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Tau Beta Pi 2015-19 Program Directors

Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society, has named four members as Program Directors for terms to expire in 2019. Tricia E. Gomulinski and Edward J. D'Avignon have been reappointed as Director of Alumni Affairs and Director of Rituals, respectively. The new Director of Engineering Futures is Kathleen L. Colbry, Ph.D. The new Director of Fellowships is Sally J. Steadman, Ph.D. The following are brief biographies of the Association Directors:

Alumni Affairs— Tricia E. Gomulinski, *South Dakota Alpha '98*, is program analyst at Teledyne Brown Engineering.

She has served as Director of Alumni Affairs since May 1, 2013. In that time the number of active alumni chapters has increased from 18 to 42. She previously served the Association as a District 12 Director for twelve years, a member of the District Program Planning Committee, and as a SD Alpha Chapter president.

Tricia is an active member in the Society of Women Engineers, a member of the Tennessee Wind Symphony, and previously worked as a software engineer and team lead at Raytheon.

Engineering Futures— Kathleen (Katy) L. Colbry, Ph.D, *Michigan Alpha '99*, is the director for graduate initiatives at the College of Engineering at Michigan State University.

She has published more than two dozen peer-reviewed works related to her interests in engineering education, including recruiting and retaining graduate students and enhancing undergraduate education through hands-on learning.

Dr. Colbry is currently Chief Advisor to the Michigan Alpha Chapter and has served as a chapter advisor since 2004. She has served as an Engineering Futures Facilitator for 15 years. She also previously served the Association as a District 7 Director and as a member of the Interactive Chapter Exchange Committee and Engineering Futures Planning Committee.

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Fellowships— Sally J. Steadman, Ph.D., *Wyoming Alpha '69*, is a part-time instructor and scholarship & fellowship advisor at the University of South Alabama. Previously, she was a senior lecturer at the University of Wyoming.

Dr. Steadman was the 2005 Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Advisor. She served for 13 years as an advisor to the Wyoming Alpha Chapter and has been an advisor to Alabama Epsilon for 12 years. In 2013, she received the Mortar Board Excellence in Advising with Distinction Award.

Her experience in reviewing applications includes currently reviewing for the National Science Foundation and on the Mechanical Engineering Panel. Previously, she reviewed for the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowships, SMAR, and AAUW.

Rituals— Edward (Ed) J. D'Avignon, *New York Beta '88*, is a team leader and principal engineer with Avago Technologies.

He has served as Director of Rituals since October 2003, previously served for ten years as a District 2 Director, and as a NY Beta Chapter president. From 1998-02, he served on the Executive Council of Tau Beta Pi as vice president.

Ed has been awarded four U.S. patents and previously worked at IBM. He is a member of IEEE and is active as a den leader with the Boy Scouts of America.

Tau Beta Pi is the Engineering Honor Society, founded at Lehigh University in 1885. It has collegiate chapters at 244 engineering colleges in the United States and active alumni chapters in 42 cities. It has initiated more than 564,000 members in its 130-year history and is the world's largest engineering society. (See www.tbp.org)