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Tau Beta Pi Awards 28 Fellowships

The Fellowship Board of **Tau Beta Pi**, the engineering honor society, announces the selection of 28 young engineering students from 257 applicants for graduate fellowships in 2010-11. Nineteen of this year's winners will receive cash stipends of \$10,000 for their advanced study; the others do not need financial aid from Tau Beta Pi. More than \$5,000,000 in stipends will have been given by the Society when this 77th group of scholars completes its graduate work. All Tau Beta Pi Fellowships are awarded on the competitive criteria of high scholarship, campus leadership and service, and promise of future contributions to the engineering profession. All fellows are members of Tau Beta Pi and may do their graduate work at any institution they choose.

Five of the winners will study chemical engineering, four mechanical engineering, three electrical engineering, two biomedical engineering, two bioengineering, and two materials science & engineering. The others have chosen to study biochemical engineering, chemical & environmental engineering, cognitive engineering, computer science, environmental engineering, fluid mechanics, medicine, nuclear plasma & radiological engineering, robotics, and structural engineering.

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Given for the 25th time, the **Centennial Fellowship** honors the Society's most outstanding fellow.

The **Charles H. Spencer Fellowship** is given for the 55th time. Named for Tau Beta Pi's national president in 1936-47, it is awarded to that winner whose contributions to his or her collegiate chapter are judged worthy of commendation.

The **Harold M. King Fellowship**, awarded for the 49th time, honors the 1954-58 president of Tau Beta Pi and is given to that winner whose participation in his or her technical society is judged worthy of special mention.

The eight **Tau Beta Pi-James Fife Fellowships** are presented in memory of the father of the late member William Fife, *CA A '21*.

The **Tau Beta Pi-Sigma Tau** award, given for the 37th time, perpetuates the name of Sigma Tau, a national engineering honor society founded at the University of Nebraska in 1904 and merged into Tau Beta Pi in 1974. It also commemorates Sigma Tau's former national president and secretary-treasurer, Clarel B. Mapes.

The **Donald A. Stark Fellowship** is supported by a gift from a charitable trust named for the man who contributed much to progress in the fluid-power industry.

The **Edward H. Williams Jr. Fellowship**, awarded for the 31st time, honors the founder of Tau Beta Pi. It is given to a winner who plans to earn a doctoral degree and become a professional engineering teacher, as was Dr. Williams.

The **Matthews Fellowship** is awarded in honor of R.C. "Red" Matthews, *IL A '02*, who served as Secretary and Secretary-Treasurer in 1905-47 and as Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus in 1947-78. The **Nagel Fellowship** is given to honor Robert H. Nagel, P.E., *NY Δ '39*, for his service as Editor and Secretary-Treasurer during 1942-82 and as Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus in 1982-97.

The **Hanley Fellowship** is named for Edward P. Hanley *IL B '42*, whose widow, Mary A. Hanley, left a bequest to Tau Beta Pi in 2007. Also that year, the Association received a bequest from the estates of David L. Arm, *PA E '30*, and his wife, Rena Miller Arm, sufficient to permanently endow the **Arm Fellowship**.

These awards bring the total to 1,386 fellowships granted since the program was inaugurated in 1929. The 2010-11 Tau Beta Pi Fellows are introduced on the following list.

(See attached for names of winners.)

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