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Tau Beta Pi Leaders Attend 104th Convention

East Brunswick, NJ, was the site of the 104th annual Convention of Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society. The members of New Jersey Beta, the collegiate chapter at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, hosted the event. Three hundred and thirty engineering students from 219 collegiate chapters received leadership and management training and then practiced their skills in conducting the business of the Convention, held this year on October 15-17. There were 502 members of Tau Beta Pi on hand for this gathering of talented engineers.

The growth of the Association is a testament to the steady and enthusiastic 124-year involvement of students in the world's largest engineering society. National awards to outstanding members and chapters were presented.

Richard H. Stanley, P.E., Iowa Alpha '55, chair of the Stanley Foundation, chair emeritus of the Stanley Group of Companies, and director of Stanley Consultants, Inc., was presented the Tau Beta Pi 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award. A \$2,000 scholarship in his name will be awarded to a Tau Beta Pi student member for the 2010-11 academic year.

The R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award for 2009-10, the top honor to a campus group, went to Florida Alpha at the University of Florida. Honorable mention was given to Michigan Gamma at the University of Michigan.

The R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award for 2009-10 was presented to Minnesota Alpha at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Both the Matthews and Nagel awards are named for former Secretary-Treasurers of the Association.

Patrick D. Homen, California Upsilon '85, Advisor to the California Upsilon Chapter and faculty instructor of mechanical engineering at California State University, Sacramento, was recognized as Tau Beta Pi's 2009 National Outstanding Advisor. Homen received a cash award of \$1,000 and a grant in the same amount will be presented to his college of engineering.

Established in 2005, the Tau Beta Pi-McDonald Mentor Award celebrates excellence in mentoring and advising among Tau Beta Pi educators and engineers. **Dr. Thomas E. Wade, Florida Alpha '67**, retired professor of electrical engineering at the University of South Florida and former

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