

# MIDWEST DISTRICT NOTES

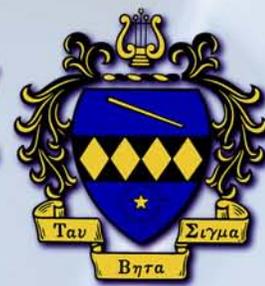
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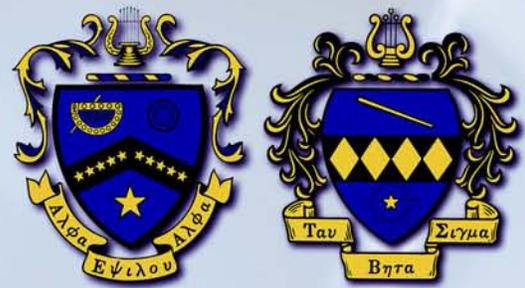


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## HEY MIDWEST DISTRICT!

The Zeta Nu chapter here at the University of Northern Iowa has had a busy and very exciting end to our school year. This past semester our chapter, along with the help of our brother chapter Eta Pi, has started planning fundraisers to purchase garment bags for our MB uniforms.

The Zeta Nu chapter had all of our members attend district convention in KS. We were especially pleased to see three of our new members attend convention and excited to be involved with Tau Beta on a larger level.

After convention we began our nominations of officers for the next school year. This is never an easy decision as we have many qualified members excited to get more involved with Tau Beta, but I would like to take a minute to recognize both last years and this coming years officers.

Old officers are as follows:

- President: Jason Dornbush
- Vice President: Jennifer Miller and Rachel Israel
- Secretary: Jacob Wessling
- Treasurer: Larry Kirkland
- Corresponding Secretary: TJ Haislet
- Ritualist/Sgt. at arms: Justin Simmons

We appreciate all of these officers contributions to our chapter and their efforts in serving their positions. We would especially like to take the time thank you for all the work that you have

New Officers are as follows:

- President: Rachel Isreal
- Vice President: Justin Simmons
- Secretary: Jennifer Miller
- Treasurer: Jacob Wessling
- Corresponding Secretary: Jason Dornbush
- Historian: Tiffany "Jo Jo" Bullard
- Parlimentarian/Sgt. at arms: Ann Davorsky
- Ritualist: Jacob Dornbush

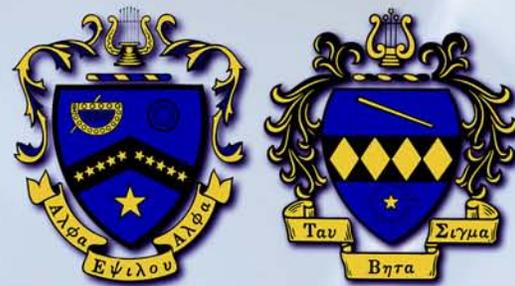
Our officers are very excited and have lots of great new ideas for next year. We would like to congratulate them on their future successes in these offices.

Before I conclude I would like to also take a minute to congratulate Zeta Nu's newest alumni:

- Larry Kirkland

We hope that everyone has a fun/relaxing/safe summer and the Zeta Nu chapter will be looking forward to seeing you ALL at the 2010 district convention in CO.

Jason Dornbush  
Corresponding secretary  
Tau Beta Sigma-Zeta Nu



### **KAPPA DELTA YEARLY HAPPENINGS**

The Kappa Delta chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi keeps very busy each year. We make it our personal goal as a chapter to make sure the bands have it as easy as possible. Each fall semester we start out by helping all the freshmen, aka "rookies," move in for marching band camp. We all spread out to all the different residence halls and wait for them to pull in. We unload their stuff with their parents and give them a proper Bearcat welcome. After we help the rookies move in, we set up everything we will need for rehearsals both outside and in. We provide water and entertainment in the evenings to help the rookies get to know each other and the rest of us.

We keep up the year by continuing to arrive to rehearsal anywhere from 30-15 minutes early to set up the field with yard markers and podiums for the marching band. We strive to be leaders in the marching band, which just happens to be the largest student organization on campus. During game days, we arrive before everyone else and leave after everyone else just to make sure that everything is in place and everything is put away. Game days can be hectic for everyone, and we feel it is our job to help things run more smoothly. The chapter transports ladders, podiums, coolers, boxes of apples, and during the end of the season when it gets cold....hot chocolate and apple cider. Game day gives our chapter to shine even behind the scenes.

We also set up and tear down for our premiere wind ensemble in the falls. The wind symphony consists of around fifty members, with Kappa's making up at least half of that. Each rehearsal provides us with an opportunity to prepare chairs, stands, and percussion equipment for the ensemble. The Vice President of Service (VPS) creates a set-up chart at the beginning of the year for who is on set-up for each week, that way we are ensured the ensemble's space is always prepared and waiting for them. Concerts provide us with an opportunity to transport instruments, chairs, and stands to the performance hall via truck.

During the spring, the marching band is replaced with a university ensemble that had more than 120 members this year. The chapter replaces our duties of the marching band with the symphonic band. This simply requires a larger scale set up similar to what we do for the wind symphony.

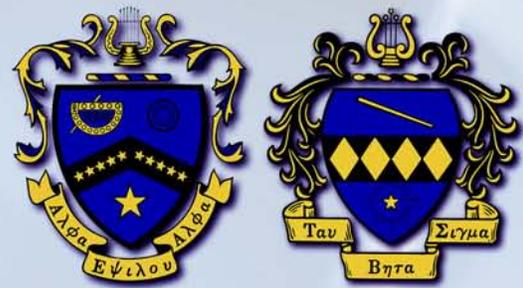
We, as a chapter, have many fundraising events throughout the semesters. One of our favorite fundraisers is lollipop sales. We purchase suckers from Ozark Delight and sell them for a small profit during contests held by the school. This has been particularly successful this semester, and we sell out every time we bring them. Another fundraiser we have is providing apparel for our marching band. We sell the required shirts, hats, and gloves at a small profit each fall. This makes us a small portion of what we need to run as a chapter. The other major fundraiser we have each year is window washing. We go to local business and spend a day washing windows for donations. Along with all of these annual events, we also place many smaller scale fundraisers in place.

We have many service projects each semester. Our VPS takes us to 2-4 local schools each semester and we play at either the football or basketball games with the high-school pep-bands. This encourages the students to continue to participate in band, and we have had many members join our very own ensembles here at Northwest that were part of those high school bands. They tell us how inspiring it was to play with experienced players that were so full of energy and spirit. If there is one thing our chapter has it is just that, spirit. They are always willing to go above and beyond to help out in any way they can. This was the case when the music librarians asked the chapter to build some shelves for the every expanding library. Seven brothers showed up on a Saturday morning with their own tools ready to help build the much needed shelves. Within a couple of hours the brothers produced a set of shelves for the library that would provide the necessary space to keep the library running smoothly and efficiently.

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Brotherhood is very important in our chapter. We have very strong bonds that help us work together to provide for our bands. Every couple of weeks we take a night to spend time together and play some games or go out to eat. This gives us the opportunity to stay close and maintain relationships that will last for a lifetime. When you are this close to your brothers, it makes working together so much easier and productive.

This year we held our second annual Kappa Konzert. This is an event we started last spring that gives us, as a chapter an opportunity to showcase our musical abilities to the rest of the university. This year we invited members of the other music fraternities to join us in our night of music as well. Phi Mu Alpha and Sigma Alpha Iota helped us to present eight wonderful songs to our audience. Twice weekly practices provided us with a chance to work with the other organizations to present music that we could be proud of. We also invited Honorary Members of our chapter to join us and were ecstatic to receive one reply from a very busy man who brings so much to the university ensembles, Mr. Mark Reinig.

The chapter hosts a junior high band festival each spring. This year we had another successful year that provided local bands with the opportunity to showcase what they had been working on for three very well known judges. This is usually a fundraiser for our chapter, but this year we were doing well to get bands at the event due to a change in date of the festival. Next year we will know that this weekend is probably not the best for schools, and our attendance will sky-rocket once more.

We had our smallest spring class go through in years this semester. We started out with six prospective members and sent four through third degree. Though we didn't have 10-15 members like normal coming in, the new members are quality leaders that will provide our chapter with unique service opportunities in the future.

This is not all the chapter has done this year, but it just starts to show how dedicated the chapter is to the success of our bands, and our fraternity. The members of the Kappa Delta chapter work hard to ensure the continuing participation in music on a university level. In conclusion I encourage all of the Midwest District to continually strive for the highest!!

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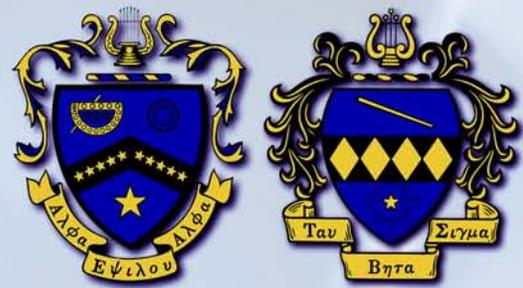
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## HELLO TO ALL MY SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN THE MIDWEST DISTRICT!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful semester and is now enjoying a relaxing summer. To those of you taking summer classes, I wish you all the best. Convention this year was one of the highlights of my semester. After thinking about becoming a district officer for almost a year, my dream came true as I became the new Tau Beta Sigma MW District Vice President of Membership. I can't tell everyone how excited and honored I am to serve our district.

Since I was not able to meet every sister and brother at convention, I thought I might take the time to introduce myself. My name is Stacy Laue and I am a sister of the Theta Mu chapter at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. I was initiated in 2005. This will be my fifth year in the sorority. I am planning to graduate next spring with a major in English education and journalism. I have two cats who reside at my parents' house named Shadow and Alex. They can be sweet cats until you play with their food. In my free time, when I am not studying, my favorite things to do are read and ride horses.

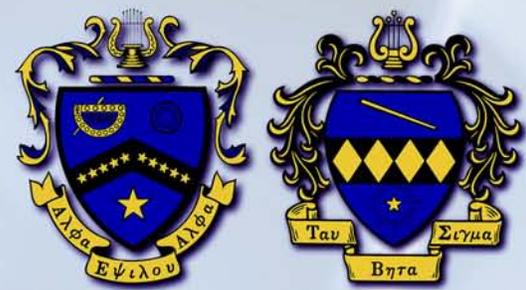
This year, I hope to serve the district as best as I can. Keep a lookout this summer for some cool new additions to our district website from the council. Last year, the TBS officers published frequent articles about a variety of subjects called the Midwest District Resource. We plan to continue this again this year, but it will be called The Midwest District Beat. The Beat will include articles from all four TBS officers as well as some tips for membership education, upcoming reminders, and a few fun facts. The first will be coming out within the next month, so keep a look out for it.

Have a great summer and if you are ever in Nebraska, stop by Kearney and say hi!

LITB,  
Stacy Laue  
MWD VPM  
TBS-Theta Mu  
University of Nebraska-Kearney

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## DISTRICT SECRETARY TREASURER

This year is my first year serving as a District Officer for Tau Beta Sigma and I am thrilled to be a part of the team! I have decided to share a little information about myself with you as well as give you my goals for this school year so you will know a little more about what is going on within the District Council. I have just finished up my second year as a Music Education Major at the University of Northern Iowa and have been a part of Tau Beta Sigma for that same period of time. It was my first semester of college when I joined and I remember seeing how much Tau Beta Sigma had helped the bands and also remember seeing the bond within the chapter and wanted to be a part of that.

The Zeta Nu chapter contained many older members at that time and graduated many members at the end of the 07-08 school year. Having them to work with was a great experience for my Tau Beta Sigma class to then learn a lot of the history of Tau Beta Sigma and discover how things are handled within the chapter especially when hosting District Convention. This past year, we have had a very big turnaround. A lot of our members are now new, but we really remembered what we had been taught and were quick to learn and had a lot of guidance along the way. During this past year, I had the opportunity to be Vice President of the chapter. I would say that holding an office position this year really gave me a desire to do more within the sorority. That is why when the opportunity arose this year at Convention for me to take this position, I did. Having our chapter's President, Jason Dornbush, serve as District President throughout the course of the 08-09 school year kept me aware of how much work would be going into a District Office position. It has been a bit over a month now since I have been the District Secretary Treasurer and I can gladly say that I am enjoying it and am still willing to make the time commitment.

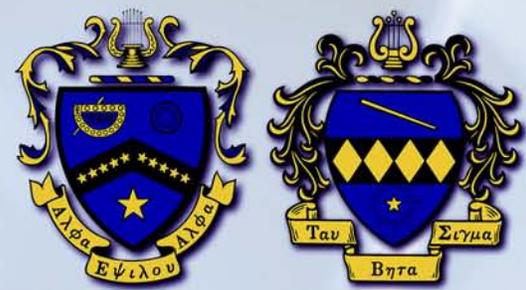
For our first District Officers meeting, Jason wanted us all to set goals for ourselves and for the Council for the year. Amanda, the former Secretary Treasurer, kept things very organized within the Secretary/Treasurer position. Her organization allowed for a very smooth transition for me in April. There were a couple of glitches, but she was always very willing to help. My goal will be to maintain this good sense of organization within the position. So far this has been going fairly well! I am also hoping to go to as many Tau Beta Sigma functions as I can during my time as a District Officer. As far as the Council goes, I want to be continuously looking at what we were charged with from Convention in order to meet all of those charges this school year. Also, I am hoping to help out as much as possible with our Membership Summit this year. I know the Council all shares this goal as well. With the rest of the Council, we can really get things moving and hopefully get more chapters committed to coming in the fall.

So there you have a little bit more information about me and have about what will be going on within the District Council. Feel free to contact me with questions or comments at any time!

Jennifer Miller,  
District Secretary Treasurer

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## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

For those of you who missed my report at District Convention last month, or want to revisit my challenges to you, here's your chance! As I begin my last year as District Counselor (due to term limits and my desire to encourage a new leader in the role of Counselor), I look forward to working with all of you! -WM

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Midwest District,

How did you pick the university that you're attending? Was it because you knew they had a chapter of Tau Beta Sigma? No? Did you join your college band because just so you could join TBS? No? Me either...

You see, in high school band, I was the one that took charge of handing out the plumes at each game, just because I wanted to. I wasn't a band officer, or drum major. I didn't even run for office or audition for...well, anything. Solo and Ensemble Contest for me always meant Woodwind Quintet and Flute Trio...never solo (eww!). I was much too shy for any that. I'd have to talk or worse yet play on my own in front of people! I don't even like to practice where others can hear me! But I didn't hesitate when chairs needed to be set up, or uniforms had to be passed out. It needed to get done, so I wanted to help do it!

In college, I was never much into the party scene. Giggling groups of girls gossiping about hairstyles, fashion, guys and parties was not my thing. I never planned to join a sorority (because that's what all of them are about, right?). But I did want to be in band, so I picked a school where I could join without an audition. Then I learned there was a band sorority. I listened...skeptically. When I learned it was a band service sorority, I was cautiously optimistic – maybe even interested. I had to observe for a semester to see what they were all about before I decided I would actually join. That was twenty years ago.

I've certainly changed a bit over time. Now I have a job where I'm required to speak in front of people - and I enjoy it! I have no qualms about getting in front of TBS members to talk about our organization. (In fact sometimes you have to tell me time is up!) What happened to me? Well, I blame my Sisters and Brothers! Over time I've been presented with opportunities to lead...first a committee, then a "pledge" class, then my chapter. After graduation, I found ways to continue to serve TBS, and this typically meant a leadership role or title accompanied my service. I never would have pursued these opportunities without the encouragement of my Sisters.

In fact, one of the things I love about Tau Beta Sigma is that we provide opportunities for our members to develop their leadership skills at the chapter, district, and national levels. You don't have to be a "Super Sister" to hold these positions. You simply need a love for the organization and the willingness to give your time, attention and skills. If you think "I'm just here to serve my band, I don't want to lead" – think again. Simply by virtue of your membership in TBS, you are a leader – in your band. I hope my story encourages some of you to consider stretching your personal boundaries and considering new leadership opportunities.

This year, I had the chance to work with four outstanding leaders. I want to thank them - your 2008-09 TBS District Council. You may know all of their names, but you may not know their middle names:

Jason "Please enjoy the music while your party is reached" Dornbush

Seanna "Lone Star Cyclone" Callahan

Mackenzie/Mac "Tambourine Chick" Cochran

Amanda "I'm engaged!" Clark

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You are each amazing people, and I have enjoyed getting to know you. Thank you for your efforts this year to strengthen the Midwest District. I look forward to seeing your future success and wish you all the best.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank all of the chapters who supported the district by hosting events, creating our publications, and hosting our convention this year! (Wow Delta Kappa and Epsilon Pi!) Thank you!! Your efforts are truly appreciated! I also owe my gratitude to my counterparts Denali Alt and Anthony Falcone, the staff at National Headquarters, the TBS National Council, and the District Counselor TEAM. There aren't enough words to express my thanks for all you do! Special thanks to my Sister Lisa Croston for being my guardian angel this weekend...and always! And finally, to my husband, John – I just can't do convention without you (so I really miss you this weekend!). You have my hand and my heart, always!

Each year at district convention, I issue a new challenge that I hope you will strive toward. We're collecting quite a list, as challenges from all past years still hold!

- ✓ First, meet at least 10 new Sisters at this convention! This is your weekend to learn and grow in the Sisterhood.
- ✓ Learn and SING the Sorority's songs. Sing often, sing proud, sing together...just sing!
- ✓ Strive to renew the tradition of 100% attendance at district convention; add National Convention to your repertoire in 2009.
- ✓ As we celebrate the 63<sup>rd</sup> year for our fabulous organization take time to preserve *your chapter's history!*
- ✓ Connect with your Sisters – those right next to you and those across the district and nation – active, alumni and Life alike. Let us all work together to strengthen the Bond of Sisterhood.
- ✓ Review your Membership Education Programs and all chapter activities. Examine your traditions to ensure that everything you lead has a positive purpose – a purpose based on the ideals of Tau Beta Sigma.
- ❖ In addition to all of those tasks, I challenge each of you to explore the opportunities available to you as a leader, both individually and as a chapter. Run for chapter or district office! Host a region day! Bid for district convention or publications in 2010! Or even just take the lead in a project for your chapter or as section/squad leader in your band. Take the challenge and grow as a leader!

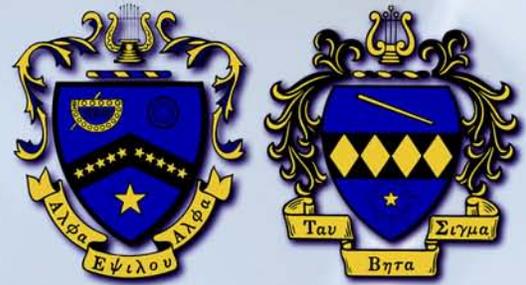
That's it for this edition of Counselor's Corner! Plan now to join me in Phoenix this July National Convention. Keep in touch!

Love in the Bond,  
Wendy- We love you, too! [From the 08-09 TBS MWD Council]

Wendy McCann  
Midwest District Counselor  
TBS Life Member, MWD Honorary  
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TBSAA, KKPsiAA and MWDAA Member

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## BEHIND THE WHEEL OF YOUR DISTRICT SECRETARY/TREASURER

I have made a lot of trips since the 2009 MWD Convention, and I have to say that I am excited to make more. I have visited three chapters in our district so far, Alpha Nu, Alpha Iota, and Alpha Theta. I have volunteered to help other chapters, and ended up at a dog show. Alpha Nu(KKΨ) and Alpha Tau(TBΣ) at the University of Wyoming annually volunteer in Laramie and help with a dog show. I was lucky enough to help out for one of the three days of their service and fundraising. On the first day, they set up the chairs in the arena areas. The second day was when most of the action got to take place with all the dogs, which is the day I got to participate. We wandered around the six arenas and made sure that there were no messes left by the dogs and that there were enough supplies for the judges. The third day was the same, but at the end was the clean up, which was of course the most difficult part of the whole weekend. This chapter has done a wonderful job with helping out the community when school is not even in session.



Laura Yanowich, Kappa Kappa Psi-Xi  
May 25, 2009

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## GREETINGS SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

I hope that as the semester came to an end it was successful. I would also like to congratulate everyone who has been elected to an office, and to send kudos out to everyone who ran. Please remember that a true leader does not need a title to lead and inspire others. During these last few weeks in office the council has been busy. We have discussed goals and started planning activities for this next year. We also have planned summer meeting in Kansas City.

One of our largest goals is improving communication, we want to keep all chapters up to date on district activities, and we hope to do this through video podcast. Watch the list-serv for more info. We also really like hearing about all of the stuff that you guys are doing. Please utilize the list-serv to keep us and all the chapters informed of your activities.

I also want to take some space to share the DO Contact information. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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I wish everyone a wonderful summer and cannot wait to see some of you in Arizona at National Convention!

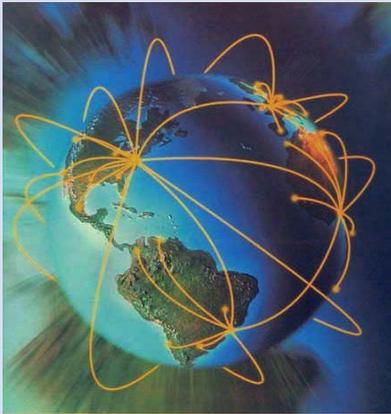
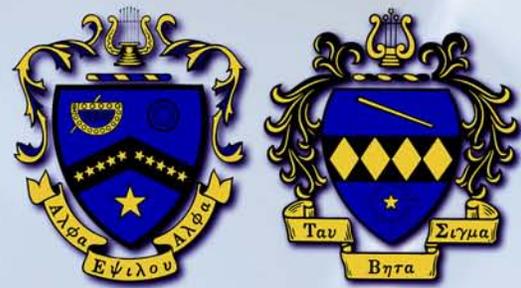
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MWD President

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## Tau Beta Sigma Technology Tools

Deena Smith, VPCR  
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Hello Midwest!

I hope the summer is treating you well. Your National Council has a variety of technology tools in place to help chapters, districts, and interested individuals stay in touch with us.

Please take a moment to bookmark these websites for future use:

### Sorority Website

[www.tbsigma.org](http://www.tbsigma.org)

*The Sorority Website contains information specific to Tau Beta Sigma. Learn more about our history, access official documents, and get connected to your Sisters in other districts by visiting the Sorority Website. Links to the Board of Trustees and Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association can also be found here.*

### National Headquarters Website

[www.kkytbs.org](http://www.kkytbs.org)

*Use this website to connect to the National Headquarters in Stillwater, OK. There is Tau Beta Sigma as well as Kappa Kappa Psi information on the NHQ website.*

### National Listserv (Joint)

*The National Listservs are joint email lists for TBS and KKY members. Although approval for listserv participation is limited to verified members TBS and KKY, **NO** secret or ritualistic information should be discussed here. The **moderated** listserv (KKYTBS-L) is for official announcements and discussion of policies and events pertinent to the Sorority and/or Fraternity. The **unmoderated** listserv (KKYTBS) is less formal and open to discussion of all topics.*

#### Join the list

<http://www.kkytbs.org/listserve/faqs/how.htm>

#### Leave the list

<http://www.kkytbs.org/listserve/faqs/quit.htm>

### TBS Vice President for Special Projects Blog

<http://tbsvpsp.weebly.com/>

*This blog is operated by Dawn Farmer, VP for Special Projects. Learn more about the projects & programs of Tau Beta Sigma, and how you can become involved.*

### TBS Vice President for Communication and Recognition Blog

<http://tbs-vpcr.blogspot.com/>

*The blog is operated by Deena Smith, National VP for Communication and Recognition. Learn about the awards and other special recognition you are eligible to receive as a member of Tau Beta Sigma.*



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### TBS on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tau-Beta-Sigma/22395699817>

*Tau Beta Sigma operates an official page on Facebook. Log on today and become a fan to receive our updates.*

### TBS on Twitter

<http://twitter.com/tbsigma>

*Want real-time information about the Sorority? Follow Tau Beta Sigma on Twitter. We will be posting from National Convention to keep our members who cannot attend informed.*



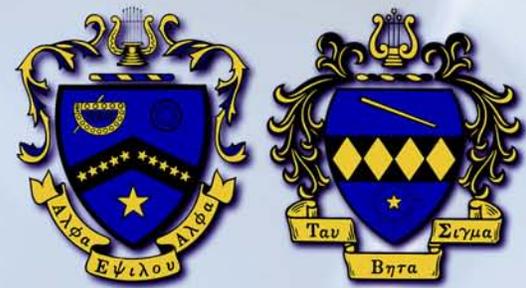
Share this information with your chapters and friends, and figure out which Tech Tool works best in your personal life. As always, you can contact us via email. Send a message to [TBS@TBSigma.org](mailto:TBS@TBSigma.org), and a member of the National Council will respond to you quickly.

Yours in Music to Service,

Deena

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## **BROTHERS OF THE MID-WEST DISTRICT**

It has been a crazy and exciting past couple months. I think the peak of the excitement was most definitely district convention. I am thrilled to be able to serve you, my fellow brothers, as your Mid-West District Vice President. I will be busy a lot over the coming summer as I am taking summer classes and performing at the Colorado Renaissance Festival, but don't hesitate to contact me about anything. I am here for you. I have a big project planned for this year, and with your help it will be a great success. I discussed this project with a lot of you that attended convention, and you definitely seemed to like the idea. More on the MWD MEP Database will be coming out to your Vice-Presidents of Membership over the summer. At this time I am close to completing my Vice President Connections form. I apologize for tons of emails people are getting, but without that information, a lot of what I would like to do may not be possible.

I am so excited for National Convention this summer. I hope to see a lot of you there. Please stop me and say hello if you see me. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer, and good luck in the fall.

Sean Paul Damon  
MWD Vice President  
Kappa Kappa Psi – Alpha Theta  
University of Northern Colorado