

The Rhapsody

Note from TBSAA EC

It seems like only yesterday we rolled out the Rhapsody, and here we are on our second issue. Similarly, it seems like only yesterday the Steering Committee was presenting a concept of an Alumni Association to the delegates attending the 2007 National Convention. Two years later, this vision is a reality.

Our next biennium will focus on SERVICE. Now that the foundation has been laid, we face the challenge of building the house that will stand tall for many years to come. It is time to expand our service offerings, develop programs to support our membership, and grow the organization into the premier music service and professional association in the country. The work will be driven by you, the Association Member. So, I challenge you in this issue to consider how you can best serve.

In this issue, Scott McCambridge details our new mentoring program. This is an opportunity for seasoned alumni to help young alumni grow in their careers and develop the professional networks they need. As more experienced professionals, you can gain from a mentee a fresh perspective and different insight, developing a rewarding relationship.

A Challenge

As we race toward Phoenix for a fantastic, fun, educational, and exciting convention I am reminded just how many fabulous alumni members Tau Beta Sigma has in our ranks. It is wonderful to have at least 10 people running for national leadership positions. That is what makes our organization as strong as it is...talented, smart, classy, alumni members who are willing to step up and help.

While setting up our student run committees we still needed great advisors and all I had to do was look at the list of attendees to find out who will be on site. We have sisters attending who have so much knowledge and love for our sisterhood that it's easy to find the right people for the right tasks.

Here comes my challenge....Be that person who "Takes a Stand for Tau Beta Sigma" this biennium!!

Service can be in many forms after graduation, and you will find Marcy Wilhelm's profiles of four of our members quite inspiring and eye-opening on the many avenues available.

Service can also come through lending your skills to a committee. Starting in August, each committee will meet via phone or chat at least bi-monthly. Not only is this form of service a resume builder, it is the opportunity to have a national impact.

Other means to serve: consider becoming a member of the Executive Committee. There are two (2) positions open, and the Candidacy process is detailed on page 4. Take this opportunity to directly influence where this organization goes, not only now, or for the next 20 years.

Most importantly, you can serve by being a member. Through your generous support, we were able to help fund the programs for the NIB Concert this July, which is one of the Sorority's largest service projects. We were also able to secure a corporate grade speaker for all the attendees, which is a rare and unique value-added to attending National Convention.

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There are a thousand ways to be involved in Tau Beta Sigma. We will have at least three counselor positions opening during the next two years due to term limits. There will be opportunities to serve as TBSAA leadership and/or committee chairs and members. We have a history committee that works with our National Historian on the Archives Program. We need future board members and future national council members.

Please consider taking the step to continue your service to college bands through leadership in Tau Beta Sigma. You won't regret it for a moment!! See you in Phoenix!!



Kimbi Sigle
National President

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Alumni News

Please send announcements of weddings, promotions, children, musical accomplishments and other successes to tbsaa@tbsigma.org, attn: newsletter committee and we'll include it in the next edition. Photos are also welcome!

We Need Updated Information

In the next week, you will receive a mailing from the Executive Committee that includes a postage-paid postcard. Please verify the information on this postcard and update your email address.

Of the 250 emails in our database, over 100 were undeliverable. It is critical we are able to contact you with updates on the organization's progress as we launch initiatives and projects.

If you do not have email or prefer hard-copy correspondence, please indicate this on the response card.

The Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Mentoring Program

Give Back to the Active Members through Mentoring

I am reminded each day how critical connections are; from being able to reach out to a friend when I am about to travel cross country or professionally as I am able to draw on previous relationships to build new ones. Anyone that has been looking for a job recently knows how important a network can be to fall back on and help bring you into that next career. The Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association has done a good deal in helping foster the creation of the network between our members. From Facebook to LinkedIn and many of the wonderful workshops and round tables we will have available for you at National Convention. Networking is one of our major areas of focus. If you haven't taken advantage of plugging into the alumni network forming, what are you waiting for?

I quickly realized how beneficial the experience that each of you has as professionals could be to each of the current Tau Beta Sigma chapter members. As they approach the commencement of their college life ready to break into the "real World" having a mentor to answer questions provide feedback on their resume and potentially be a reference for them as they begin to land that first round of interviews can be invaluable. This is why we have begun a TBSAA Mentoring Program. Our hope is through this program we can actively give back to the current student membership of Tau Beta Sigma in a professional way.

We are currently putting the call out to interested Alumni that would like the opportunity to mentor one or more active students. By collecting some basic information from you we will take care of matching you up with an interested student with similar career goals and likely be from your area or looking to work near you. Once matched up is it up

to you and the current student to connect and work together to determine your plan. Some of the tasks you may want to work with them on are things like Career Goal planning, resume creation/editing, introducing them to people in your own network, mock interviews, lunches/dinners etc. The program is designed to allow you and the student the chance to build out the activities that work best for the two of you.

By providing this service we not only give you an outlet to give back to the active membership in a meaningful way, but also help transition

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the current Tau Beta Sigma Student members into their lives as Alumni members. We get asked all the time how an alumni member can give back or to continue to stay connected with the students if they have moved to an area with limited chapters or perhaps not pursuing a music career. We hope the Mentoring

program is one of those ways to connect in a meaningful way. We are not limiting region or Career because like you the current students are diverse and cover all areas of the country and pursue varied career paths.

If you are interested please click here:

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=en&formkey=cDdMenlzcFZ6dFBjamdSZjJMNEl6VWw6MA..>

Fill out the details as best you can on the form and we will be in contact with you as we engage the students .

If you have questions please feel free to reach out to me directly a smccambridge@tbsigma.org. If you are going to National Convention, Track me down!



Scott McCambridge
ExecutiveCommittee

Affiliate News

NEDAA Awards Delegate Grant

One of the biggest projects that NEDAA does is reward delegate and NIB grants for KKPsi and TBS members to attend National Convention.

The TBS delegate grant went to Alicia Papincak from Delta Omega-Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

Other projects the NEDAA sponsors are a keynote speech contest for the annual NED Convention, selling flowers at the NED Convention banquet, purchasing flags for the installation of new NED TBS and KKPsi Chapters, and serving as requested by the Northeast District Councils.



Affiliates -- We want to feature you!

Send details of a recent event, or better, pictures to tbsaa@tbsigma.org.

We want your name in lights in the October issue!



"Note from the EC" Continued

Regardless of how you choose to serve, thank you for being a part of this wonderful organization.

As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions, feel free to contact the executive committee at tbsaa@tbsigma.org.

All my Love,

Chris Vanacore
Chair, Executive Committee
Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association



Staying Involved in Tau Beta Sigma after Graduation: Profiles of Four Sisters

For many sisters, achieving an alumnus status is a step to becoming much less involved with their chapters as well as the sorority in general. However, some sisters become alumni and find that they are still willing and able to remain involved with the sorority. Below, four of these sisters are profiled. Their current involvement with the sorority varies, from the national level to district levels, as well as with alumni associations.

Kimbi Sigle

For Kimbi Sigle, continuing to remain involved after graduation was something she knew was a likely possibility. Initiated in 1988 into the Eta Omega chapter at Fresno State University in California, the current National President recognized that her career in music education would lend itself to continuing involvement.

As an active member, Sigle served Eta Omega as the chapter president for two years, then as the parliamentarian for a year. She also served the western district as the district president for two years. Though she graduated, Sigle didn't doubt she would continue to support Tau Beta Sigma.

"I figured I was done for a while," Sigle said, "(but) I kind of knew I would get involved later on."

In 1998, ten years after being initiated into Tau Beta Sigma, Sigle was appointed to the position of Western District Counselor by

the then National President Debbie Kaplan. For three years, Sigle remained the counselor for the Western District, enjoying her position as the liaison between her district and the national council. She felt that it was a great position because it allowed her to remain involved with the students and put her in a position that allowed her to mentor other sisters, yet also allowed her to have interaction with band directors and have hands-on experiences with them.

In 2001, Sigle decided to pursue a role at the national level.

"Professionally, it's always been very enticing," she said.

However, she was unsure of her timing -- at the time, she was pregnant. Her husband encouraged her to run not in spite of the pregnancy but because of it, explaining that if they had a daughter, she would then get to see Sigle setting an example in leadership development in a sorority.

Sigle served as the National Vice President for Communication and Recognition from 2001 to 2003, then as the National Vice President for Special Projects from 2003 to 2005, then as National Vice President for Colonization and Membership from 2005 to 2007 before taking on her current role as the National President. For the next biennium, she will remain involved with the Board of Trustees as the Immediate Past National President.

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Call For Candidates

The Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association is searching for dedicated, motivated individuals to run for a seat on the Executive Committee. These individuals will be integral to growing our future programming and ensuring this organization fulfills the membership's needs.

Have questions? The below should cover anything frequently asked by candidates. Feel free to contact a member of the executive committee with further questions.

What is the Executive Committee?

The Executive Committee is the body that heads committees, develops programming

Call for Volunteers

TBSAA would love to expand our offerings for members, but we need volunteers to do so. We have four standing committees that carry out the activities of the organization.

Expansion: Assist with the expansion and development of Affiliates

- 2009-2011 key goal: help cultivate active district Affiliates that organize workshops, events & networking in each district

Membership: Assist in the recruitment of new members

- 2009 - 2011 key goal: develop a comprehensive marketing plan to increase retention of graduating membership and re-engage alumni who have been out of college for a period of time

Publications: Develops content for The Podium, News Notes & The Rhapsody

- 2009-2011 key goal: monthly member updates, and articles in every News Notes, Podium and Rhapsody

Service: Help create and complete service projects on behalf of the National Organization

- 2009 - 2011 key goal: establish committee and generate a variety of opportunities for membership, including potentially partnering with other organizations

If interested in serving on a committee, please contact tbsaa@tbsigma.org

and steers the strategic direction of the organization. The Executive Committee is supreme in all matters pertaining to its affairs while in convention and has the sole right to superintend and govern all Affiliates and members of the Association.

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Executive Committee Candidate Checklist

Items to Submit

Notification of Intent
Due by July 25th

Professional Resume
Due by August 1st

Tau Beta Sigma Resume
Due by August 1st

Cover Letter
Due by August 1st

Methods of Submission

Materials can be submitted one of three ways:

Via email to tbsaa@tbsigma.org

Via postal mail to:

Tau Beta Sigma Alumni
Association
C/O Chris Vanacore
346 East Lancaster Ave
#216
Wynnewood, PA 19096

In person to the Chair at National
Convention

NOTE: The deadline for resumes and cover letters has been extended to August 1. **HOWEVER,** the Chair of the Executive Committee **MUST** receive a notification of Intent by July 25th so that ballots can be prepared.

“Staying Involved” Profiles (Continued)

In addition to serving the sorority on the national level, Sigle is a band director for 500 students in fourth through eighth grades. She also has two daughters: India, 8, and Melina, 6.

“As much as I love what I do, I’m looking forward to not being as busy with the sorority soon,” Sigle said. “(The Board of Trustees) will keep me involved on a much less day to day basis. It’ll be nice to take that backseat role.”

Sigle explained that the backseat role will be better as she is raising her children. Having pursued her first position at the national level when India was six months old, Sigle feels that her kids have only had the chance to know her as a key component to the Tau Beta Sigma leadership.

“I feel like it’s been very selfish of me for my family, even though it’s been giving of me for the sorority,” Sigle said.

Though she admits that her continued involvement has been time-consuming and that she looks forward to being less involved, Sigle enjoyed remaining involved with the sorority beyond her undergraduate career.

“It really, professionally, has been one of the best things I’ve ever done,” she said. “I really feel like it’s been an invaluable experience.”

Renee Cartee

When she was initiated into the Zeta Psi chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at the University of Central Florida in the fall of 1996, Renee Cartee “didn’t realize what (she) was getting into.”

“But it hooked me pretty good,” she said.

As an undergraduate, Cartee served her chapter in several positions over the years, including parliamentarian, alumni secretary, corresponding secretary, historian, vice president of membership, and service chair. She also served her district in the role of president for the 2002-2003 academic year. During her last year as an active member,

she tried to contribute to the chapter in a more advisory role as the younger members took on offices and leadership roles.

“I think that helped my transition out,” she said. “I slowly crept out of the active scene.”

Cartee said that she continued to go to a lot of activities after she graduated, but purposely avoided the chapter meetings, knowing that some actives had in the past felt pressure by alumni members who tried to remain involved once they graduated. She instead looked elsewhere for her chance to continue to support the sorority.

“When I was becoming a member, I was extremely introverted,” Cartee said. She explained that involvement in her chapter had helped her to find a way to overcome that. “I wanted to give back what they had given me. I do believe that because of that atmosphere ... I became much more confident. There was no way I was gonna just walk away from that.”

Cartee became a part of the Tau Beta Sigma archives committee and has been a part of the National Intercollegiate Band as well as advised committees at the national level. She was also a founding member of the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association. In addition, she currently serves as the Southeast District Counselor, which she enjoys because it allows her to feel like she’s guiding the younger members while letting them do their own thing.

Her continued involvement with the sorority is in addition to teaching music in two different private schools in Florida as well as working at Disney World in Recreation. She anticipates that she will remain involved with the sorority even after her term as District Counselor has ended.

“I don’t expect that I will just disappear once my service as (District Counselor) is over,” she said.

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How is this Committee Constructed?

There are four elected members of the committee and an appointed Chair. The four elected members of the Executive Committee divide responsibilities across four areas of focus:

Service, Membership & Finance,
Communications and Affiliates

How does the election process work?

Each at large position will be a 4-year term, with staggered eligibility, so that 2 at large members will be elected every 2 years.

Interested persons must submit a resume to the Chair of the Executive committee by July 25th. This submission can be in person or via email or regular mail.

Members in attendance at National Convention who are running for office will be permitted a five minute speech, which will be recorded and available online for the membership to view. **Candidates not attending convention will not be able to submit their own videos. To have a video speech recorded, you must attend convention.**

"Staying Involved" Profiles (Continued)

She said she will likely look to be involved on the national level, and added that she would also be interested in working with other alumni in the future.

"You shouldn't let counselors go," she said lightly. "They should be dragged into national offices When it's all said and done, I'm looking to be a little more active in the alumni stuff."

Jessica (Crone) Smith

While it's easy to see how a career in music education can lend itself to continued involvement with the sorority after graduation, Jessica

Members will receive copies of the resumes and links to the speeches in early August. Ballots will be due no later than September 1.

Qualifications for Office:

Each EC member must meet the following qualifications:

- At least 25 years of age
- A member in good standing of the TBΣAA
- Hold a 4 year college degree
- Demonstrate outstanding business skills

Further, an EC member may not simultaneously hold another district or national leadership position during their four-year term.



Smith can attest to it not being necessary to remain supportive. Unable to read or play music, Smith was a member of the color guard when she joined the Alpha Xi chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at Kutztown University in the fall of 2000.

"(Tau Beta Sigma) was there to serve the musicians, and that's what I liked," Smith said.

As an active sister, Smith served as recording secretary and as treasurer. She also worked, for two consecutive years, on a team to create the bid for hosting district convention, and helped to plan the convention their chapters hosted in 2004.

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COMING EVENTS

July 21-25, 2009

National Convention

July 25, 2009

Notification of Intent for EC
Candidacy Due

August 1, 2009

EC Candidate Resumes Due

September 1, 2009

Ballots must be Postmarked

October 15, 2009

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After graduating, Smith went into her first year teaching. During that 2004-2005 academic year, the district president contacted her and appointed her to be the district treasurer for the Northeast District.

"My first year out, I was pulled back in," Smith said. "It was one of those things I just didn't want to let go."

With the NEDAA, Smith and other alumni work to support the chapters in the district. If any chapters need financial assistance or are having timing issues with nationals, the NEDAA members try to help them when possible. In addition, they help chapters replace ritual materials when necessary. They make it a point to be at the installations of new chapters within their district, and usually supply the appropriate chapter flag for each newly installed chapter.

"Our main goal is to be there for the actives, to know that there are people around that are locally based," Smith said. "We try to assist them when we can."

Smith explained her transition from active member to alumna of the sorority, and said that while it was difficult for her to let go of some responsibilities, it was nice to be able to offer support for the actives and know that the actives were handling the responsibilities of the chapter.

"I think it affects everyone differently," Smith said. "I did what I had to do to make that commitment stick."

In addition to being involved with the NEDAA, Smith works in a high school library. The job has given her the opportunity to be the advisor for the school's library club, co-advise the school's yearbook staff, and work as the marching band's color guard instructor. She was also made an honorary brother of Zeta Mu, Kutztown University's chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi, in 2007.

"I feel like the busier I am, the more productive I am," Smith said.

Kelly Eidson

As an active alumna, Kelly Eidson believes that the organization could be incorporating alumni sisters more, both as a support for the sorority, as well as allowing the sorority to be a support for those alumni sisters.

Eidson, a current member of the Board of Trustees, was initiated into Purdue University's Beta Sigma chapter of Tau Beta Sigma in the spring of 1996. She served as the recording secretary for the chapter as well as chaired the committee for the convention bid during her active years. She also served the North Central District as the Vice President of Colonization and Membership for one year, and President for another.

"I wasn't necessarily the leader and planner (within my chapter)," Eidson said. "I was always there to make sure the manpower was there."

Eidson made a conscious decision to take a step back her final year as an active to allow the younger members to lead. She saw her role as one more focused on educating younger members of the chapter to ensure that they could run the chapter once the older members were gone.

"My role wasn't necessarily to run the chapter," she said. "You always want to know who your successor is going to be."

After graduating, in the spring of 2001, Eidson was elected to serve the National Alumni Association as the NCD director. Because she had alumni experience from working with the NAA, she was asked to work with the steering committee for the TBSAA.

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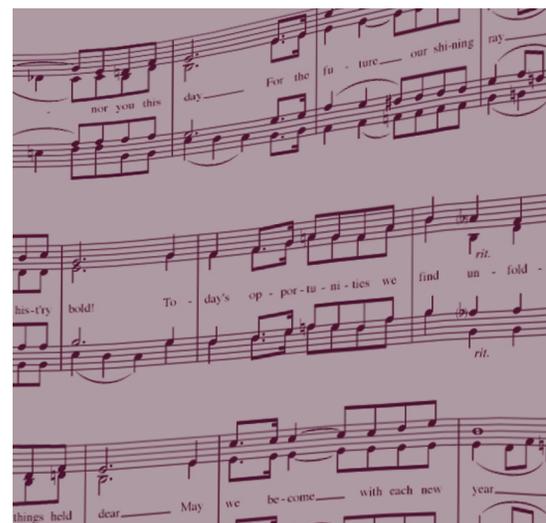
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GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting the future of the Sorority.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Tau Beta Sigma as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word! ☺



Keep An Eye on the Mailbox

In Early August you will receive a second, fairly sizable mailing from the Executive Committee.

In addition to the resumes of Executive Committee Candidates, there are a few documents the Association must approve:

- Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Constitution
- Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Budget
- Affiliate Handbook

These documents have been vetted by the National Office, Board of Trustees, and National Council. Additionally, these documents will reflect comments by Alumni Association Members in attendance at National Convention.

There will be the opportunity to amend these documents in the 2011 election cycle.

The Executive Committee asks you vote to approve these initial documents so we can shift our focus to providing additional services and improving the Alumni Experience.

If you have any comments, email Chris at tbsaa@tbsigma.org.

“Staying Involved” Profiles (Continued)

Not having a career within the music field, Eidson has still seen the effect that her involvement with the sorority has had on her professionally. It's one reason that she is so interested in seeing more alumni involvement with the sorority.

“Even though I'm not in the music industry, it does help me,” Eidson said. “There are certain things that I've been able to take away from my chapter and use in my career. Becoming an alumni has taught me some skills I now use in my everyday life.”

She cites the professional and leadership development she got through the sorority, as well as the experience of promoting women in a male-dominated field, much like the field in which she works.

Eidson also believes that alumni can support college bands in ways that active members sometimes can't. She points out that alumni are usually better able to support the organization financially, as well as spread awareness of college band programs, and support music education in general by encouraging their own children to be involved, without whom there would not be musicians moving into the college bands in the future.

“I think alumni play a big part of supporting music in the university world,” Eidson said. “Just because you graduated college doesn't mean you can stop supporting college music. As alumni, our way of supporting will look and feel different than an active.”

Eidson adds that she believes the sorority could support alumni a bit more. To become an active member, ten weeks of training is required.

“How much training do we give to people to be alumni? None,” Eidson said. “You're active for four to six years. You're an alumni for 40 to 60 years, sometimes more. That's big to me.”

Besides serving on the Board of Trustees, Eidson also keeps busy working in technology sales, raising two sons, playing in a local community band, and working with a high school marching band staff. She remains unsure how involved she will be after her term ends in 2011 or what kind of involvement she will maintain.

“I see where I'm needed and I act upon it,” Eidson said. “Will I be less involved? I don't think so. It'll just look different. I will always continue to be a supporter of the sorority. I will do that up until the day I die.”

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Marcy Wilhelm
Publications Committee

Affiliate Profile- Northeast District Alumni Association

Official Name:	Northeast District Alumni Association (NEDAA)	
Number of Members:	35	
TBSigma:	5	
KKPsi:	27	
TBSAA:	TBSAA: 8 (including Friends)	
Schools Represented:	Bloomsburg University James Madison University Lock Haven University Shippensburg University Syracuse University Towson University University of Maryland	Howard University Kutztown University Morgan State University SUNY-Buffalo Temple University University of Connecticut West Chester University
Meetings:	Annually (in person) at the Northeast District (NED) Convention, and via our Yahoo Group for group discussions/votes	
Social Events:	Group dinner and hanging out at the NED Convention Hanging out at Drum Corps International (DCI) events	
Service Projects:	NED Keynote Speech Contest—provides \$100 stipend to winner along with opportunity to address the opening joint assembly at NED Convention; offering Alumni-related workshops at NED Convention; offering roses and carnations for purchase (only to cover flower costs) at NED Convention awards banquet; offering Alumni Communication Award to NED chapters that have maintained good communication with their Alumni; offering Alumni Participation Award to chapters that have the most dues-paying NEDAA members; providing competitive National Convention Grants for NIB Participation and Delegates; giving Fraternity/Sorority flags to newly-installed chapters	
Unique to group:	Officially recognized by the TBSAA Composed of Alumni from across the Northeast District Members are very active at the National, District and local levels	
Recruiting New Members:	Graduating Senior Luncheon at NED Convention	
Fundraiser:	Looking to sell magnets with KKPsi/TBS letters & logos	
Networking Opportunities:	Many of our members are music educators Many of our members have expertise in financial management/planning	
Website:	www.nedaa.org	

Next Edition:

The next edition is a focus on our Affiliates and their activities. Please share any projects/functions/activities you or your affiliate are doing! As always, let the publications team know if you have any article ideas, recommendations, or stories via TBSAA@tbsigma.org.