

**TAU BETA PI CHAPTER RECORDS,
1921-1956**

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ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

In 1921 the Pennsylvania Epsilon Chapter of Tau Beta Pi, the national honorary engineering society, was established on the Lafayette College campus. Since that time the organization has endeavored to maintain the high ideals expressed in the following preamble to the Tau Beta Pi constitution:

“...to mark in a fitting manner those who have conferred honor upon their Alma Mater by distinguished scholarship and exemplary character as undergraduates in engineering, and to foster a spirit of liberal culture in the engineering colleges of America.”

Outstanding candidates for engineering degrees at Lafayette College are elected to membership in Tau Beta Pi during their junior or senior years. The William G. McLean Tau Beta Pi Prize is awarded to a sophomore engineering student based on academic performance, campus citizenship, and professional orientation.

SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE

The Tau Beta Pi Chapter Records (1921-1956) primarily contain chapter bylaws, membership rolls, publications, and minutes pertaining to the honor society's activities at Lafayette College. The records (2 boxes --- 1 linear foot) are arranged alphabetically according to subject and then chronologically within each subject group.

Of particular interest are the design for the Tau Beta Pi badge created by the Ingersoll-Rand Company in Phillipsburg, NJ, and the corresponding metal plaque of the society.

PROVENANCE NOTE

The following delegation of Tau Beta Pi members presented the records to Special Collections on December 9, 2016:

Michael Bennett '17 (current president)
Laura Strang '18 (incoming president)
Travis Shoemaker '18 (incoming vice president)
Rebecca Rosenbauer (advisor)

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