



### What is Tau Beta Pi?

Tau Beta Pi is the only honor society that is open to all engineering disciplines. It is the nation's second-oldest honor society, and was founded at Lehigh University in 1885. There are 259 active university chapters, in 16 districts across the country, and a total initiated membership of over 630,000. Tau Beta Pi's creed is *Integrity and Excellence in Engineering*.



### Tell me about your chapter

The Iowa Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Pi was founded at ISU in 1907. Currently, our chapter has around 200 members on campus. Iowa Alpha is one of the most active and awarded chapters in the country. In a normal year we undertake service projects and host social and career-oriented events.

### What does your chapter do?

Our chapter is generally involved in many outreach activities during the school year, including the Pi Mile Run, Adopt-A-Highway and Roller Coaster Competition. These events partner with the local community and middle and high schools in central Iowa.

### What do I get by joining?

Iowa Alpha and Tau Beta Pi offers many opportunities to those that join including: Leadership opportunities, Networking opportunities, Scholarships, Fellowships, Awards, Discounts from Dell and on travel and the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam.

### This sounds great – how do I join?

To join you must show that you possess the following:

- **Scholarship:** The top eighth of Junior engineering students and top fifth of the Seniors and graduate students are invited to join Tau Beta Pi. In receiving this invitation to join, you have already met this requirement.
- **Service:** To allow initiates to demonstrate service, we organize several service opportunities throughout the semester. Initiates are required to donate at least two hours of their time to one or more of these service projects.
- **Leadership:** Iowa Alpha hosts Engineering Futures sessions provided by the Tau Beta Pi Association designed to help foster 'soft skills' that are desired in the engineering profession. Initiates are requested to attend one of the sessions led by a Tau Beta Pi facilitator. This semester the sessions are expected to be held on campus.
- **Dedication:** To show dedication, initiates are expected to attend at least three general meetings of the Chapter during the semester.
- **Character:** Initiates active participation in service projects, general meetings and other initiate activities of the chapter during the semester are a demonstration of their character.

### Do I need to participate in an Initiation Ceremony?

Following completion of the membership requirements, **all initiates must participate in the initiation ceremony to become a Tau Beta Pi member.** This semester the Initiation Ceremony will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 3, 2023 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

### I want to become a member. What do I need to do?

We need to know of your interest in joining Tau Beta Pi. You are invited to attend an Information Meeting on either Wednesday evening, September 20, or Thursday evening, September 21. If you have any questions, please send an E-mail to our Vice President: **Mackenzie Donald**, [mdonald@iastate.edu](mailto:mdonald@iastate.edu), Undergraduate Initiation Officer: **Benjamin Smock**, [bensmock@iastate.edu](mailto:bensmock@iastate.edu) or Nicole Martindale [npm@iastate.edu](mailto:npm@iastate.edu).

## Initiation Activities Planned for Fall 2023



**September 20 and 21**  
**Information Session**



**October 29**  
**Adopt a Highway**



**November 4 or 11 (In person)**  
**Engineering Futures**



**November 5 and 12**  
**Bent polishing**



**December 3**  
**Initiation Ceremony and Banquet**