

INTRODUCING TAU BETA PI'S

TRESTLE SOCIETY

Trestle Society is a loyalty giving society that **honors Tau Beta Pi donors who have made gifts in each of the three most recent calendar years** (January 1- December 31). When this distinction is achieved, these committed supporters are recognized for the total number of consecutive years in which they have made gifts to the Association.



TRES-TLE /'tresəl/ *noun* — a framework consisting of a horizontal beam supported by two pairs of sloping legs, used in pairs to support a flat surface such as a tabletop; an open cross-braced framework used to support an elevated structure such as a bridge.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE TRESTLE SOCIETY?

By making a gift in each of Tau Beta Pi's three most recent calendar years, you will automatically become a member of the Trestle Society. This distinction is maintained by continuing to give each year. Gifts of any size to any of our programs count.

WHAT ARE THE MEMBERSHIP TIERS?

- 3+ years of consecutive giving
- 5+ years of consecutive giving
- 10+ years of consecutive giving
- 15+ years of consecutive giving
- 20+ years of consecutive giving
- 25+ years of consecutive giving
- 30+ years of consecutive giving
- 40+ years of consecutive giving
- 50+ years of consecutive giving

WHAT HAPPENS IF I MISS A YEAR?

If you miss a calendar year of giving, you will experience a lapse in Trestle Society membership which can be reinstated with three consecutive years of giving. Be sure to make your gift by the end of each calendar year—we also have many options for online giving through our website www.tbp.org/?give including PayPal and Venmo.



HOW DO I CONTACT YOU?

If you believe we have missed some of your giving or have questions about your Trestle Society status, please contact Sherry Jennings-King at development@tbp.org or 612-226-2922.

WHY DOES CONSISTENT ANNUAL SUPPORT MATTER?

Annual giving is instrumental in keeping our programs functioning at the exceptional levels for which we are known. Trestle Society members provide crucial **ongoing** support that makes so much possible for our students and programs.

WHAT RECOGNITION WILL I RECEIVE?

Trestle Society members receive an annual communication confirming their continued status and the number of consecutive years in which they've made gifts. Recognition may be included in the Alumni Giving listing of quarterly gifts in future issues of our publication, *The Bent*.

WHAT GIFTS COUNT?

Your annual contributions at any level, to any program, will establish and sustain your membership in the Trestle Society, which is designed to recognize your consistent support. Matching gifts from employers do count.

DO PLEDGES COUNT?

The Trestle Society recognizes donors who make gifts to the Association every year. While pledges do not count, contributions you make toward your pledges do count.



WHY SOME OF US DIDN'T MAKE THE CUT.

SHERRY JENNINGS-KING, TN A '93

The Trestle Society is an effort to celebrate an exclusive group of alumni who have achieved a history of giving for which the Association is grateful. Unfortunately, due to its nature, it excludes some faithful and impactful donors. As a member for 28 years, one might think attaining membership in this Society would be a shoo-in. Not so. I had a stretch for 13 years of consecutive giving (2004-16), which was interrupted in 2017-18 when we started giving in my husband's name in order to take advantage of a match opportunity his company provided, resulting in a bigger gift for Tau Beta Pi. I started giving again in 2019 and 2020 but this break in my giving (our preference is to keep our giving records separate) means I have only given consecutively two years, which does not qualify me for even the lowest tier. I look forward to becoming a member in 2021.



TIER 3+: STEPHAN KING-MONROE, MIE '08

As a former member of the Executive Council, I see first-hand the importance of annual support for the Association.



TIER 5+: TERESA HUTTON, WIB '91

The members of TBII I know in the workforce are high performers. It feels good to regularly support student members who have high potential for positive impact through scholarships and fellowships.



TIER 10+: DUDLEY WHITE, VA A '76

The grand challenges of today will largely be solved by engineers in the future. Engineers will make the world a better place. TBII supports and recognizes these young engineers at the college level as well as encouraging youth to consider engineering as a career. It is my privilege to financially support TBII in these endeavors. I'm just paying it forward each year.



TIER 15+: CRAIG FOX, TX D '77

Giving consistently acknowledges that we are beneficiaries of those who went before us and that we should keep the next generation in mind. TBII's mission across the engineering disciplines is unique and donating to the annual fund maintains a connection to a group of dedicated people who work tirelessly to advance the Association's programs.



TIER 20+: JIM EASTMAN, WA A '53

I give regularly because: 1. Engineering students should be recognized by a national honorary, and it is a credit to both the student and the school they attend. 2. To be effective, a central organization is needed to provide support and national visibility to student accomplishments. 3. Gifts support programs critical to the continuing education and development of engineering students.



TIER 25+: PAUL ADAMO, TX A '85

After spending the last 25 years of my career in the financial services industry, I feel strongly that the world needs more engineers working in both traditional fields but also working in non-traditional fields. Funds donated to TBII support the next generation of engineers.



TIER 30+: NORMA TABER, MO G '80

I give to TBII because we are addressing real systemic barriers to becoming (and staying) an engineer. I give systematically because—wait for it—I'm a systems engineer. I give consistently, year after year, because that reflects my perseverance in making a difference for our world.



TIER 40+: JERRY MYERS, AZ B '70

Becoming a member of TBII is a very special recognition of attaining education and professional excellence in engineering. I wish to see TBII continue long into the future awarding recognition of engineering achievements and providing scholarships for those students striving to attain excellence.

TIER 50+

We are looking forward to many people reaching this level...