Chapter Announcements

Date: August 29th, 2025

Hello Fall Semester!

As we begin the new academic year, TriBeta has many exciting initiatives underway, and we want to ensure that our chapters and members are kept informed about the opportunities ahead. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to the National Office—we are here to support your chapter and help your members thrive! Thank you for everything you do to lead your chapter and guide your students—we appreciate you!

This year, TriBeta is:

- Continuing work on the development of new membership levels and a TriBeta High School program, which will be presented for chapter vote at the 2026 National Convention.
- Finalizing in the coming weeks the transition to Greek Track for online chapter and member management and Collegiate Regalia for chapter and member materials and graduation regalia.
- Launching official TriBeta lab coats and embroidered polo shirts for a limited time purchase
 with special introductory pricing Details coming very soon! And we are finalizing details on
 expanded merchandise options including fleece jackets, beanies, hats, and more
 styles/colors of apparel. We will be re-stocking merchandise soon with more color options
 across all designs.
- Planning the 2026 National Convention in Tallahassee, Florida on the beautiful Florida State University campus, hosted by the Sigma Tau chapter. The field trips are going to be amazing! Save the Date! Wednesday, May 27th – Sunday, May 31st, 2026.

Welcome New Members!

For the **2024–2025** Academic Year (10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025), TriBeta is proud to welcome **6,979** new members and celebrate **535** members promoted from Associate to Regular status.

We extend a warm welcome to all of our newest members and applaud their commitment to biological scholarship, leadership, and research.

Welcome Our New Chapters!

During the 2024–2025 Academic Year, TriBeta proudly welcomed 8 new chapters into our society:

- Mu Chi Beta University of South Alabama
- Nu Alpha Zeta Nazareth University
- Phi Alpha Sigma University of Alaska, Southeast
- Upsilon Nu Delta University of Notre Dame
- Xi Psi Rho Valparaiso University
- Delta Eta Delta Miami Dade College, Homestead
- Sigma Xi Seton Hall University
- Zeta Phi University of Puerto Rico, Arecibo

If you have professor friends or colleagues at other institutions where TriBeta does not have a chapter, please help us connect with them so we can continue to grow TriBeta through new chapters across the country.

Chapter & Membership Platform Transition

We're finalizing the transition from My Honor Society (MHS) to GreekTrack in September.

Continue using MHS until the official Go Live email is sent.

- Advisors will receive login details once GreekTrack launches.
- · All chapter and member data will be migrated.
- Advisors can already sign up for GreekTrack training for honor societies.
 - o Greek Track Training Sessions -- Tuesday, Sept 2nd, 2025 at 8pm EDT.
 - Sign up even if you cannot attend to receive the recording of the training.
- TriBeta National Office will continue to ensure chapters receive their member materials in an expedited manner and a seamless transition.

Research Grant Applications Open!

The TriBeta Research Grant Application is now live!

- Deadline: Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 11:59 PM PST
- Application & Instructions: Research Grant Submission

Encourage your chapter's regular and promoted members to apply for funding to support their undergraduate biological research. These grants are one of the most impactful ways TriBeta helps students gain hands-on research experience and contribute to advancing science.

New Chapter Advisors

If you're new, welcome! Thank you for stepping into this role!

- 1. Complete the New Advisor Form on the TriBeta website to receive your login.
- 2. Register as a peer-reviewer for BIOS: Reviewer Registration
- 3. Register for a **TriBeta 101 Session** to learn about programs and ask questions. These are not mandatory, but strongly encouraged.

TriBeta 101 Zoom sessions are taking place in the first two weeks of September.

- Anyone can attend, but focus is on new chapter advisors and officers.
- Sessions provide an overview of TriBeta, member benefits, and a Q&A.
- Register to attend one of these 5 sessions. If none of these times work for you, please email the national office so we can schedule a 1-on-1 or smaller group session with you.

Session Times:

- III Thursday, Sept 4th, 2025 @ 3:00 pm CST Zoom Registration Link
- Monday, Sept 8th, 2025 @ 4pm CST Zoom Registration Link
- III Tuesday, Sept 9th, 2025 @ 11am CST Zoom Registration Link
- Wednesday, Sept 10th, 2025 @ 2pm CST Zoom Registration Link
- Friday, Sept 12th, 2025 @ 1pm CST Zoom Registration Link

Bertholf Award – Outstanding Chapter of the Year

Applications for the Bertholf Award will open September 1, 2025.

- Deadline: October 31, 2025
- Application: Will be sent to all advisors and posted online here, <u>Bertholf Award</u>.

This award recognizes the **Outstanding Chapter of the Year**—be sure your chapter applies!

Yokley Awards

The Yokley Awards honor long-standing service by advisors and executive officers, as well as chapter activity excellence:

- Advisor / Director / EC Recognition: Nominate an individual with 10+ years of service to TriBeta.
- Chapter Recognition: Chapters with 25 consecutive years of inductions (2020 exempted due to COVID) may apply for the Yokley Chapter Award.
- Nomination form and instructions will be posted soon here, Yokley Awards.

Call for District Convention Hosts

We are seeking chapters to host **District Conventions in Spring 2026 and beyond**. Hosting is a great way to spotlight your chapter and provide opportunities for students to present research.

Contact your <u>District Director</u>, <u>Regional VP</u>, <u>or the National Office</u> for details.

National Convention 2026

The <u>2026 TriBeta National Convention</u> will be hosted by the **Sigma Tau Chapter at Florida State University in Tallahassee** on **May 27–31, 2026**.

- Registration Opens: October 2025
- Workshops: Call for advisor-led workshops to be announced soon.
- Exhibitor & Sponsorships: Graduate programs and organizations are invited to participate—send us your Graduate Programs Coordinator contact to ensure your institution is invited.
- Silent Auction: Donations of science-related or unique "cool finds" are welcome!

Call for 2028 National Convention Hosts

TriBeta is seeking a host chapter for the 2028 National Convention.

- Proposal Call: Spring 2026
- **Decision:** Announced at the **2026 National Convention**

Now is the time for chapters to start considering a proposal! Contact the national office with questions.

BIOS – TriBeta's Quarterly Journal

BIOS is TriBeta's peer-reviewed, quarterly online journal in its 96th year of publication!

- Student Members: Submit manuscripts for free, read and download articles at no cost, and boost your résumé as an undergraduate published author.
- Advisors: Faculty reviewers are always needed!
 - o Sign up here: Reviewer Registration
 - Contact the Editor, Dr. Nancy Todd: <u>BIOS@tribeta.org</u>

National Partner: NMDP

TriBeta continues its partnership for the third year with National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP).

2 Info Sessions offered to learn about NMDP and how your chapter can get involved. Please register to attend.

- TriBeta & NMDP Chapter Info Session (Wed, 9/3/25, 2pm CT): Register
- TriBeta & NMDP Chapter Info Session (Thu, 9/11/25, 4pm CT): Register

Impact: Over 900 new donors were added in the last two years!

- Goal for 2025-2026: 750 new registries—we know our chapters can exceed this.
- **How to Help:** Host donor swab events, lectures, or online sessions.
- Get Started: Fill out this form to be connected with your area's NMDP rep: NMDP Connect
- NMDP will also be present at district, regional, and national conventions.

On behalf of the TriBeta Executive Officers and the National Office, we wish you a successful Fall semester and look forward to seeing you at the district and regional conventions in Spring 2026.

Kind Regards,

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