The Idaho Gamma Chapter of Tau Beta Pi was installed at Boise State University on March 13, 2010. Executive Councillor Norman Ph was the official installing deputy of the Society's 24th collegiate chapter, assisted by Executive Director James D. Froula, P.E., and District 12 Director Tricia E. Schwaller.

The 2009 Convention granted a chapter to the Boise State University Engineering Honor Society (EHS), represented in East Brunswick, NJ, by Shatakshi Goyal, president, and Dr. Janet M. Callahan, CT A ’83, advisor.

The Simplot Ballroom A in the Student Union Building on the campus was the site of the formal ceremonies of initiation and chapter installation, witnessed by Linda R. Stuffle, P.E., MT A ’77, Dr. R. Eugene Stuffle, ID B ’66, and Dr. John M. Youngsman, WA B ’69, BSU faculty.

The initiation team comprised: Dr. Callahan, Dr. James R. Ferguson, CA Z ’77, Dr. George A. Murgel, MT A ’76, Dr. Cheryl B. Schrader, IN A ’74, Dr. and Ms. Stuffle, and the three national officials listed above. Sixteen alumni and 47 students (identified in photographs) comprise Idaho Gamma’s chapter members.

After the formal initiation, the initiates were constituted a new chapter in the ceremony of installation conducted by Councillor Ph. The ceremony included the formal election and installation of the chapter officers and advisors (identified in a photograph caption).

A well-stocked formal reception in the Simplot Ballroom foyer preceded the installation banquet of Idaho Gamma, enjoyed by parents, spouses, and friends.

Dr. Callahan served as mistress of ceremonies and welcomed all initiates, the five visitors whom she introduced, and faculty to the event. She reviewed the history and community-service projects of the former EHS, stated her pride in having this new chapter on campus, and recognized the excellent leadership of former society officers.

Dr. Michael R. Laliberte, BSU vice president for student affairs, spoke of the accomplishments of the former EHS, the importance of honor societies on a campus helping to make the world a better place, and the history of societies, suggesting that TBP became a true honor society before BIBK converted from a social literary club.

Mr. Froula reviewed the history of the petitioning process and challenged the members to pursue excellence in all of their activities, to support the engineering profession, maintain impeccable ethics, and serve their alma mater, fellow students, and the nation.

Mr. Ph congratulated the initiates, spoke of the importance of families and friends, and encouraged members to volunteer whenever someone requests their help. Ms. Schwaller welcomed Idaho Gamma and encouraged the new members to participate in District 12 activities.

Dr. Schrader, dean of engineering, thanked Drs. Callahan, Murgel, Sin Ming Loo, AL A ’97, and Lynn D. Russell, MS A ’69—founding dean of engineering. She reviewed the history of her college—for which TBP represents a great moment and tremendous opportunity—and encouraged the initiates to accept the responsibility to support both their communities and succeeding students.

Dr. Callahan and Dr. Schrader presented charter membership certificates to the initiates. Finally, Dr. Callahan challenged the initiates to maintain the TBP momentum.
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First Officers and Advisors
Front row (L-R): Vice President Ross M. Butler; President Shatakshi Goyal; Cataloger Amber Cox; Recording and Corresponding Secretary McKenzie H. Fox. Back row: Treasurer Jon A. Stanley, and Advisors: Dr. George A. Margel, Dr. Janet M. Callahan, Dean Cheryl B. Schrader—representing Thaddeus B. Welch III, and Dr. James R. Ferguson.

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Idaho Gamma Initiation Team
Front row (L-R): Dean Cheryl B. Schrader, Tricia E. Schwaller, Linda R. Stuffle, P.E., and Dr. Janet M. Callahan. Back row: James D. Froula, P.E., Norman Ph, Dr. James R. Ferguson, Dr. George A. Murgel, and Dr. R. Eugene Stuffle.