Composing Our Future: A Songwriting Project

Established during the 2007-2009 biennium, *Composing Our Future* was initiated to add songs to the repertoire of the Sorority and to highlight the talent and creativity of our membership. Original compositions were submitted to the National VPSP and the Affirmations, and original work by the Tau Beta Sigma Chapter at Syracuse University, was selected to be added to the official Song book of Tau Beta Sigma. The Program will continue this biennium with the theme to be announced in the near future.

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Mentoring Program

The Tau Beta Sigma Mission Statement promotes the advancement of women in the band profession. In an effort to uphold this ideal of the Sorority, we have developed a Mentoring Program, pairing music education students or new teachers with practiced, experienced music teachers in their area. In a partnership with Women Band Directors International (WBDI), Tau Beta Sigma will create a solid, mutually beneficial relationship between novice music educators and practicing teachers. In developing these ties, Tau Beta Sigma members will gain valuable insight, become more effective teachers, and have a positive support structure early in their career.

National Intercollegiate Band

The National Intercollegiate Band Program of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma was established in 1947 by Dr. F. Lee Bowling. The first NIB Concert was held at the 14th Biennial Convention in 1947 at Oklahoma A and M College (now Oklahoma State University) in Stillwater, Oklahoma. It featured 125 select student musicians from more than 16 colleges. The program from this concert featured eleven musical selections and ten different conductors -- including Bowling, Charles Wiley, Hugh E. McMillen, J. Lee Burke, William A. Scroggs, and Dr. Bohumil Makovsky. The concert opened with John Philip Sousa's famous march, Semper Fidelis, always faithful. The National Intercollegiate band continues to be the highlight of each National Convention with a diverse group of talented student musicians from all over the country performing to music lovers and Fraternity and Sorority members alike.