

## Alfred University alumna one of just two nationwide named Tau Beta Pi 2020 Laureate

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Natalie Turco '20

ALFRED, NY – Natalie Turco, a 2020 Alfred University graduate, has been selected as a 2020 Laureate of the Tau Beta Pi Association. Turco, who earned bachelor's degrees in mechanical engineering and chemistry in May, is one of just 113 Laureates chosen by the Tau Beta Pi Association since 1982.

Tau Beta Pi the oldest engineering honor society, with chapters in more than 250 colleges and universities. The Tau Beta Pi Laureate Program annually recognizes up to five Tau Beta Pi student members for academic achievement as well as a commitment to personal and professional integrity. Turco is one of only two Laureates named for 2020.

[View the Tau Beta Pi announcement here.](#)

The Tau Beta Pi Laureate Program was formally established by the 1984 Convention after a three-year trial basis to recognize annually up to five Tau Beta Pi student members who outstandingly exemplify the “spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges.” Award categories include arts, athletics, diverse achievements, and service. Turco was honored in the diverse achievements category.

Turco previously served as vice president of the New York Sigma chapter of the Tau Beta Pi Association and is currently a chapter advisor. She has also taken on the roles of secretary and social media chair for the Tau Beta Pi Student Advisory Board, which aims to provide resources for developing chapters and share a student perspective with

the Association on a national level.

A native of Westerly, RI, Turco was an active member of the Society of Women Engineers and the Chemistry Club while a student at Alfred University. She also served as an officer of Phi Kappa Phi and Omicron Delta Kappa, and worked as the Student Ambassador Program Coordinator for the CDC and as a teaching assistant for the chemistry department. Turco has been a member of the Saxon Circle since 2018.

Turco has interned and worked at a co-op at General Dynamics Electric Boat in New London, CT, and recently began a full-time position there. In 2018, she received the Robert R. McComsey Career Development Center Outstanding Mechanical Engineering/Renewable Energy Engineering Co-op Award. The honor was in recognition for her co-op with Electric Boat in the fall of 2017.