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Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma, Chapter Sponsors, and Directors of Bands,

Greetings in the bond of service to music! We hope that each of you are doing well and that each of you has found the time during these past summer months to rest and recharge as we move into another year of service to college bands! As we embark on the new biennium, I hope that you all will join me as we engage, serve, and lead as a more purpose-driven organization.

Each of us plays a unique role in Tau Beta Sigma's mission and purpose, and what we do in our individual roles has a ripple effect on those around us. In the next two years, the programming we facilitate on the chapter, district, and national levels should constantly reflect who we are: Tau Beta Sigma, For Greater Bands! I challenge our members to think deeply about our mission and purposes and how you can activate them in each project and interaction with their surrounding community.

As summer band rehearsals and band service projects begin to rev up, the National Leadership Team would like to share some information to assist each chapter with meeting national obligations during the 2023-2024 school year.

Enclosed with this packet is information regarding National Paperwork Obligations and other Tau Beta Sigma initiatives and practices. If you have any questions, please contact one of your District Counselors. A list of District Counselors and their contact information is available at www.tbsigma.org/district-counselors/. Alternatively, you may also email council@tbsigma.org to direct a question to the TBSigma National Council.

For Greater Bands!



Siobhan L. Wilkes Bratcher
National President



OPUS

Announced at the 2021 National Convention, OPUS is our next-generation membership portal which replaces the Online Membership & Reporting System (OMRS). We are pleased to announce that OPUS successfully launched during the 2023 National Convention Banquet and that the OMRS has been retired. Members began receiving login information at that time, and all members should have received login information by August 1. Please ensure you (and all active chapter members) have logged in and updated your information. It is imperative that all members are able to log in to OPUS as we will no longer collect physical signatures for paperwork. Instead, members will receive a notification to log in to OPUS to review and accept the policies in-system. If you have questions about logging in to OPUS, please contact Aaron Moore (moore@kkytbs.org) or Nicole Brooks (brooks@kkytbs.org).

Our OPUS development team members continue their work to migrate all data from the OMRS over to OPUS. If you believe information is missing on your personal or chapter profile, please check back to see if it has been updated. Our priority is to have all initiations, memberships, and officers roles loaded in order for chapters to successfully complete the Chapter Personnel Report. Past chapter forms, as well as awards, will be added over the next couple of months.

Updated training materials for OPUS are in the works as well. This [YouTube Playlist](#) contains OPUS training videos. As new videos are recorded, they will be added to this playlist.



Chapter Personnel Report

The 2023-2024 Chapter Personnel Report for your chapter is now available for submission in our new Online Membership System: OPUS. The names that are pre-populated on this form are members who were Active, Associate, Conditional, or were reported as new initiates during the 2022-2023 academic year. Use the “Members to Add” section for any additional names that may be missing from the list (If a member is transferring to your chapter, please complete the Transfer Member Form prior to submitting your Chapter Personnel Report in order to verify their status, and have their name added to your report. The form can be found [here](#)). If chapters have Initiate Registration Forms that are still pending in OPUS, those will need to be completed before starting the Chapter Personnel Report. Be sure to fill out the membership status of each person listed, even if it is “inactive” or “alumni.” The Chapter Personnel Report also includes an expected graduation date. This field is required for each member reported as Active, Associate, or Conditional. Some other items to remember:

- Prior to beginning the Chapter Personnel Report, please ask each of your chapter members to log in to OPUS to check their name, address, and personal email address (the use of a non school affiliated email address in OPUS is recommended). Each member has their own account and should verify that the correct information is included on their profile.
- Signed signature pages are no longer required when submitting the Chapter Personnel Report. When a completed form is submitted for Sponsor approval, each member listed on the form will receive an email asking them to verify their contact information and acknowledge the risk management terms and conditions. After the approval of the Director of Bands, your reports and forms will show a status of either “Submitted to Headquarters” or “DOB Approved, Pending Collection of Fees”. If the form shows the “DOB Approved, Pending Collection of Fees” status, you will need to verify that all members have acknowledged the policies, at which time you will update the status to “Form & Payment Sent to National Headquarters.”
- Payment, must then be mailed to the National Headquarters or paid online by September 30th for the form to be considered On-Time.
- OPUS will automatically determine whether your submitted forms are to be considered Early, On-time, or Late based on the date that the form is submitted to National Headquarters for processing. If sending by mail, the payment must be postmarked by the deadlines or the status of the submission will be changed to late, regardless of when the online form was set to a status of “Form & Payment Sent to National Headquarters.”



Chapter Personnel Report Cont.

- PAYMENT METHOD FOR OPUS: Payments for the Chapter Personnel Report and/or the Chapter Personnel Update can now be accepted as follows:
 - BY MAIL: Check or Money Order Mailed to National Headquarters with a printed copy of the form payment is being submitted for.
- BY PHONE/FAX: By credit card over the phone when you call National Headquarters at 405-372-2333. All policy acknowledgments must be completed in OPUS before calling.
- ONLINE: By credit card or eCheck ONLINE by clicking on the following link. A PDF copy of the form payment is being submitted must also be attached.

<https://www.tbsigma.org/tbs-form-payment-gateway/>

If your chapter has concerns about making payments on-time for the Chapter Personnel Reports, please submit a [Chapter Assistance Request](#) or contact our National Executive Director, Steve Nelson at: nelson@kkytbs.org, cc'ing council@tbsigma.org.

Officer and Chapter Update Form

If your chapter held elections before August 31, please make sure that the Officer & Chapter Update is submitted and approved no later than August 31. If you hold elections after September 1, please submit the Officer & Chapter Update after the Chapter Personnel Report has a Transaction Confirmed or Transaction Completed status.

Additional Information on Fees and Dues

CHAPTER FEE & MEMBER DUES: During our biennial National Convention, the delegation voted to increase membership and initiate fees by \$15(reflected in the table below). This increase was necessary to offset the costs of insurance increases and to continue to support vital programming for the Sorority. It is encouraged that fees and dues, along with correctly completed forms, be submitted on or before SEPTEMBER 15th* of each year. Chapters that do not complete their online submission and postmark their signed summary page and fees by September 30th will be considered late. The Chapter will be assessed a late fee of twenty-five percent (25%) of the total member dues and chapter fee; see the table below for amounts. Chapters who submit late fees or paperwork may be placed on probation. Chapters that do not pay within 30 days of the deadline will be suspended.



The fee schedule for Tau Beta Sigma is as follows:

	On-Time	Late Fee
Chapter Fee	\$100	\$125
Member Dues	\$130	\$162.50
Initiate & Honorary Fees	\$150	\$187.50

** Chapters at schools on the quarter system should report their dues by October 1 (late fees will be due if the report is submitted after October 15) and will need to include proof from their university of their late starting date.*

Be an “Early Bird.” Submit your completed Chapter Personnel Report online and submit the signed summary page and fees with a postmark of September 15th or earlier and your chapter will receive an “Early Bird 2023” certificate. (Quarter Schools may use a September 30th postmark.) The term “Submitted” in regards to OPUS will be considered the date that the form is stepped to a status of “Form & Payment Sent to National Headquarters” as long as the accompanying fees and signatures are also postmarked by that date.

INITIATE FEES: An Initiate Registration Form must be submitted through OPUS, and the signed Summary Page and fees must be postmarked within thirty (30) days of initiation. Failure to submit the fees within the thirty (30) day period will result in a twenty-five percent (25%) late fee being assessed on the total number of initiates. If the late fee is not included, there will be a delay in processing the initiates; see the above table for amounts.

We encourage each chapter to be proactive in meeting all financial and administrative obligations by the prescribed deadlines and if possible, early. If the National Council can assist your chapter in this regard, please let us know.

If your chapter has concerns about submitting reports or making payments on-time for, please submit a [Chapter Assistance Request](#) or reach out to our National Executive Director, Steve Nelson at: nelson@kkytbs.org, cc'ing council@tbsigma.org.



Tau Beta Sigma Report Due Dates

Form	Due Date
Chapter Personnel Report	Semester SchoolsEARLY: Before September 15LATE: After September 30Quarter SchoolsEARLY: Before September 30LATE: After October 15
Fall Activity Report	December 1
Spring Activity Report (formerly Chapter Summary Report)	June 1
Membership Candidate Registration	Within 7 days of First DegreeReport in OPUS and policy acknowledgments ("signatures") must be submitted to be considered on-time
Initiate Registration	30 days from date of initiation (Third Degree)Dues and policy acknowledgments ("signatures") must be on-time as well as the form and all approvals
Honorary Initiation	30 days from date of initiation (Third Degree)Fees must be on-time as well as the form and all approvals
Chapter Personnel Update	Used for reporting status changes after CPR has been completed. Late fees are applied according to the same deadlines as the Chapter Personnel Report
Graduating Seniors Report	Each term someone graduates *recommended to submit with FAR & SAR
Sponsor & DOB Update	When needed to report a new Sponsor/DOB or a change in their school contact information



2023 National Convention Highlights



National Council



Welcome your 2023-2025 National Council!

Constitutional Updates

Thank you to all of the individuals who submitted amendments to the National Constitution! The updated Constitution will be available on the Tau Beta Sigma website at

<http://www.tbsigma.org/resources> by September 2023. Some notable changes included:

- Changing the name of our Chapter Visitation Assistants to Chapter Visitation Associates.
- Taking out any remnants of paper copies of anything being mailed to our current practice of electronic communication.
- Reflecting the current practice of giving Directors of Bands ultimate decision making for their band program/chapter.
- Reflecting the current practice of placing Chapters who do not pay their dues on time on Suspension, rather than Probation.
- Adding more terminology for the Observation status for Chapters.
- Adding terminology that reflects the current practice of Life Members voting and electing Board of Trustees members.
- Taking out terminology regarding showing membership cards for official events to a Government Issued ID, as membership cards are no longer distributed.
- General grammatical and spelling error corrections.



2023 National Convention Highlights

Chapter Visitation Program

Chapters should expect to be contacted about scheduling either a visit with the chapter this biennium. More information about upcoming visits will be shared with each chapter president, Director of Bands, and Sponsor as they are scheduled, and expect to hear from them in the next month! For a list and of all of our wonderful Chapter Visitation Associates with their bios, check out <http://www.tbsigma.org/cva/>

Tau Beta Sigma DEIA Initiatives

The TBSigma Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Committee (DEIA) has continued working to identify opportunities to further pursue our long term commitment to cultivating an inclusive experience for all Sorority members. This has taken form in some of the following ways:

Tau Beta Sigma Diversity Statement

Tau Beta Sigma is committed to advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in collegiate bands by cultivating an inclusive culture which reflects our diverse membership and organizational ideals. We take action now and will sustain our progress toward these commitments in the future.

We demonstrate our commitment to DEIA by: continuing to educate ourselves; empowering and centering the experiences of members of historically underrepresented populations; fostering an inclusive environment in our chapters and band programs; and acknowledging and responding to the impact that our history has had on our Sorority.

Tau Beta Sigma has a dedicated landing page on the national website for our DEIA initiatives that centralizes resources for accessibility, information about the Sorority's diverse history, and resources for advocacy. The website is now available at www.tbsigma.org/deia. For questions and support from the DEIA committee, email DEIA@TBSigma.org



National Vice President for Membership & Expansion Updates

Our Membership Matters: Reach out for TBSigma Chapter Support!

Welcome to another year of learning, sisterhood, and service to the band! As we are headed into another year, please know that your Sisters have your back and are here to support you this year. If your chapter needs extra support in recruitment tips, membership education plan development, and even educating your new members, please contact our National Vice President for Membership & Expansion, Leslie Gartin (lesler@tbsigma.org), for help. Every member matters, and we are here to help you succeed as an individual and chapter!

Recruitment: Continuing Our Legacy

As a new school year peaks around the corner, Chapters should be in discussion about their recruitment plans for the year. To continue our wonderful Organization, every Active member must do their part to recruit the best and brightest band members at their College or University to continue building better bands! Here's some resources to help guide your recruitment process:

[The Recruitment Resource](#) is a wonderful document created by the current District Vice Presidents for Membership to help shake up your recruitment process.

[The Recruitment Repository](#) is a YouTube Playlist with loads of different ideas for your recruitment.

Any questions, comments or suggestions? Email Leslie and the Curriculum team with your words!

Overture: Tau Beta Sigma's National Curriculum

Overture, the National Curriculum of Tau Beta Sigma, was created to ensure clarity and consistency for Membership Candidates and newly initiated members of Tau Beta Sigma while providing appropriate resources to support Chapter Membership Educators. Below are the significant updates within the 2023-2024 Tau Beta Sigma National Curriculum that chapters can expect this fall.



2023-2024 Overture Updates

- OPUS
 - All references to the OMRS has been replaced with our new Membership Reporting System, titled OPUS.
- New Lessons
 - New information has been provided regarding our DEIA initiatives, new guidance regarding our songs from the Music Education & Musicianship committee, and also providing information about our Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association.
- History
 - The 2023-2024 version of Overture has expanded information on TBSigma History throughout the curriculum to include information on Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs) and other minority-serving institutions where we have chapters of TBSigma.
- More about the Five & Eight
 - Our shared values included in the Eight Essential Factors and Five Qualities have been expanded throughout the curriculum as discussion topics in most lessons and introductory information in Module One.
- Overall Setup
 - The lessons in each module has been reorganized for a better flow and opportunity for mastery from Membership Candidates and their Educator.

To access the 2023 version of Overture Visit: www.tbsigma.org/Overture and use the password to access the document (email overture@tbsigma.org if you don't already have the password). **Please do not share this password with non-initiated members of TBSigma as the Educators Manual includes Ritual Information.**

Membership Education Plan Form

Before ANY member recruitment and member intake, chapters will complete the Membership Education Plan form. Each Chapter Membership Educator should use this form to submit documents that provide information about your Chapter's Membership Education Plan. Activity Requests should detail activities that ARE NOT a part of the Overture Curriculum.

*****NOTE: Only Chapter Vice Presidents or Membership Educators should complete this form.**

If you need further guidance, please email all questions to overture@tbsigma.org. Thank you!



DEADLINES TO REMEMBER:

1. This form should be submitted by August 15, 2023 (for Fall Classes AND Fall Recruitment) and December 1, 2022 (for Spring Classes and Spring Recruitment).
2. Please allow 14 Days for your MEP to be reviewed. You will receive contact from your District Counselors or District VPM for updates and approval.
3. Membership Candidate Registration Form - Due within seven days of completing 1st Degree.
4. Initiate Registration Form and Initiate Fees - Due within 30 days of completing 3rd Degree.

Click to access the submission form: [Tau Beta Sigma Membership Education Plan Submission Form \(2023-2024\)](#).

Stay Connected!

Join the TBSigma Overture Facebook Group to learn more tips on recruitment, teaching the curriculum, and more! To join visit www.facebook.com/groups/tbsoverture.



National Vice President for Special Projects Updates

Join Us on the Tau Beta Sigma Discord Server

What is Discord?

Discord is a free communications app that lets you share voice, video, and text chat with friends and members of various online communities. It has hundreds of millions of users, making it one of the most popular ways to connect with people online. For Tau Beta Sigma, the Discord server is a dedicated place to obtain information, submit programs for consideration for the Focus on Five Campaign, and to connect with members across the country.

Why Discord?

Over the past biennium, Active Members shared challenges with fully participating in the Focus on Five Campaign due to infrequent use of Facebook as a social media platform. In response to this trend among student members, we are shifting away from social media platforms for the Campaign's purpose and toward the dedicated Discord online community and communications server.

How to Join

All members may join the Discord server to see posts and program information. It is a required step for all Chapter Focus on Five Liaisons to participate. To access the server, follow this invitation link or follow the link posted on the Tau Beta Sigma Linktree at www.linktr.ee/taubetasigma. This may prompt you to create a free Discord account.

Once joined and in the server you will be prompted through a series of set-up activities including:

- Selecting your Role (Focus on Five Liaison, Active Member, etc.)
- Review the rules of the server
- Introduce yourself
- Review Campaign information and guidelines

After set-up is complete you can participate on channels with chat threads, text/photo submissions, and voice channels. As the Focus on Five Campaign moves forward we will update the Discord to reflect the needs of the campaign and students.

More Information

Resources on how to use Discord and our server can be found on the Linktree and within the Discord server.





FOCUS ON FIVE

2023-2024 CAMPAIGN

The Focus on Five Campaign was created as a way to guide Chapters toward specific initiatives and activities that fulfill the Mission of the Sorority and its core operations. This biennium we will focus Chapters' work and efforts, reflect all aspects of the Mission Statement, emphasize band participation as participants and audience members, and connect Chapters to learn from one another. At its core, this year's campaign seeks to answer the question, "How does Tau Beta Sigma make an impact on our band, campus, and greater community?"

The **Red Stripe** focuses on ensuring that we are established for the year with regard to our Chapter operations documents, awareness of risk management policies, and enrollment in the Focus on Five Campaign. There are three key steps needed to earn the Red Stripe (deadline to complete and submit tasks is October 15, 2023):

1. Appoint your Focus on Five Liaison and have them join the Tau Beta Sigma Discord server.
2. Email your Chapter Budget & Constitution to your District Counselors.
3. As a Chapter, watch the TBSigma Risk Management Policy Video and complete the "Take a Stand" cards, preferably during National Hazing Prevention Week (September 25-29, 2023). Share a photo of the Chapter's Take a Stand cards in the Discord server.

The **White Stripe** focuses on community development within our Mission Statement. Our community extends from our band program, to our campus, to our greater communities. Tau Beta Sigma's National Programs were created with the specific aim to support various aspects of the Mission. There are two programs that target our engagement within the community: Crescendo and Coda. There are two steps to earn the White Stripe (deadline to complete and submit tasks is June 1, 2024):

1. Host either a Crescendo or Coda event within your community.
2. Share photos (if able based on the community partner's guidelines) and details of the event and answer the questions "How did this event impact our community? What does it mean to our Chapter? How did Tau Beta Sigma make a difference?" in the Discord server.
 - a. If photos are not allowed, complete the appropriate Participation Form located in the TBSigma National Programs Guide and have it signed by an official from the community partner organization.

**Chapters are not restricted to host only one program. However, only one is required to earn the White Stripe.*

The **Blue Stripe** focuses on the empowerment of women in music within our Mission Statement. The Women in Music Speaker series is the hallmark National Program of Tau Beta Sigma. It was created with the intent of giving women in music a platform to speak and share their experience. It is also an opportunity to connect our members, bands, and greater community to these music professionals and to learn from their story. There are two steps to earn the Blue Stripe (deadline to complete and submit tasks is June 1, 2024):

1. Host a Women in Music Speaker Series for your band program, campus, and/or greater community.
2. Share photos and details of the event and answer the questions "How did this event impact our community? What does it mean to our Chapter? How did Tau Beta Sigma make a difference?" in the Discord server.



FOCUS ON FIVE

2023-2024 CAMPAIGN

The **Green Stripe** focuses on cultivating leadership in our Chapter and band community. Developing leadership skills within a band program can greatly enhance the overall performance and success of the group. While there is not a current National Program that focuses on this aspect of the Mission, Tau Beta Sigma can enhance leadership within the band program and community through setting examples of positive leadership and facilitating development events for band members (suggested topics below). There are two steps to earn the Green Stripe (deadline to complete and submit tasks is June 1, 2024):

1. Host a leadership development event for members of the band program.
2. Share photos from the event and answer the questions "How did this event impact our community? What does it mean to our Chapter? How did Tau Beta Sigma make a difference?" in the Discord server.

Suggested topics for the full band include: Effective Communication, Team Building/Collaboration, Goal Setting and Planning, Time Management and Organization, Emotional Intelligence, and Personal Reflection and Growth. Suggested topics for Band Leaders include: Conducting and Leading Rehearsals, Conflict Resolution and Mediation, Decision Making/Problem Solving, and Mentoring/ Coaching.

Members of Tau Beta Sigma are not required to be the primary content presenters/facilitators of the event to earn the Green Stripe. It is encouraged to partner with campus resources including the student activities office, Greek life, or other professional services to bring content expertise and also to connect band members with resources across the campus community. Alumni members in good standing can present with approval from the Director of Bands.

The **Black Stripe** focuses on musicianship and music appreciation, central foci of our Mission, Vision, and Purposes. One of the most important aspects of serving bands is one's ability to contribute positively to each rehearsal and performance as a musician, and one of the best ways in which to contribute positively is to be proficient at your instrument. The For Greater Practice Initiative of Tau Beta Sigma was designed to help Chapter members serve their bands by becoming better musicians through the development of good practice habits, especially with regard to the fundamentals of each member's instrument or auxiliary equipment.

There are three steps to earn the Black Stripe (deadline to complete and submit tasks is June 1, 2024):

1. For at least three months, at least 50% of all Chapters members individually practice for four hours or more. This can be completed with individual or group rehearsal on primary/secondary instruments (including auxiliary equipment). Practice should be tracked for all members using the For Greater Practice Initiative tracking sheet or another preferred method available through your college/university.
2. At the conclusion of the For Greater Practice Initiative tracking, host a mini-recital (either privately as a Chapter or including participation of other band members) to perform selected rehearsed pieces and celebrate one another's progress.
3. Share the completed tracking sheet (or report from school-based tracker), photos/video from the mini-recital and details of the event, and answer the questions "How did this event impact our community?"



FOCUS ON FIVE

2023-2024 CAMPAIGN

The Lyre Pieces are an opportunity to expand the Chapter's involvement in aspects of the Sorority outside of the primary National Programs and Mission-driven initiatives.

The **Left Lyre Piece** focuses on celebration, recognition, and achievement within our Chapters and bands. Tau Beta Sigma offers a number of recognition opportunities to celebrate the musical and academic achievements of our Chapter and band members including the Academic Achievement Program, Service Certificate, and For Greater Bands Award. There is one step to earn the Left Lyre Piece (deadline to complete and submit tasks is June 1, 2024):

1. Submit an application for an Academic Achievement Program award, Service Certificate, and/or For Greater Bands award.*

**Each of these recognition/awards types has specific deadlines during an academic year. Applications that are submitted on-time for the respective deadline will be considered for the Left Lyre Piece.*

The **Center Lyre Piece** connects each Chapter to their District-specific projects and initiatives. Review the steps to earn the Center Lyre Piece for each District (deadline to complete and submit tasks is June 1, 2024):

- Midwest: Attend and contribute discussion questions at least one of two DEIA-focused District events
- North Central: Host an event focused on Chapter growth as part of the NCD Cadenza Program
- Northeast: Complete a service project in line with the "Harmony in Motion" initiative
- Southeast: Conduct a service project as part of the SED "Service Project Swap" Program
- Southwest: Participate each month in the District Photo Challenge
- Western: Host an event with Alumni Members of the Chapter to build connections

Detailed information and requirements for each District Project for the Center Lyre Piece can be found on the national website at www.tbsigma.org/focuson5 and on the TBSigma Discord server.

The **Right Lyre Piece** encourages Chapters to engage with Sorority events throughout the year. During the upcoming academic year there will be a series of events focused on Chapter operations, professional development, and musicianship and band appreciation. These events are made successful by the presence and interaction of members and Chapters from across the country to learn from one another. The tentative calendar of events for this series is available on the Linktree and will be uploaded to the national website. There are two steps to earn the Right Lyre Piece (deadline to complete and submit tasks is June 1, 2024):

1. At least one member of the Chapter is present at at least half of the total National Council-sponsored events. This does not need to be the same member for all events.
2. After the event series has concluded, submit a post highlighting the events that were attended and the attendees' response to the questions "What were the key takeaways from this event? How did the Chapter grow from the experience?" in the Discord server.

Upcoming Events and Programs

TAU BETA SIGMA WORKSHOP SERIES EVENTS 2023-2024

Add these dates to your personal and Chapter calendars!



Jumpstart Operations for the New Year
Saturday August 19, 2023 from 12-3P Central
All Active Members encouraged to attend

Jumpstart aims to review key Chapter Operations functions with regard to paperwork, meeting facilitation, finance operations, membership, and programs. It is also an opportunity to guide Chapters and members to resources available to you.



Women in Music Speaker Series Online
Tuesday October 24, 2023 from 7-9P Central
All Active and Alumni Members encouraged to attend

The Women in Music Speaker Series is the hallmark national program of Tau Beta Sigma. This online presentation will embrace the spirit of the WIMS and bring us together to hear from women in music in our community. More information to come!



An Evening to Celebrate Music
Tuesday December 5, 2023 from 7-8:30P Central
All Active and Alumni Members encouraged to attend

Join members across the country for an evening of music appreciation and celebration of our band programs. We will listen to performances from our bands and Chapters over the past year.



Development & Transitions Workshop Event
Sunday January 7, 2024 from 12-3P Central
All Active Members encouraged to attend

The Development & Transitions workshop event provides resources to members and Chapters to be prepared for transition - whether it is the end of the academic year/officer term or preparation for future work as a leader and professional.



WavaX
Tuesday May 7, 2024 from 7-10P Central
All Active and Alumni Members encouraged to attend

This new event for the Sorority will be a celebration to close the academic year. Similar to a Ted-style event, members will have the opportunity to present ideas and experiences learned over the year. This may include: recital performances, research projects, Chapter initiatives, lessons-learned, and so much more.

Communication and Recognition Updates

Awards

More information about available national awards and certificates can be found at www.tbsigma.org/awards.

Awards for Active Members & Chapters

Due March 1st

- The Baton
- Service Certificate

Due at the end of the Academic Term

- Academic Achievement Program: Top Chapter Scholar Award, Outstanding Scholarship Award, Chapter Certificate of Excellence

Recognition Certificates - All with No Specific Due Date

- Citation of Excellence (Opportunity for Recognition following Summer Band Camps) - Suggested to Give at the Beginning of the Academic Year
- "For Greater Bands" Award for Instrumental and Visual Excellence - Suggested with End of Season Banquet
- Golden Lyre Award - recognition for community band members and partners
- The Briolette Awards for Military Recognition - Suggested for Veterans Day (November) or Military Appreciation Month (May)

Scholarships

All scholarship applications are due May 1st and recipients are awarded **\$2000!** More information about the national scholarships can be found on the national website at www.tbsigma.org/scholarships.

- Tau Beta Sigma National Scholarship for Outstanding Student Leaders: This award honors Active members who have distinguished themselves as outstanding student leaders of Tau Beta Sigma, their band, their campus, and in academics.
- Tau Beta Sigma Patsy Drury Hejl National Scholarship for Outstanding Musical Achievement: This award honors Active members who have distinguished themselves as outstanding musicians during their college career.
- Tau Beta Sigma Wava Scholarship: This award is designed to provide assistance to women who are preparing to enter the field of Music Education.
- Tau Beta Sigma Legacy Scholarship: This award is designed to provide assistance to Active members who demonstrate outstanding business ability within Tau Beta Sigma or their band and is open to applications from women and men in Tau Beta Sigma.

For details on each Tau Beta Sigma Scholarship and to apply online, visit www.tbsigma.org or contact the National Council at TBS@TBSigma.org.

Meet the Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees



To contact the Board of Trustees directly, email trustees@tbsigma.org.



Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Updates

The TBSAA Membership year begins on July 1st each year. It is not too late to remind your new Alumni Members that they can continue their membership journey in TBS by joining the TBSAA at www.tbsalumni.org/membership.



To learn more about the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association go to <http://www.tbsalumni.org> or email tbsaa@tbsigma.org.



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