

The Rhapsody

November 2009

Letter From the National President

Greetings from Tau Beta Sigma! I hope this letter finds you enjoying a successful end to your year with schedules full of productive rehearsals and spectacular performances. I am writing to keep you updated and informed of the status of Tau Beta Sigma on the National Level. Our 2009-2011 biennium started this past July in Phoenix, Arizona during our National Convention, which was the setting for an excellent National Intercollegiate Band (NIB) and big changes in the Sorority.

This year college & university students from across the US joined together to participate in the NIB & learn first-hand from conductor Colonel John R. Bourgeois, Director Emeritus of The President's Own Marine Band. They also had the privilege of premiering "Two American Canvases" a commissioned piece written by Mark Camphouse, Professor at

George Mason University. Tau Beta Sigma is proud to announce that we increased the number of Tau Beta Sigma members in the 2009 National Intercollegiate Band. One factor for our increased participation was the hosting of NIB auditions by one of our District Councils at their District Convention. The students organized audition logistics and then sent in the audition tapes to our National Headquarters. The 2011 NIB students are in store for a great treat at our 2011 National Convention in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with conductor Craig Kirchoff and the premier of a commissioned piece by composer Adam Gorb.

Some of our "Hot Topics" for this year are of a serious note. Tau Beta Sigma's insurance carrier, with whom we share a joint contract with Kappa Kappa Psi, dropped their coverage
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Baltimore Washington Alumni Association

The Baltimore Washington Alumni Association is unique blend of three areas consisting of Washington, DC, Maryland and Northern Virginia. BWAA is building on a melting pot foundation of historic chapters such as University of Maryland, Morgan State University, Howard University, Towson State University, while hosting various new wave alumnus from around the country. Originally designed in concept as a all inclusive Alumni Association, BWAA is now blending service with social networking. In the beginning, BWAA faced challenges stemming from the dissolution of the NAA between Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. The initial reaction was one of deciding on how to create and exist as a joint Alumni Association while sorting through our separate Alumni Associations' restructuring. After months of conversations and brain storming, BWAA first decided on it's mission while deciding to not only embrace but also meet the needs of our local chapters and communities where we reside. Our mission is:

"The Baltimore Washington Alumni Association ensures that the support system continues

beyond the active experience. We afford brothers and sisters the opportunity to continue serving and educating the community at large. In addition, while offering outreach to our active members as a whole, we provide a social outlet in order to maintain our brotherly and sisterly bonds."

Since our joint venture the BWAA has given a delegation scholarship to a chapter in our area (Kappa Kappa Psi, Gamma Xi - National Convention 2007), raised and donated funds to a local middle school band for competition (Waverly Middle School in Baltimore, MD),

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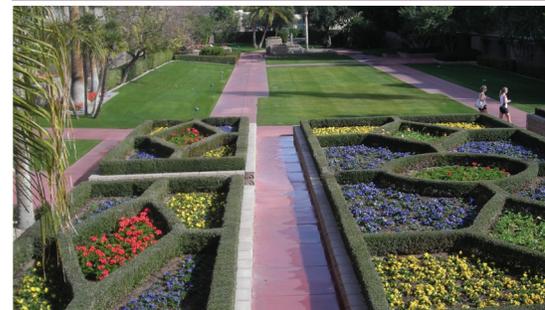


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Alumni News

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!



Affiliate News

Affiliates—what have you been up to lately? Do you have a project you want to share? An upcoming event you want to promote? Please send details to tbsaa@tbsigma.org, attn: newsletter committee and we'll include it in the next edition.

Photos are always welcome!

Introducing:

Beta Omicron Alumni Chapter Of Tau Beta Sigma

The Beta Omicron Alumni Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma was born out of a deep love and loyalty to Texas Southern University's Ocean of Soul band program, the Third Ward community in Houston, TX, and the collegiate chapter that was re-colonized in 2002 with the same name. As members of the Beta Omicron collegiate chapter matriculated through Texas Southern University, earning degrees in various fields of study, the sisterhood and dedication to service never ceased. We would come together, unofficially, to host service projects throughout the year such as the "Ocean Spotlight" scholarship given to a deserving bands woman at Homecoming. We would also host sisterhood activities, mentor the collegiate sisters, and continue the Beta Omicron legacy through hard work and dedication to our community.

At the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year, more and more alumni sisters began coming together expressing a renewed sense of duty to the sorority, thus began our road to becoming the Beta Omicron alumni chapter. A meeting of all available sisters was called to discuss beginning an affiliate group, a name for the group, and what our main goals and objectives would be. At the very first meeting, we all agreed that we would commit ourselves to the work that it would take to get the chapter off the ground. Once the commitment was made, we proceeded to elect interim officers and discuss goals and plans for the organization. One of the first issues that arose was the issue on membership. We knew that we initially started this chapter to continue our work for and with specifically Texas Southern University's "Ocean of Soul" band program; consequently, there were questions of open-

ing membership to all sorority members in the Houston area. We decided to start small and keep our main membership to those that came through the Beta Omicron collegiate chapter. We agreed as our service and organization got stronger, we would eventually open membership to those who had not been initiated through the Beta Omicron collegiate chapter. We also planned our first service projects which were clothes, food, toy, and blanket drives for the needy families in the Cuney Homes located in the third ward community.

Amidst the good start of the new chapter, there were issues with scheduling, meeting, and paperwork. Our interim President, decid-

ed to resign due to her busy schedule and an emergency meeting was called by the interim Vice President because she did not want to see a great opportunity pass us by. At the emergency meeting a whole new executive board was elected with the exception of the Vice

President, we decided to meet bi-monthly, and our application for affiliate membership and dues were turned in to National Headquarters. Along with the restructuring of leadership, we had two members attend National Convention in Arizona. Ms. Joselyn Coats and Gwendolyn Riley were present, registered, and representing the newly formed Beta Omicron Alumni chapter with Gwendolyn participating as a member of the National Intercollegiate Band on Baritone Saxophone.

Although we had this new start we still had issues involving our selection in name, which

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Preserving our Past- for a Better Tomorrow

As we move into a new Biennium, the Sorority strives to increase the use of technology for record keeping and historical preservation.

Our current endeavor involves entering all of our membership information since our founding into a central database that will give the roster permanence and increased organization. This is a highly labor-intensive process that required the hiring of a separate resource at the National Office.

The Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association is pleased to announce that we are covering one-third of the cost of the entire project. This is a critical step for the organization as a whole and we are thrilled to be able to play a role in this effort. ♠

TBSAA District Challenge

**Help Your District Alumni
Association Receive \$100 plus
2011 Free Affiliate Fee**

Here's How: Renew your membership with TBSAA and encourage your friends to join or renew as well. The District with the highest percentage of increase wins!! For example, if your district has 20 TBSAA members and at the closing date has 30 members you will have increased your membership by 50%

Rules: The contest applies to the district where you became a member of TBS and runs December 1st 2009 through June 30th 2010. Current TBSAA calculations will be posted on the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Facebook page & listserv November 30th.

**Good Luck and May the Best
District Win!!**



Baltimore Washington Alumni Association

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done service for a local Jazz summer workshop (Maryland Summer Jazz) , hosted various social activities including karaoke, bowling, an annual cookout at Haines Point in Washington, DC and a trip to a nearby DCI competition.

Currently, BWAA meets once every quarter in addition to one social and one service activity in the same time span. Currently you can find a BWAA member at just about every home game in the area of the Colleges and Universi-

ties in our communities. If you'd like to meet up with any one of the officers in person please contact us. Our Next meeting is set for Saturday December 12th, location and time is to be determined. Fall service and networking activities will be sent out as they are determined monthly.

For more information please contact BWAA President – Theodosia “TJ” Johnson at mstj1946@gmail.com ◇

The Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Supports NIB

The National Intercollegiate Band is the trademark service project for Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi. The Alumni Association was pleased to support this endeavor through a \$500 sponsorship towards programs for the event. ◇



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of both organizations due to increases of hazing and liability claims filed. We have recently signed on with a new insurance carrier; however, the increase of costs with the insurance carrier has resulted in higher membership dues for both organizations. It continues to be our focus to educate our members about the liability of hazing on a larger scale and how this affects us as a whole, not just monetarily

On another note, Tau Beta Sigma is growing! We have nine Colonies and we installed our newest chapter at the University of Memphis on September 27, 2009. Thank you for your continued support of Tau Beta Sigma. You are the foundation for the accomplishments that we make today and in the future.

For Greater Bands,
Dollie M. O'Neill
National President
Tau Beta Sigma

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held up the application process. After speaking with National Headquarters concerning the issue, we were informed that we needed a letter of approval from Mr. Lee, the band director of the Ocean of Soul, to use the name Beta Omicron. This was accomplished and faxed back to National Headquarters within days and with that we officially became the Beta Omicron Alumni Affiliate of Tau Beta Sigma.

Under the scope of the four major areas of focus by the Executive Committee, we have put in place a Membership initiative and today we have a roster of over 20 members including Lifetime Members of Tau Beta Sigma, past District officers, members that have participated in N.I.B., members that are the ORIGINAL colony members of the Beta Omicron collegiate chapter, older sisters that were initiated in the early to mid 90s, and our roster continues to grow. Under the Service initiative, Ms. JoAnn Scott, Chairperson of the Service Committee, drafted an introduction letter stating our service mission and goals to be used as a general proposal to area schools and community outlets. JoAnn also spoke to the newly formed band parents association at Carter G. Woodson School and we will be working closely with the band director to assist with the growth and vision of his new Band Booster program. Future service projects include the annual "Ocean Spotlight" scholarship, assisting the "Ocean of Soul" marching band in an alumni capacity as needed by Mr. Lee, annual drives to donate to

needy families, and working with local schools to assist with the needs of the band directors. Under the Financial initiative, Ms. LaTasha King-Crump, Treasurer and Chairperson of the finance committee, has proposed annual chapter dues and fines that were voted on and accepted by the chapter. LaTasha has also drafted a letter and email that has been distributed to all sisters requesting donations to the chapter and our mission along with a list of upcoming fundraising events. And lastly, under the Networking initiative, Ms. Joselyn Coats, Corresponding Secretary, has refined our "Tau Network", which is a daily communication via email used by Beta Omicron sisters to stay in touch on important upcoming events, personal achievements, and information. This lets us communicate with each other and share new ideas.

Through this past year, the ladies of the Beta Omicron Alumni Affiliate have had ups and downs; however, we have the Fortitude and courage to see an ideal, seize upon it, and follow it wherever it leads us in Tau Beta Sigma.

President-Danielle N. Woods
Vice President-Tameka Lee
Treasurer- LaTasha King-Crump
Secretary- Tivoli Pipkins
Corresponding Secretary- Joselyn Coats
Parliamentarian/Historian- Gwendolyn Riley

Working Together in the South Texas Heat

Stephanie Salazar

Traditionally, heat is the scientific catalyst which spreads molecules to form into a new state of matter. However, in South Texas, this principle has had the opposite effect. The alumni of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville "Pride of South Texas" marching band and the Delta Eta chapter of Tau Beta Sigma have joined together with the alumni of the Epsilon Delta chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi to form a joint alumni association which operates under the scorching South Texas weather conditions.

With members stretching across the great state of Texas, the Kingsville Epsilon Delta-Delta Eta Alumni Association, or KEDDHAA, has been working together to provide wonderful services to both the active chapters on the Texas A&M University-Kingsville campus and other alumni within our area. We have been working on providing our local chapters with financial support by purchasing new ritual equipment, hosting social mixers, and by supporting them at the local football games and musical performances. For our alumni, we are providing networking opportunities as well as an outlet for long lost sisters and brothers to reconnect and reestablish the bonds of friendship, sisterhood, and brotherhood.

All in all, the alumni members of Tau Beta Sigma that are active within KEDDHAA are a valuable asset to the sorority while they function in a capacity other than as active members. We continue to follow the ideals of the sorority in our daily lives and we are determined to inspire the active members of our home chapter to do the same once they part ways with the university as graduates. We are thankful to our brothers who have been gracious enough to assist us in this endeavor and we look forward to success in the future. ◇



A Note From the Board:

Your 2009-2011 Board of Trustees has been hard at work planning out the next two years, and preparing for an outstanding and productive biennium. Board committee responsibilities have been divided among board members. A brief description of each committee is shared below, along with the chair person and his/her contact information. Should you have any questions or suggestions for these committees, please feel free to contact the board member responsible for the committee.

Budget Investments Committee

Chair: Kelly Eidson, keidson@tbsigma.org

This committee provides oversight and explanation regarding the financial investments and various trust accounts pertinent to the board. Financial reports are shared at each board meeting.

Capital Development Program

Chair: David Hammond, dhammond@tbsigma.org

This committee plans and executes the various capital funding campaigns for the sorority. These funds are supported through generous donations from alumni, active members, and friends of the sorority.

Scholarships

Chair: Patsy Hejl, phejl@austin.rr.com

The scholarships committee oversees the advertising of the various board scholarships, as well as the collection of applications, and selection of winners. The scholarship chair ensures that scholarship funds are received at each winner's college or university.

Past National Presidents/The President's Ring

Chair: Chris Gordon, chrisg@tbsigma.org

This committee maintains communication with Past National Presidents of Tau Beta Sigma, and works to build community among the members of this group. This committee also produces a yearly publication called The President's Ring.

Correspondence

Co-Chairs: Kelly Eidson, keidson@tbsigma.org & Carla Robinson, tbscrobinson@att.net

This committee sends greetings and condolences on behalf of the board and sorority for a variety of reasons, including: chapter installations or anniversaries, letters of congratulation, or letters of sympathy in the event of death or illness. ◇



A Note From the Chair:

I hope all of you are well this fall and you are enjoying football, family, and (of course) marching band. The Executive Committee is pleased to dedicate this issue of the Rhapsody to our many Affiliates and the tremendous service and social opportunities they provide for alumni.

In addition to all of the Affiliate news, we are pleased to share the results of a few national service initiatives completed on behalf of the organization. This is your dues money being put to work for the betterment of the organization.

Be sure to read the National Convention Wrap-Up. In addition to covering what happened, we include a summary of the strategic plan given to the membership in attendance.

I am also pleased to introduce to you your executive committee for the 2009-2011 biennium. In addition to Tamara Henry and Scott McCambridge, whose terms will end in 2011, Sue Carr and Stephanie Salazar have been selected to serve through 2013. The newly elected members' biographies are provided later in this edition of the Rhapsody.

2010 will be an exciting year for the organization. We have several new programs in preparation to be rolled out, thanks to the efforts of the committees. Additionally, The Rhapsody will become an exclusive member benefit starting in 2010 and we look forward to seeing this publication grow to reflect the varied interests of our membership.

All my Love,

Chris Vanacore

Chair, Executive Committee

Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association

Atlanta Alumni Association

The Atlanta Alumni Association of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma serves as a tool to provide an avenue for members of the Fraternity and Sorority in good standing to continue their fraternal affiliation beyond graduation. There have been at least 2 previous attempts to begin an Alumni Association in Atlanta, Georgia with no success. The idea of beginning an alumni association to the city of Atlanta was brought about by alumni of the Delta Iota Chapter from Florida A&M University, at the 2004 Southeast District Convention in Tuskegee, AL. Initially there was thought of forming a Delta Iota Alumni Association. It was decided that more service could be done and the activities would be limited without having members from other chapters of Kappa Kappa Psi and our sisters of Tau Beta Sigma who could provide ideas, motivation, and diversity to the association. The goal of these members was to begin an association that would not be focused on strictly providing service to the undergraduates but to provide a fulfilling experience for alumni of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.

The Atlanta Alumni Association was officially recognized as a local alumni association on July 24, 2004. The members are comprised of alumni and honorary members of Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity and Tau Beta Sigma Sorority located in the Atlanta region. The members of AAA work together to exemplify the principles of integrity, leadership, and commitment, while providing service and support to the band programs in the Atlanta area.

Since 2004 the Atlanta Alumni Association has been involved in numerous projects and services. One service in particular is the Music in Courtyard at The Jonesboro Nursing and Rehab Center. The members spend the whole day polishing fingernails, playing games, and having graham crackers/lemonade with the residents in the courtyard. This day of events is not limited to just the elderly women but some of KKPsi spend the day watching football with the elderly men. This service is truly a rewarding experience and we will continue for years to come.

One of our biggest projects is our Under G.R.A.D program. The Undergraduate and Graduate relations committee is dedicated

to aid Undergraduate chapters in maintaining business minded, knowledgeable, quality members and to help increase the longevity of the institution's band program. The Under G.R.A.D. means Under Guidance, Under Recommendation, Under Advice, Under Direction. The Alumni Association is in no way trying to come and take over any school's chapter, but is showing that we are here to help the chapters grow into what is expected of them from our purposes, constitutions, and National Headquarters. The format of the presentation is in game show form. Several game shows were taken that would fit the topic discussed. All information was taken from national website as a reference tool, as well as many other resources for certain topics.

The Atlanta Alumni Association has also embarked upon a unique program for high school juniors and seniors in the Metropolitan Atlanta area who are interested in participating in a collegiate band.

The Golden Baton Scholarship Initiative Program is geared toward junior and senior high school students who are preparing to participate in collegiate marching bands. Upon completion of the program each participant will be awarded a general scholarship, which will be a combination of money fundraised by each participant and given by the Atlanta Alumni Association. Participants work with mentors to ensure maximum success, which is displayed at the GBSI Gala in April of every year.

The GBSI participants are taken through a series of workshops preparing them for college and participation in a collegiate marching band. A series of workshops are conducted on college preparation (SAT/ACT, applications, financial aid, housing, scholarships), leadership, professional development (writing, and oration), private lessons/recital preparation, and arranging/music theory. Each year the GBSI participants attend a college tour hosted by The Atlanta Alumni Association.

Each year AAA sells Honda Battle of the Band tickets and \$5.00 of each ticket sale goes toward our GBSI Scholarship Program. We have had at least 15 students to receive our scholarship ranging from \$500.00- \$2,000.00 each.

Over the years AAA has worked diligently to upkeep and uphold the goals that were set and achieved by its members. We will continue to work hard and be the best that we can be. It is still an honor to be selected to serve!

Cenobia Hilton
2008-2010 AAA President
3- Eta Delta- Fall 1999 (Howard University)


YOU SEARCH WE GIVE™

Are you goodsearching?

What if Tau Beta Sigma earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

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! ◇

National Convention Wrap-Up

The 2009 National Convention in Arizona was a tremendous success. The Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association hosted a separate track of workshops, socials and events. We would also like to thank the Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association for their partnership on a few events, including the alumni dinners.

We appreciated the feedback in the Convention Survey and will be pulling together a special Convention Committee starting in January, 2010 to start planning our offerings for 2011.

Strategic Plan

The most important session at Convention was the Alumni Forum, in which the 2009-2011 strategic vision and plan for the organization was presented. The key points are included below so the full membership can review these goals. If there are questions, please contact Chris Vanacore at tbsaa@tbsigma.org.

Organizational Progress

- Development of Processes
- Google Group for document sharing and interim debate
- Drafted Constitution
- Developed Budget
- Affiliate Handbook

Organizational Challenges

- Committees
 - Still working on optimal means to bring committees together in an effective manner
- Website
- Communications
 - Newsletter
 - Need to continue to build out resources so we are present in every podium and news notes
- Branding/Presence

Goals

- Overall Organization
 - Compile a comprehensive operations manual for the Executive Committee
 - Locating previous chapter & district officers to take part in the association
 - Creating opportunities and worthwhile activities for alumni to dynamically participate in
 - Consistent, monthly or bi-monthly meetings of each committee with reportable progress
 - Grow our presence at district con-

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The Finding of ANSWER(S):

SWD TBS Alumni Back in Action

Erika Pope

It has been an exciting time for the TBS alumni of the Southwest District in that we were recently accepted as an affiliate of the TBSAA! After the dissolution of the National Alumni Association (NAA) and the Southwest District Alumni Association (SWDAA), the consensus was that a new independent district alumni organization needed to be formed. A steering committee of six individuals was formed and after almost a year of planning, thus sprung forward TBS A.N.S.W.E.R.: Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Network South West Encouraging Relationships. Membership to this new organization is open to all Alumni, Life and Honorary members of Tau Beta Sigma who either were active at a chapter within the Southwest District or are TBS alumni who reside in the SWD at the time of requesting membership.

The vision of A.N.S.W.E.R. is to provide the alumni members of the Southwest District a viable, useful and fun outlet for creating networking opportunities; this includes social and professional networking relationships. Apart from a need to communicate with other TBS alumni, we strived to make this new organization a place where we as alumni could give back to the active membership of the organization that has given us so much. We created a running list of proposed activities and fundraisers which we feel will help us to accomplish many of our goals; such activities include: an annual alumni retreat, an informational alumni list serve which would display the news updates of

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ALUMNI NETWORK OF THE SOUTHWEST
★ ENCOURAGING RELATIONSHIPS ★

Erika Pope
Alumna of the Theta Theta Chapter
A.N.S.W.E.R. Member for 2009



The vision of ANSWER is to provide the alumni members of the Southwest District of Tau Beta Sigma with a viable, useful, & fun outlet for creating social and professional networking relationships, & promote the well-being of the Sorority at all levels.

ANSWER!



Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Volunteers at Collegiate Marching Band Festival

The Collegiate Marching Band Festival, also called the CMBF, is an annual event held in Allentown, Pennsylvania, which showcases college and university marching bands of all sizes and styles from across the Northeastern United States. First held in 1995, the event typically takes place in early October at J. Birney Crum Stadium, a renowned venue for marching band and drum corps performances. The festival is not a competition, but rather an opportunity for fans and band members alike to view bands

that perform a variety of shows and exhibit different performance styles.

The Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association was able to provide a few volunteers to help keep this event running smoothly. Additionally, the Northeast District Alumni Association was present with a booth in the marketplace. Many thanks to all the Alumni who volunteered, attended, or were involved with this event. ◊

Midwest District Alumni Association

The Midwest District Alumni Association has continued to grow leaps and bounds throughout the first decade of the 21st century. We officially reformed as an affiliate in the early 2000s, and have had lot of trials and tribulations with maintaining active officers, keeping alumni interest, and finding activities to partake in that is geographically able to involve everyone in the district. Covering ten states in the Midwestern region (duh), we are the second largest district space wise, and the biggest issue we've had is getting people to activities. In the past few years, we have tried to plan events in every area of the district, to keep everyone as an active

participant, and have had much better success. Aside from holding our own activities at district convention over the past 2 years, we have held fun weekends in Kansas City, Denver, and Branson, with an upcoming camping weekend in Kearney, Nebraska, set for September.

Our greatest weakness and strength is that our district council is extremely young. Our oldest member was installed in his chapter in 2001, but we have a great wealth of resources available from our "more seasoned" members. The advantage to this is that we are very en-

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our alumni (i.e. new jobs, babies, engagements, etc.), scholarship programs for active sisters, and developing alumni/life member oriented TBS merchandise (polo shirts, pens, frames, etc.) and a district alumni performing group, just to name a few.

As we move forward into the future, we will be looking forward to boosting our numbers, electing the first official Executive Committee and setting in motion the goals set forth by the TBS A.N.S.W.E.R. steering committee. If you have a question, we have the A.N.S.W.E.R.... and an email address to contact us!

answer@tbsigma.org

ANSWER Steering Committee:

- Chris Foster
- Meaghan Hall
- Stephanie Salazar
- Jessica Morgan
- Erika Pope
- Nicole Burdick



Members of the Midwest District Alumni Association gather to enjoy the "Drums Across the Rockies" DCI event at Invesco Field in Denver in July.

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- ventions, in partnership with district Alumni Associations
- Development of an overall branding strategy to reach out and organically grow the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association
- Affiliates
 - Having an active district affiliate group
 - Helping to organize workshops, events & networking in each district
 - Several district groups are underway in the planning stages!!
 - Maintaining the events & activities on the social networks
- Communications
 - Consistent committee meetings with workload spread out across many members of the organization
 - Presence in all communications media, including monthly member updates, News Notes, Podium and Rhapsody
 - Increase TBSAA social network presence beyond Facebook/linkedin
 - Increase interest in utilizing Linked-In tool
 - Develop additional networking functions with local hosts (Honda Battle of bands? DCI? TMEA?)
- Membership
 - Get a high renewal rate from new life members
 - Develop a comprehensive membership recruitment plan

- Finance
 - Actively manage the budget
- Service
 - Set up a Service Committee
 - Formally Partner/Work directly with at least 1 Music in Schools Organization
 - Service Handbook for Affiliates/TBSAA
 - Develop Service Focused Awards for Next Biennium

Long Term Vision

- The Association will have a large presence and network, facilitating both individual members to build relationships critical to career and personal advancement as well as helping the sorority grow.
- The Association will be financially independent and provide a wealth of services to our membership.
- The Association is a natural progression from Active Membership and retains 50% of graduates, helping to grow affiliates and better support association activities.
- The Association is a critical place for Alumni to hone leadership skills, both helping increase the number of high-quality candidates for National Positions (Executive Committee, Trustees, National Council, District Counselors) and helping our members be successful in their careers of choice. ♦

Stephanie Salazar

Stephanie Salazar is a high school English teacher at Premont High School in Premont, Texas. She is also involved as colorguard instructor for the high school marching band, yearbook advisor, senior class sponsor, and head of the English/Communications department. She lives in Kingsville, Texas where she is currently finishing her Master's degree in Educational Administration. She enjoys reading, writing, movies, music, spending time with her favorite person in the whole world, Michael Valdez.

Sue Carr

Sue Robash Carr is a Life Member of the Delta Delta Chapter at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Sue has served as the District Counselor of the Northeast (District IX originally!) and has served on the Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees 1989-1997, 1999-2007 as the Alumni Liaison to the National Alumni Association of TBS/KKPsi and the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association. After the National Convention in 2007, she joined the Executive Board of TBSAA as the Membership and Finance Chair, and is currently one of the first elected members of the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association, serving as the Finance Chair.

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energetic about the organization, and have been working very hard to keep people involved in the brother and sisterhood. We hold phone conferences once a month to help hold each other accountable to get stuff done, and it has been extremely successful thus far. Current projects underway is re-designing our website, and holding a competition open to actives and alumni to design a MWDAA tshirt.

One of our main goals as an alumni organization is to serve the actives. We contribute to this goal predominately at district convention, holding a "penny wars" fundraiser to give to the districts for their budget shortfalls. We also are used very frequently to advise committees, host workshops, and we also provide a lunch for the graduating seniors of the organizations, to encourage them to stay involved. One of our largest contributions is providing "graduating senior awards" to both a Kappa and Tau Beta graduating senior. The selected peeps receive a scholarship towards life membership into either organization.

We are very proud of our accomplishments in the MWDAA, and are very optimistic towards our future. It is an honor to be selected to serve, and we are privileged to be continuing to serve.

ITB/AEA
Leslie Twite
President, MWDAA
Life Member, Zeta Nu, Tau Beta Sigma
University of Northern Iowa
lesler@tbsigma.org

In 1985, Sue was the recipient of the Wava Baner Award, which she treasures to this day. In October 2009, she celebrated the 35th Anniversary of her initiation into Delta Delta, and remains an active member of the Minuteman Band Alumni Association. In addition to still serving Tau Beta Sigma, Sue serves as a member of the Advisory Board of the Boston Archdiocesan Choir School. Her son Michael, who also shares her love of music, went there as a middle school student and subsequently onto college to study music.

Sue currently resides in Quincy, Massachusetts with her husband Rich.



Affiliate Contacts

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Interested in starting an affiliate in your area, school or region?

Here are some guidelines you should follow:

Affiliate Groups

Affiliates, or organized local groups of alumni, will be recognized by the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association. Affiliates may be based on chapter, college/university or geographic region.

To be recognized as an Affiliate of the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association, the group must have a minimum of 10 members, including a minimum of three officers. At least three officers of all affiliates must be members in good standing with the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association. Members may join the affiliate and not be Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association paid members. However, it is encouraged for all alumni and friends of an affiliate to also support the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association through membership.

Each Affiliate will need to renew their recognition annually, with the recognition year following the calendar year of January 1 through December 31. There is a one-time affiliate registration fee of \$25. Annual dues for the Affiliate are \$50. Completion of an Annual Report will be required to renew Affiliate recognition.

If you have additional questions about starting an affiliate, or becoming a member of one of the present affiliates, please email Tamara Henry, Vice/Membership Chair @ tbsaa@tbsigma.org. ◇