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BE A CONNECTOR FOR TRANSFER STUDENT SUCCESS

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Educational Partner/Sponsor Session

2865 - Tau Sigma: Partnering with Higher Ed to Recognize, Encourage, and Empower Transfer Students

Leadership and Strategic Planning, Partnerships and Collaboration

This session will introduce Tau Sigma, a national honor society designed specifically to recognize and promote the academic excellence and involvement of transfer students. Tau Sigma was established in 1999 and at present we have over 120,000 members, have established 220 chapters nationwide, and have awarded over \$1,000,000 in scholarships to hundreds of deserving members. We will host our 12th Annual Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. this fall.

Lee Colquitt, *Executive Director*
Tau Sigma National Honor Society

TAU SIGMA



Partnering with Higher Ed to Recognize,
Encourage, and Empower Transfer Students

Lee Colquitt - Executive Director

Lori Carter - Director of Chapter Relations

Erin Colquitt - Director of Operations

What is Tau Sigma?



“A (non-profit) national honor society designed specifically to recognize and promote the academic excellence and involvement of transfer students”

Why Tau Sigma?



Formal recognition for academic achievement to an underrecognized and underserved population

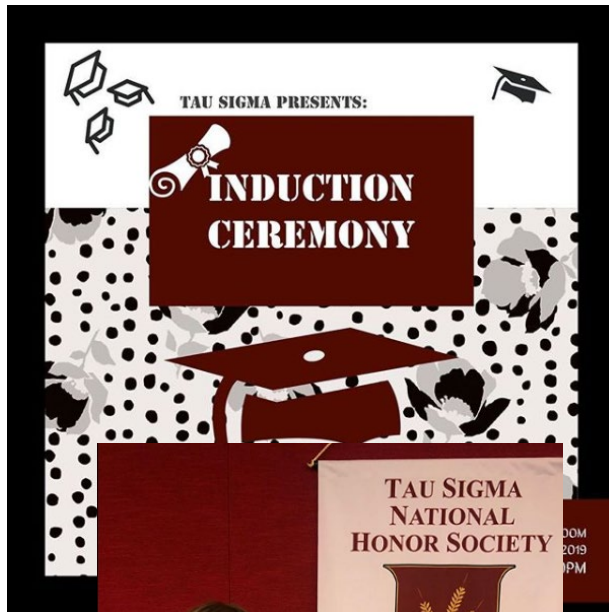
Opportunities for growth and achievement through scholarships and a leadership conference

Opportunities for transfer students to gain a sense of community at your college or university

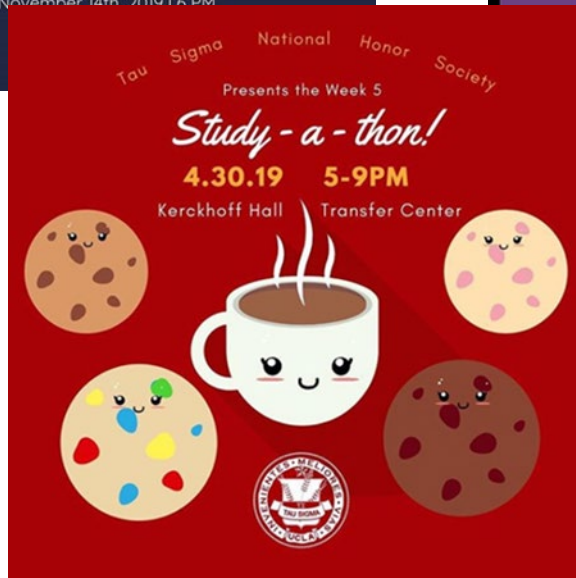
Leadership opportunities for a population at a disadvantage in many student groups on campus

A group that helps your college or university better serve and welcome its incoming transfer students

Who we are and what we do!



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TAU SIGMA NATIONAL
HONOR SOCIETY
**FALL
MIXER**

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH | 6:15-7:15PM

JOIN US FOR
OPPORTU

TAU SIGMA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
**COLLEGE
SUCCESS
NIGHT**

Tau Sigma National Honor Society
**BATTLE OF
THE
BRAINS**

Jeopardy-style contest between various student organizations on campus
Monday, April 15
JC Room E
4:00-5:00 pm

Interested in participating or have questions? Email
tausigmabetanugmu@gmail.com

Representatives from the Undergraduate Financial Aid and Career Services Office present
Monday, April 15
JC Room E
4:00-5:00 pm

RSVP: <https://goo.gl/for>
Questions? Email tausigma@utsa.edu

WE INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO
**Tau Sigma's
Friendsgiving**

FRIDAY NOV. 22, 2019 AT 5:30 PM
VESTA ROOM
ONE UNIVERSITY WAY SAN ANTONIO, TX. 78224
We will be hosting this event potluck style

Please contact our Advisor, Juan, with any questions regarding the event.
210-784-1497

Kid Friendly

RSVP HERE:



Who we are and what we do!



Tau Sigma

MOVIE NIGHT

TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 7PM

Vote on what we see!

A STAR IS BORN
BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

More Information

You're invited to Tau Sigma's spring semester movie night. We're taking a poll to pick between the movies *A Star is Born* & *Rhapheddy*, so please vote! via Evite or Facebook. Join us for a relaxing night, and we'll provide refreshments!

WHERE: TOWSON UNIVERSITY
EXACT ROOM/BUILDING

Tau Sigma's

Halloween Party & Movie Night

Costumes encouraged!
All transfer students welcome!
Oct. 29th, 6-9 pm, Damen Student Cinema

RSVP BY OCT. 19TH
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3ORAXFP](https://bit.ly/3ORAXFP)

• TAU SIGMA GAMMA PSI •

Karaoke Night!

THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH
6PM - 8PM
WOLFGANG PUCK EXPRESS
ACKERMAN UNION

Show your skills
and
win *Tau Sigma swag!*

Who we are and what we do!



*St. Jude Children's
Hospital 'Craft Kit' Social*

Help put coloring kits together for patients at St. Jude · All supplies provided!

WEDNESDAY, M
5:00 PM
SOCIAL SCIE

RELAX WITH TAU SIGMA IN SUPPORT OF
EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY AT

*Art Break
Literacy
Fundraiser*

IN HONOR OF WORLD BOOK DAY
APRIL 23RD 5-8PM
AT THE BRUIN RESOURCE CENTER

FREE SNACKS, DRINKS, TAU SIGMA
SWAG, STRESS-BUSTING COLORING AND
A RELAXING SPACE TO DECOMPRESS

SMALL DONATION SUGGESTED UPON ENTRY

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE JUMPSTART
LITERACY FAIR FOR UNDERSERVED YOUTH



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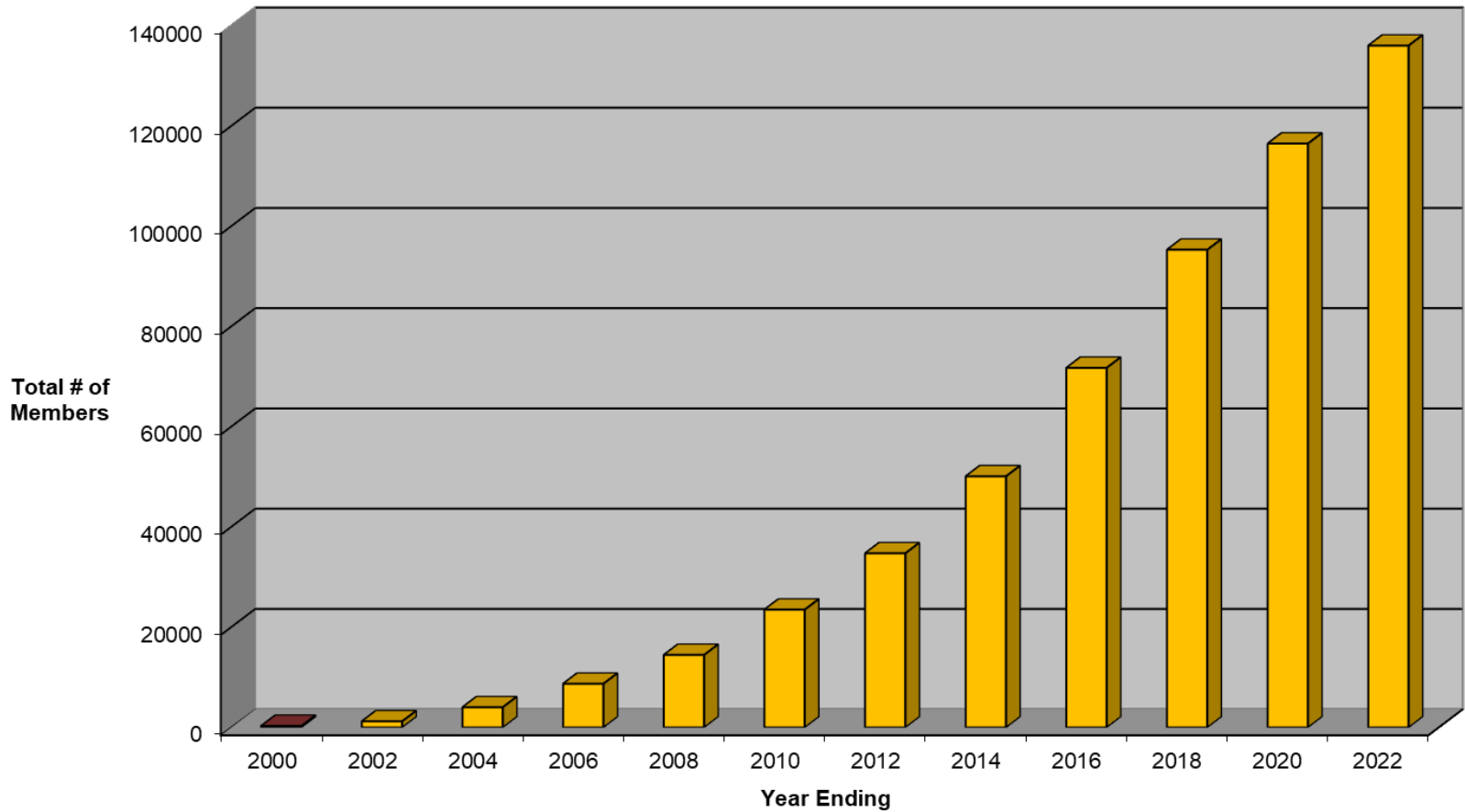




Tau Sigma History

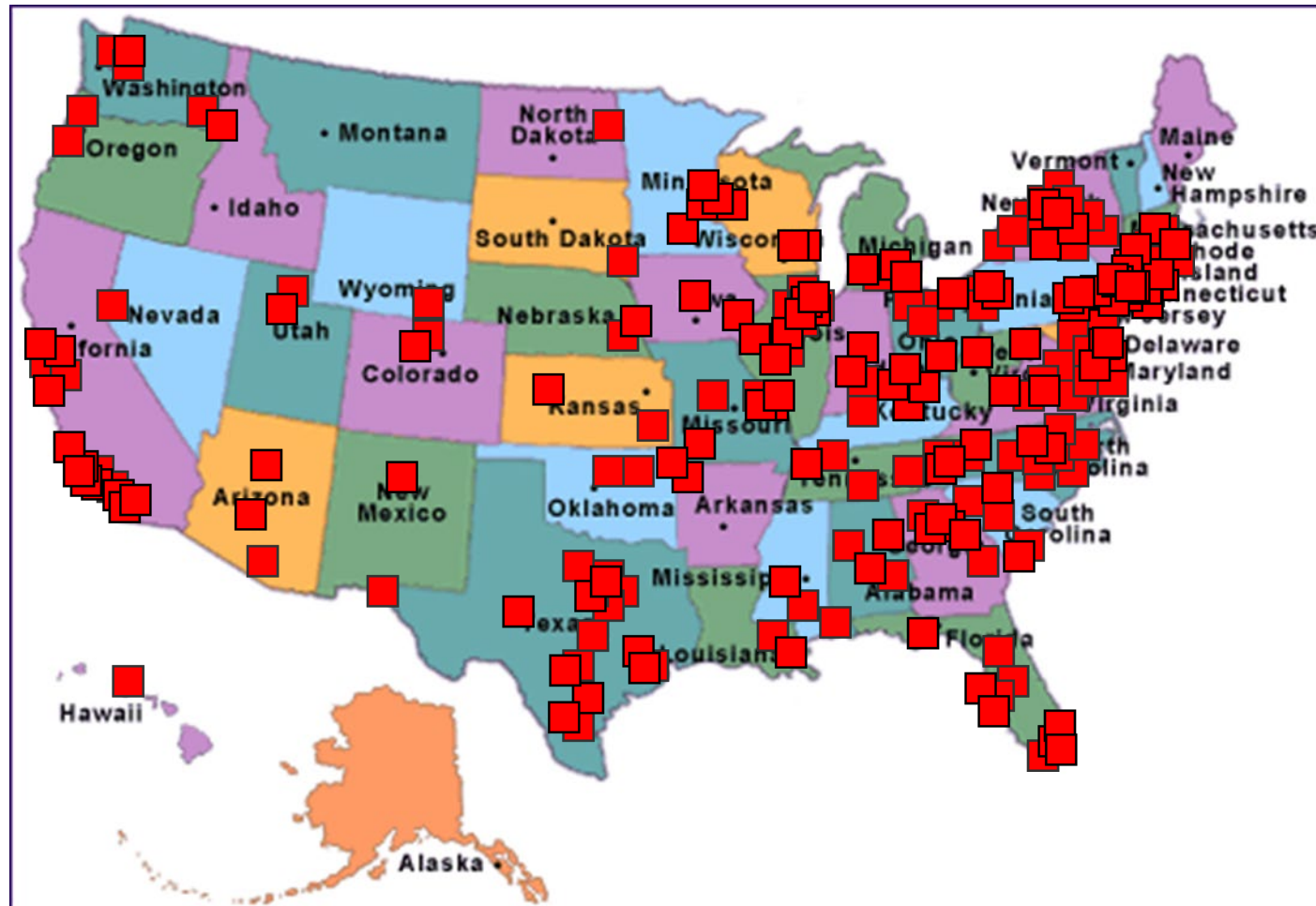
- Beginnings at Auburn University
 - From 1984 to the first chapter in 1999
 - Students in Transition meeting in Pittsburgh
 - Univ at Buffalo, Kent State Univ, Univ of Florida, SUNY Oswego, Univ of Central Florida
 - 50th chapter (SUNY - Albany) in 2008
 - 100th chapter (Governors State) in 2012
 - 200th chapter (TAMU - San Antonio) in 2019
 - 100,000th member in 2019
 - \$1,000,000+ in total scholarships awarded - 2022

Tau Sigma Growth





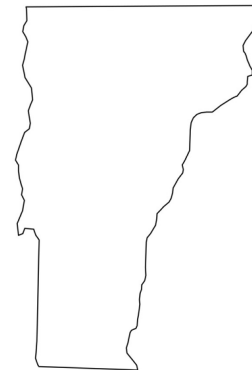
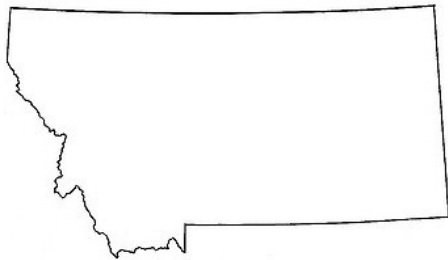
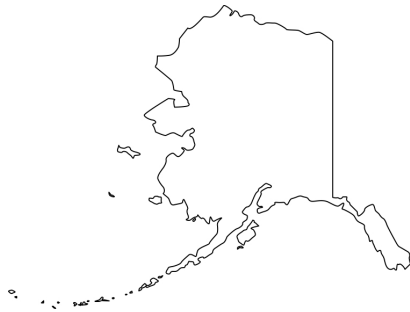
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- We need chapters in...



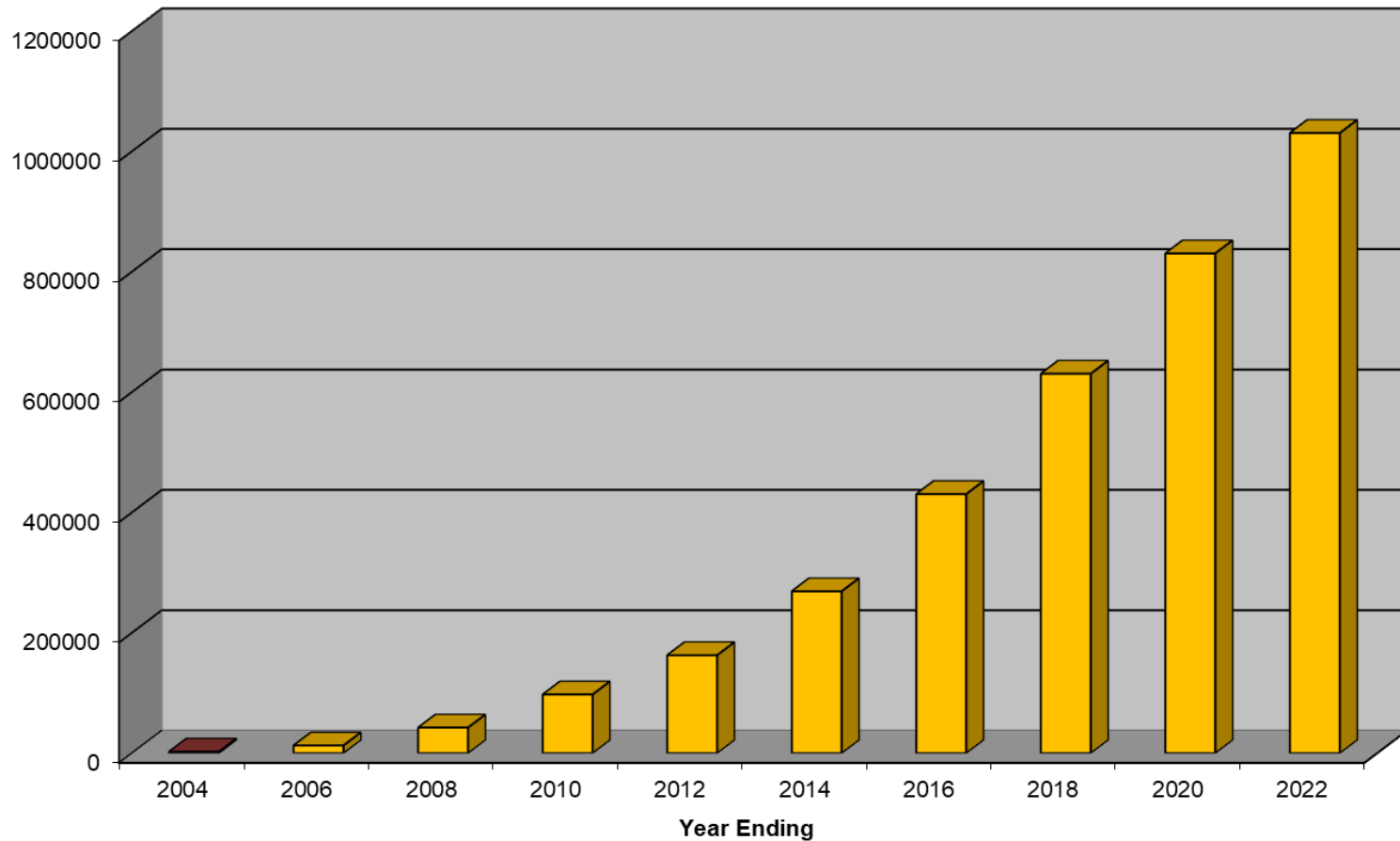
Tau Sigma Scholarships



- 2022 – 2023
 - \$100,000 in scholarships awarded - 57 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000
- Each advisor nominates applicants to represent their chapter
- Scholarship applicants are evaluated by a committee of six advisors
- 751 scholarships awarded for a total of \$1,030,500



Tau Sigma Scholarships



Tau Sigma Leadership Conferences



- Objectives of the Leadership Conference
 - Allow members/advisors to meet and get to know one another and share ideas
 - Provide members an opportunity to formally present their chapter ideas to other members/advisors
 - Thank and reward members/advisors for faithfully serving their chapters

Tau Sigma Leadership Conferences



- Highly subsidized by National
 - \$50/member and \$100/advisor (includes hotel room for two nights, three nice meals at the hotel, t-shirt, activity)
 - Member and advisor must pay for transportation, incidentals, and other meals
- Nice hotels (Marriott, Hilton, Hard Rock, etc.)
- 900+ attendees (250+ advisors, 650+ members)

Tau Sigma Leadership Conference Locations



Chicago



Washington, D.C.



Orlando



San Antonio

Tau Sigma Leadership Conference Agenda



- Friday night
 - Plated dinner, program and speaker

- Saturday morning
 - Breakfast
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- Saturday afternoon/evening
 - Sightseeing and activity

- Sunday
 - Sightseeing and travel

Tau Sigma Leadership Conferences



Tau Sigma Membership



- Membership criteria
 - Student must transfer in with at least one year's worth of academic credits
 - Student must be a full-time student
 - Student must achieve either a 3.5 GPA or be in the top 20% of all incoming transfers during the term in which they complete one full term

Tau Sigma Membership



- Dues are ordinarily between \$50 - \$65, depending on the amount of local dues
- Dues waivers exist for students with financial need
- Lifetime membership - students cannot lose their membership, even if their GPA drops below a 3.5

Tau Sigma Membership Process



- Representative of the university completes a Preliminary Charter Information (PCI) form

Tau Sigma Membership Process



Tau Sigma National Honor Society Preliminary Charter Information Form

Name of College or University:

City, State:

Web Address:

Accredited By:

Total Undergraduate Enrollment:

Estimated Total Transfer Enrollment:

Estimated New Transfer Enrollment for the Current Year:

Prospective Administrative/Faculty Advisor of Tau Sigma:

Name

Title

Signature

Date

Address

Phone

Email

Charter Approval by the Vice President of Student Affairs or the Dean of Students:
(or the ranking student personnel administrator)

Name

Title

Signature

Date

Mail or fax to:

Lee Colquitt
Executive Director, Tau Sigma
680 N. College Street, Suite A
Auburn, AL 36830
phone: (334) 844-3000
fax: (334) 826-1119

or email to:

Lee Colquitt
colquill@auburn.edu

Tau Sigma Membership Process



- Universities typically need approximately 300 incoming transfers each year
- Once the PCI form has been approved, the advisor obtains the contact information of those students who meet the eligibility criteria
- Email invitations are sent (went green in 2020)

Tau Sigma Membership Process



Signed in as: **Lori Carter** ▾

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Accept Invitation

Please enter the information below to verify your invitation. The invitation code is located in the invitation email or letter you received.

Accept invitation

Having trouble accepting your invitation? Try these helpful [tips](#).

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Tau Sigma Membership Process



1. Accept & Merchandise

2. Contact Info

3. Payment Info

4. Review and Confirm

5. Receipt

Congratulations on being invited to membership in Tau Sigma at **Indiana University Bloomington!** To accept this invitation, please complete the following registration and dues payment information.

I accept my membership in the Tau Sigma National Honor Society (\$50.00)

Yes!

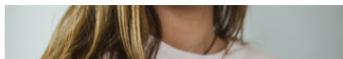
I would like to order Tau Sigma Merchandise (This is the only opportunity you will have to purchase Tau Sigma Merchandise.)

Choose which items you would like to have shipped with your membership materials.



Tau Sigma Honor Cord (\$15)

High quality, gold and burgundy interwoven cords for wearing at graduation ceremony.




Classic T-Shirt (\$10 - Short Sleeve/\$15 - Long Sleeve)

T-Shirts are white, Hanes 100% cotton with a burgundy Tau Sigma crest and "Tau Sigma National



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TAU SIGMA
 National Honor Society
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National Office Portal

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












Tasks

YTD Summary

Tau Sigma Chapters: INCOMPLETE

Induction Groups that have expired and are awaiting processing. Groups will disappear from this list when the certificates have been marked as printed. This table ignores the Beginning and Ending dates.

Search:

	Institution ▲	Induction Date ▾	Expired Date ▾	# Accepted ▾	# Invited ▾	Acceptance Rate ▾
   	University of California, Riverside <i>(Spring 2020)</i>		1/31/2020	78	466	16.74%
   	University of Central Florida <i>(Spring 2020)</i>	2/10/2020	1/30/2020	400	1416	28.25%
   	Florida International University <i>(Spring 2020)</i>	2/16/2020	1/30/2020	278	1253	22.19%
   	Saint Xavier University <i>(Spring 2020)</i>		1/25/2020	34	73	46.58%

Tau Sigma Membership Process



- Once the deadline passes, the membership is processed, and a chapter is formed!

Tau Sigma SWAG



Tau Sigma Merchandise



Tau Sigma Membership Process



- Universities can conduct invitations once a year (normally after the fall term) or after every term
- Most universities conduct an induction ceremony once a year (normally in the spring)
- Students only have one opportunity to join



Thank you for your time!
Questions?