

# Tau Beta Sigma

*National Honorary Band Sorority*

## 2007-2009 BIENNIAL REPORT



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*For Greater Bands*

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# 2007-2009 Biennial Report

The 2007-2009 biennium has brought many great opportunities and challenges to Tau Beta Sigma. While our Sorority is still recognizable to the organization that convened in Orlando, Florida for the 2007 National Convention, many significant changes have occurred, growing us ever stronger.

Financially, the Sorority continued its focus of operating and implementing programs based upon our available income. Recruiting and retention programs were implemented, giving our Chapters tools and information aimed at sustaining their membership. At the same time, we experienced Chapter and membership expulsions as the result of numerous violations of Tau Beta Sigma's Policy on Hazing. These expulsions came at great cost to the Sorority, with a significant amount of general funds being diverted to cover investigation expenses and the loss of Chapters & Members found guilty of hazing.

With a continued focus on ensuring the Sorority's financial future, the Board of Trustees strengthened our fundraising efforts, which significantly increased our Trust Fund income. These efforts were timely, as they compensated for investment losses when the worldwide financial market seriously weakened.

A major area of growth for TBΣ was through our Life Membership program, which has been a primary source of funding for many of our valuable long-term programs, including the National Intercollegiate Band, Commissioning Project, Women in Music Speaker Series, scholarships and leadership development. As we moved into the biennium, the Board of Trustees identified a continuing trend of increased costs for these programs and presented a recommendation for the 2009 National Convention Delegation to increase the Life Membership fee for the first time since 1997.

In addition to the numerous accomplishments of our Chapters, National Council, Board of Trustees and National Headquarters Staff, many alumni and life members, as well as friends, volunteered their time and energy to advance various programs & projects of the Sorority. The Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Executive Committee grew a membership base from inception and developed a fantastic array of alumni-focused programs. The National Historian and History & Archives Committee worked toward realizing our goals of having viewable archives at our National Headquarters. Our District Professional Relations Officers provided a Director's point of view when asked. Alumni and Life members stepped up as Colony Advisors. And, our District Counselors served daily as advisors when called upon by the National Council, Districts and Chapters.

To each and every one of our volunteers and supporters, we extend a sincere THANK YOU for all of the personal time and energy that you have devoted to TBΣ.

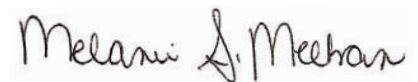
“May we become with each new year, greater, grander & the best of them all!”



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# National Highlights

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**Take A Stand for Tau Beta Sigma** became a rallying cry in the Spring of 2008 to all members in response to hazing concerns and incidents - The National Council took the stance that education is important and went public with expulsions of Chapters & Members that violated our Policy on Hazing

**2008 National Headquarters Staff** saw the retirement of Dixie Moser-Greene, a 22 year NHQ veteran, & the creation of an **Alumni, Chapter and Colony Affairs** position, which is shared between three part time employees

This biennium we unveiled the TBΣAA, which has experienced tremendous growth with over 300 members as well as the development of fantastic alumni focused programs & workshops for this year's National Convention

Lt. Col. Bonner, Dr. Matney and Mrs. Sigle presented a session on the growing hazing issues we are facing on HBCU campuses at the April 2008 **Annual HBCU Directors' Consortium/Black Band Directors Association Meeting** - This presentation included all hazing incidents in both organizations since 1996, along with our findings

Six district **Professional Relations Officers** (PROs) were appointed this biennium - These Directors of Bands were called upon to help communicate with potential Directors when needed & to assist our Counselors when working through situations that needed a Director's viewpoint

**Alumni/Life Policy for attending District & National Conventions** launched for the 2009 District Convention season - All attendees are required to be either a Life Member of TBΣ or a member of the TBΣAA, which protects the organization from an insurance standpoint and ensures that all in attendance are aware of our current policies and agree to abide by them

# Colonization & Membership

Over **3,000 Active Members and 135 Active Chapters** accounted for at the end of the 2009 fiscal year

**11 New Colonies** started for 2007-2009 Biennium

**5 New Chapters** installed for 2007-2009 Biennium

**9 Colonies** in place as of July 2009

**Tau Beta Sigma Recruiting DVD** launched at 2007 National Convention, with copies sent to 100 colleges & universities that do not have a TBΣ Chapter

Implemented a **Win-Win Membership Drive** for 2007-2009 Biennium

Created a **Recruiting/Retention Workshop** for all Chapters to conduct an internal audit on their membership growth

**2008 District Leadership Conference** held for in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



# Special Projects

A **National Committee for History & Archives** was formed with a group of Alumni and Life members cataloging, organizing, and restoring the history and historical objects of the Sorority, with the goal of remodeling a portion of the National Headquarters as a history-viewing salon

## Women in Music Speaker Series

TBΣ was privileged to have Captain Michelle Rakers, Assistant Director of The President's Own Marine Band National Convention present as our **Women in Music Speaker** at the 2007 National Convention, kicking off a biennium of exceptional presentations by Women in Music at every district convention:

| DISTRICT CONVENTION  | 2008 WOMEN IN MUSIC SPEAKERS  | 2009 WOMEN IN MUSIC SPEAKERS  |
|----------------------|---|---|
| <b>Midwest</b>       | Rebecca Burkhardt,<br>Associate Director of the School of Music,<br>University of Northern Iowa | Jacqueline Fassler-Kerstetter,<br>Chair of the Wind and Percussion Division,<br>Kansas State University                       |
| <b>North Central</b> | Janice Schreibman, Music Therapist  | Julie Giroux, Composer  |
| <b>Northeast</b>     | Esti Sheinberg,<br>Professor of Music History & Theory,<br>Virginia Tech                        | Laura Rexroth,<br>Wind Conductor & Visiting Assistant Professor,<br>University of Massachusetts at Amherst                    |
| <b>Southeast</b>     | Jayne Standley,<br>Director of Music Therapy Program,<br>Florida State University               | Rebecca Phillips,<br>Associate Director of Bands,<br>University of South Carolina   |
| <b>Southwest</b>     | Suzanne Ray,<br>Assistant Band Director,<br>Klein, Texas  | Jeannie Little,<br>Assistant Professor of Trombone,<br>Louisiana State University   |
| <b>Western</b>       | Ellen Burnell,<br>Music Therapist   | Alyson McLamore,<br>Professor, Music History, Music Education,<br>California Polytechnic State University,<br>San Luis Obispo |

A **Composing Our Future** song writing competition was launched to add to our Sorority literature - A final selection will be made at the 2009 National Convention from the submissions received

Chapters were encouraged to form a **Scouting for Music** relationship with Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops in their area

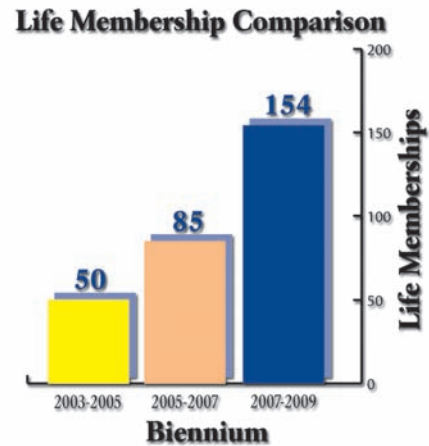
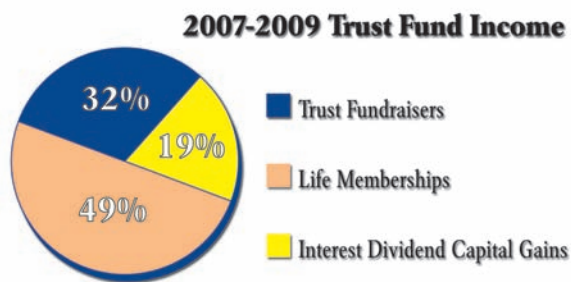
A **Music Education Mentor Program** between TBΣ and Women Band Directors International (WBDI) has been established, giving music education students the opportunity to be paired with a mentor from WBDI



# Capital Development

- The **2007 National Convention Fundraiser is the most successful to-date** as the result of generous donations from our membership
- **+80% overall increase in Life Memberships**, which included a **250% increase in Gift of Life Memberships for Graduating Seniors**
- The **2007 Tribute Pin fundraiser income was allocated to Scholarships** in the Trust Fund
- 2 Annual Giving Campaigns designed and mailed: **2007 Reconnect and 2008 Celebrating College Bands**
- Registered as designated Cause with **Goodsearch** in 2007 & **GoodShop** in 2008
- Launched in 2007, TBΣ **has +1785 Facebook Causes supporters to-date**
- **Student Email Distribution Lists & Alumni Email Distribution Lists** functionality developed and used to communicate directly to the Sorority's supporters

*\*Graphs based upon unaudited financial reviews*



# For Greater Bands

## National Intercollegiate Band

The National Intercollegiate Band (NIB), which began over half of a century ago, is one of the most exciting programs coordinated and presented by Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi. This ensemble continues to make a significant contribution to the advancement of the collegiate band. Open to all qualified musicians, whether or not they are members of the Fraternity or Sorority, the NIB brings members face-to-baton with some of the most dynamically stimulating composers and respected conductors in America:

2007 Conductor - Frank B. Wickes, Louisiana State University

2009 Conductor - Colonel John R. Bourgeois, USMC (Ret.)

## Commissioning Program

Since its creation in 1953, the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Commissioning Program has been responsible for more than 23 new pieces of band literature and has come to be considered of prime importance in our national program of Service to Music:

2007 Celestial Dancers - Eric Ewazen, Julliard School

2009 Two American Canvases - Mark Camphouse, George Mason University





# Awards & Scholarships

## **Outstanding Service to Music Award**

2007 Gail Robertson, University of Central Florida  
2008 Dr. Rebecca Burkhardt, University of Northern Iowa  
2008 Linda A. Hartley, University of Dayton  
2008 Deborah Sheldon, Temple University

## **Wava Baner Turner Award**

2007 Jean Newman  
2007 Deborah Harris Kaplan

## **Stanley G. Finck Memorial Award**

2007 Dr. Andrea Strauss  
2009 Dixie Mosier-Green

## **Johnnie Vinson Award**

2007 Dr. Greg Byrne, University of Louisville  
2008 Dr. Darlene Mitchell, University of Nebraska, Kearney

## **Paula Crider Award**

2008 Dr. Neil Schnoor, University of Nebraska, Kearney

## **2007 Grace and A. Frank Martin Chapter Leadership Award Recipient**

Epsilon Kappa, University of California at Los Angeles

## **2009 Grace and A. Frank Martin Chapter Leadership Award Finalists**

Alpha, Oklahoma State University  
Lambda, University of Michigan  
Chi, Ohio State University  
Alpha Xi, Bowling Green State University  
Alpha Omega, Florida State University  
Beta Sigma, Purdue University  
Beta Xi, University of Florida  
Gamma Mu, Ohio Northern University  
Gamma Omega, University of Pittsburgh  
Delta Delta, University of Massachusetts at Amherst  
Epsilon Alpha, University of South Carolina  
Epsilon Kappa, University of California at Los Angeles  
Zeta Upsilon, West Chester University of Pennsylvania  
Eta Alpha, Syracuse University  
Eta Phi, Vanderbilt University

## **The Baton**

Anthony Barbir - University of California at Los Angeles, Epsilon Kappa  
Justin Brady - Butler University, Epsilon  
Stephen Burt - University of South Carolina, Epsilon Epsilon  
Mackenzie Cochran - University of Nebraska at Kearney, Theta Mu  
Sarah Cox - University of South Carolina, Epsilon Alpha  
Kara Dacey - University of Nebraska at Kearney, Theta Mu  
Meghan Fay - University of California at Los Angeles, Epsilon Kappa  
Jenny Hirt - Ohio University, Alpha Delta  
Nicole Kemp - West Chester University, Zeta Upsilon  
Katie Kozma - San Diego State University, Zeta Xi  
Mary Pagendarm - California State University at Fresno, Eta Omega  
Laura Pollard - University of Central Arkansas, Gamma Tau  
Jennifer Vondran - University of California at Los Angeles, Epsilon Kappa

*In spite of our best efforts, errors and omissions may occur in our Awards listing, which we sincerely regret.*

## **Scholarship Recipients**

### **Tau Beta Sigma Board of Trustees Scholarship**

2007 Beth Thomson, Kansas State University, Delta Kappa  
2008 Risa Jo Baker, University of Utah, Omicron

### **National Scholarship for Outstanding Musical Achievement**

2007 Melanie Warnes, University of Pittsburgh, Gamma Omega

### **National Scholarship for Outstanding Student Leaders**

2007 Caitlin Nunn, University of California at Los Angeles, Epsilon Kappa  
2008 Stephanie Cheung, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Delta Delta  
2008 Caitlin McDevitt, Miami University, Delta Epsilon



# Be a Part of the Legacy

Established in 1985, the Tau Beta Sigma Trust Fund supports valuable, long-term programs of our Sorority.  
We recognize the following supporters for their contributions during the 2007 - 2009 biennium.

## Celebrating College Bands

### Annual Giving Campaign (2008-2009)

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2007 National Convention Delegation  
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## Mission Statement

**Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority provides service to collegiate bands, encourages the advancement of women in the band profession, and promotes and enriches an appreciation of band music through recognition, leadership development, and education of its members.**

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