

Tau Beta Pi engineering society to induct eight new members

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Eight students in the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering at Alfred University are being inducted into AU's Tau Beta Pi chapter. Tau Beta Pi is the second oldest Greek-letter honor society in America; the oldest is Phi Beta Kappa. Both societies are well known and respected throughout the United States. The latter is restricted to students in the liberal arts, while Tau Beta Pi is designed to "offer appropriate recognition for superior scholarship and exemplary character to students in engineering." To qualify scholastically, students must rank among the top eighth of the junior class, or the top fifth of the senior class of engineering students. It is one of the most prestigious engineering societies to which a student can be elected as an undergraduate, said Dr. Alastair N. Cormack, dean of the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering. The inductees are: Jared Friant, a junior materials science and engineering major. A graduate of Sayre, PA, Area High School, he is a son of Robert Friant of South Waverly, PA, and Diann Friant of Millerton, PA. Daniel Griffin, a junior materials science and engineering major. He is a graduate of Wooster, OH, High School. His parents are Robert and Sally Griffin of Wooster, OH. Erin Hendrick, a senior majoring in materials science and engineering. She is a graduate of Nazareth Academy in Rochester, and is a daughter of Richard and Nancy Hendrick of Rochester. Brenden Hill, a junior biomedical materials engineering science major. Son of Michael and Jeanne Hill of Belfast, NY, he is a graduate of Cuba-Rushford Central School. James Kelly, a junior ceramic engineering major. He is a graduate of Richfield Springs Central School and is the son of Edward and Ellyn Kelly of Richfield Springs, NY. Ryan Musson, a junior ceramic engineering major. He is the son of Wayne Musson of Cortland, NY, and Carol Musson of Truxton, NY, and is a graduate of Homer Senior High School. Brian Palmer, a junior mechanical engineering major and a graduate of Horseheads High School. His parents are Mark and Patricia Palmer, both of Horseheads, NY. Brandon Striker, a junior ceramic engineering major. Son of David and Leslie Striker of Caledonia, NY, he is a graduate of York Central High School. The Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering at Alfred University offers B.S. and M.S. degrees in biomedical materials engineering science, ceramic engineering, electrical engineering, glass science engineering, materials science engineering, and mechanical engineering. It also offers Ph.D. degrees in ceramic engineering, glass science and materials science.