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Letter from Regent to Executive Director



Mr. Michael T. Abraham, Executive Director Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity 815 Brazos, Suite 710 Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Mike Abraham.

Approximately two years ago in the summer of 2008, eleven individuals came together with the goals and aspirations of starting an engineering organization on campus that would offer something different than those already established. On November 8*, 2008, what was once just a group of motivated students finally grew to be Theta Tau FIU Colony. The eleven individuals became proud Founding Fathers as they watched what was once a dream, become a reality. Today, the Fraternity has rushed three pledge classes and has thirty six active brothers. These active brothers are currently majoring in every engineering discipline that FIU has to offer as well as Computer Science and Construction Management.

Since the date of colonization, the colony has involved itself immensely on campus as well as around the community, allowing ourselves to grow and to be honored with Chapter status. Theta Tau stands boldly among the other engineering organizations on campus. We have made an enormous impact on campus, from taking responsibility in planting more than 100 trees and plants in CEC Park, to bringing together lower and upper division students from every department of engineering. We have achieved to increase the professional development among our members through numerous lab tours and workshops. Theta Tau has become one of the most, if not the most distinguished organization at the Engineering Center.

Between holding weekly chapter meetings to traveling to conferences together, our brotherhood is equally as strong as our organization's presence on campus. Our colony has developed a group of individuals that have created lifelong friendships. We have worked hard and diligently together in order to become a proud Chapter of Theta Tau.

I proudly present to you Theta Tau FIU Colony's petition for Theta Tau Chapter status.

In H&T,

Nadia Lima, Regent

Theta Tau FIU Colony



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We, the members of the Florida International University Colony of Theta Tau, do hereby petition the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity for chapter status.

We, the undersigned, are all currently enrolled in the School of Engineering and Computing at Florida International University and have no affiliation with any organization considered to be competitive with Theta Tau.

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HISTORY OF FIU

The founding of Florida International University (FIU) began with Senator Emest Graham, a man driven to establish a state university in South Florida due to the overwhelming growth in Miami's population. In 1943, Graham presented a proposal to the Florida legislature in hopes of making his dream a reality. Although Ernest Graham's bill for establishing the University did not pass, Senator Robert M. Haverfield stepped in and introduced Senate Bill 711, instructing the state Board of Education as well as the Board of Regents to plan for an installation of a new university in Miami. In June of 1965, Florida's governor signed the bill, paving the way for FIU's first step in becoming an established university. Construction of the University began in 1965, beginning with the complete demolition of Tamiami Airport in 1969. In September 1972, FIU's main campus, then referred to as University Park, opened its doors to 5,667 students. With the inauguration of FIU, Miami's gap of a public baccalaureate-granting institution was filled. FIU at that time was far from an average University, as most students at the time were transfer students from Miami Dade Community College, held full-time jobs and had an average age of 25 years. The University's first commencement held in Primera Casa, allowed more than 1,500 friends and family members watch FIU's first class of 191 graduates receive their diplomas.



Classified as a top-tier Research University, FIU is currently sponsored with funding of approximately \$101 million for research. In the past 38 years, FIU has branched off into two campuses, including the 344-acre Modesto A. Maidique Campus located in western Miami-Dade County, the 200-acre Biscayne Bay Campus located in northeast Miami-Dade County, and the academic site in Broward County, the FIU Broward Pines Center. On June 12, 2009, the University Park Campus changed its name to the Modesto Maidique Campus in honor of the University's former president, Modesto Maidique. Today, the



University proudly offers more than 200 bachelor's, master's as well as doctoral programs. FIU also offers more than 280 majors in 23 colleges and schools including but not limited to Architecture and the Arts, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering and Computing, Law, Medicine and Health Sciences.

In 2000, FIU became the youngest University to be awarded as a Phi Beta Kappa chapter, the country's oldest and most distinguished academic honor society. FIU is home to more than 39,000 proud golden panthers, and more than 139,000 alumni. Truly an "International University," FIU's student body is extremely diverse as it was ranked 1st in the United States for granting bachelor's degrees to minorities, and 1st in the nation in awarding science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) degrees to minorities. Ranked as the most selective University in Florida since 2007, FIU is now the 15th largest university in the United States as well as the 4th largest university in Florida.



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HISTORY OF CEC

Florida International's University College of Engineering started in 1984 under its first Dean, Gordon Hopkins. As such the College of Engineering celebrated its 25th year anniversary in 2009. FIU is currently one of the 25 farcest universities in the United States boasting the

- #1 rank in awarding Engineering Bachelor's and Master's degrees to Hispanics in the continental US
- . #1 rank in enrolling Hispanic graduate students in science and engineering in the continental US
- · 2nd largest number of degree programs in engineering in the State of Florida.

FIU has managed to do this in its relatively young existence in higher education because since its inception the mission goals have always been a priority.

The goals include:

- Educate and foster the habit of individual inquiry, lifelong technical learning, leadership and achievement through top quality academic opportunities
- Innovate and conduct research that will enable and inspire graduates to improve the quality of life, meet the technical needs of industry and government, and contribute to the economic viability of Florida and the nation
- Serve the community through research, scholarly activity and community outreach, as befits a major, public urban research university

Although such goals are lofty, here at FIU we strive for the best and undeniably accomplish them.

The College consists of a School of Computing and Information Sciences and five departments: Biomedical Engineering, Givil and Environmental Engineering, Construction Management, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Mechanical and Materials Engineering. FIU's College of Engineering and Computing offers 10 BS/BA, 11 MS, and six PhD degree programs in various fields of engineering, Leading and teaching in these departments are over 120 full time faculty members serving over 4,000 students. Of these students around 700 are master's students and around 200 are in doctoral programs. Every year the College of Engineering and Computing graduates about 900 students in various programs throughout different stages of their education process. With Such a high volume of graduation and student count some of our programs are among the 30 largest in the country.



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Research spending has also grown since its inception and now is an average of over \$120,000 per faculty member per year. FIU now carries a ranking of a High Research Activity on the Camegie Foundation's classification system. Currently cutting edge research is conducted independently and in partnership with leading corporations and academic institutions. The areas of research boasted by FIU include nanotechnology, wind engineering, transportation and infrastructure, green construction and development, biomedicine, Optical fluorescence spectroscopy, and many others.

Equally important to everything mentioned above is accreditation. FIU academic programs are approved by the Florida Board of Education, the FIU board of trustees and the Florida Board of Governors. The University is also accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. However the most important accreditation standard for an engineering program is ABET. ABET is the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. ABET accredits engineering programs throughout the United States, some 2,800 programs at more than 600 colleges and universities are accredited and FIU's College of Engineering and Computing programs are represented in these numbers.



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LOCAL COLONY HISTORY

On November 8, 2008, eleven extremely enthusiastic students were colonized as Florida International University Colony of Theta Tau. This colonization was the culmination of their hard work, dedication, and passion. Before this date, with the help of their advisor Walter Maldonado, the eleven founding fathers organized themselves accordingly to be able to lay the foundation for establishing a committed, strong, and thriving organization. Soon after being acknowledged by Nationals as a Colony, the Founding Fathers began preparations for their first Rush period, which lead to the Alpha class in spring of 2009.

The induction of the Alpha Class on May 30th, 2009 marked the first successful pledge process for the young colony. This was a monumental achievement by the colony which allowed eleven new brothers to join the fraternity increasing the colonies total membership to twenty-two brothers. The newly inducted brothers from the Alpha Class brought with them enthusiasm and a sense of determination that would propel the colony for the events that followed in the summer.

The colony now composed of the Founding Fathers and Alpha Class took the initiative to become active in the community in numerous positive ways. The summer semester allowed the colony to participate in its first Habitat for Humanity, as well as the colony's most known project to date, the College of Engineering and Computing Central Park Beautification. The Beautification project took place near the college's prized Solar Decarhlon house, hoping to inspire a symbol for scholarly exchange and discussion for a more eco-firendly environment. The colony spent the summer fundraising and collecting donations to fill the park with native plants, adding to the development of a Green campus and the diversification of our South Florida habitat. The remodeling of the park finally provided students and faculty with a sense of community and school spirit, a feeling that had been absent in the college for quite some time.

The fall semester of 2000 resulted in many new milestones for the colony, the first of which was the colony's one year anniversary in November and its first elected executive board. The fall was a time period that allowed the Colony to expand and develop our professional aspect by providing the brothers with numerous speakers and engineering related resources such as resume workshops, Robert Rules of Order and attending the HENNAC national conference in California. The Beta Class was formally inducted into the colony ending their pledge process in January 9th, 2010, almost doubling the membership of the colony. Beta Class provided the Colony with a young group of brothers whose close bond with each other will add to the legacy created by the Founding Fathers and the Alpha Class. The Colony with the addition of the Beta Class was able to head into the spring semester with the passion and man power to maximize our potential. The Colony was able to take on community service events such as Relay for Life and attend its second Habitat for Humanity pillanthropy event.



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By the time of the Theta Tau FIU Colony's third rush, the Colony was gaining recognition from the engineering community on campus. The Colony had been established for over a year at the inception of the Gamma Class rush and was prepared to start the year by having its most successful rush to date. Gamma Class is the product of careful preparation and dedication by the brothers of the Colony in hopes of producing the Colony's best class yet. The pledges, full of potential have already began to show the skills and brotherhood needed in order to become a successful member of our beloved Fratternity. The Colony is eager for the induction of the Gamma Class to join the brotherhood that is the Theta Tau FIU Colony.



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LOCAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



Regent

Nadia Lima

Vice-Regent

Daniel Erick Azan

Scribe

Angela Henao

Treasurer

Jourdan Ramirez

Corresponding Secretary

Mark Bacchus

BROTHERS



Name: Corey Joseph Calabrese Major: Mechanical Engineering

Roll #: 1

Class: Founding Father

Family line: AQ

Hometown: Davie. FL. Birthday: June 3

Graduation Date: Spring 2012

Current Positions: Pledge Instructor

Other Affiliations: ASME, Sigma Phi Epsilon



Name: Byron Gaskin

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Roll #: 2

Class: Founding Father

Family line: IIN

Hometown: Gainesville, FL.

Birthday: October 16

Graduation Date: Spring 2011

Other Affiliations: ASME, Sigma Phi Epsilon



Name: Andre Villarreal

Major: Finance & International Business

Roll #: 3

Class: Founding Father

Family line: Δ

Hometown: Miami, FL

Birthday: November 20

Graduation Date: Spring 2011

Current Positions: Pledge Instructor

Other Affiliations: Sigma Phi Epsilon, Investment

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Name: Omar Santos Baez Major: Civil Engineering

Roll #:4

Class: Founding Father

Family line: $I\Delta$

Hometown: Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

Birthday: May 18

Graduation Date: Spring 2011
Current Positions: Projects Chair

Other Affiliations: ASCE, Tau Kappa Epsilon



Name: Vanessa Vargas

Major: Electrical Engineering

Roll #: 5

Class: Founding Father

Family line: ΩΞ

Hometown: Caracas, Venezuela

Birthday: August 01

Graduation Date: Fall 2011

Current Positions: Rush Chair

Other Affiliations: SWE, Alpha Xi Delta



Name: Sheidyn Ng

Major: Biomedical Engineering Roll #: 6

Class: Founding Father

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Family line: $\Delta\Gamma$

Hometown: San Juan, PR

Birthday: July 08

Graduation Date: Spring 2011

Current Positions: Philanthropy Chair

Other Affiliations: SPS

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Name: Angela Henao Major: Biomedical Engineering Roll #: 7 Class: Founding Father Family line: ΔH Hometown: Cali, Colombia Birthday: April 07 Graduation Date: Spring 2011

Current Positions: Scribe
Other Affiliations: SPS



Name: Christopher Roath Major: Aerospace Engineering Roll #: 8 Class: Founding Father Family line: AX Hometown: Miami, FL Birthday: June 05 Graduation Date: Spring 2011 Current Positions: Traditions Chair Other Affiliations: Sigma Phi Epsilon



Name: Christian Pablo Diaz Major: Electrical Engineering ROII #:9 Class: Founding Father Family Line: AM Hometown: Miami, FL Birthday: May 12 Graduation Date: Summer 2010 Other Affiliations: Eta Kappa Nu

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Major: Construction Management

Roll #: 10

Class: Founding Father

Family line: Ω

Hometown: Hollywood, FL

Birthday: January 07

Graduation Date: Spring 2011

Current Positions: Brotherhood Chair
Other Affiliations: IIE, SHPE, Pi Kappa Phi



Name: Nadia Lima

Major: Civil Engineering

Roll #: 11

Class: Founding Father

Family line: I

Hometown: Port Saint Lucie, FL

Birthday: May 09

Graduation Date: Spring 2011

Current Positions: Regent

Other Affiliations: ASCE, Tau Beta Pi, Chi Epsilon



Name: Jourdan Ramirez Major: Civil Engineering

Roll #: 12

Class: Alpha

Family line: Δ

Hometown: Barranquilla, Colombia Birthday: June 23

Graduation Date: Spring 2011

Current Positions: Treasurer, Marshall

Other Affiliations: ASCE



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Name: Alicia Felix Major: Computer Science

Roll #: 13

Class: Alpha Family line: ΔH

Hometown: Santo Domingo, DR

Birthday: October 23

Graduation Date: Spring 2012 Other Affiliations: Phi Sigma Sigma



Name: Daniel Erick Azan

Major: Biomedical Engineering, Biology

Roll #: 14

Class: Alpha

Family line: ΔX Hometown: Miami, FL

Birthday: June 14

Graduation Date: Spring 2011

Current Positions: Vice-Regent Other Affiliations: Tau Beta Pi



Name: Roselyn Pereira

Major: Computer Engineering

Roll #: 15 Class: Alpha

Family line: AM

Hometown: Caracas, Venezuela

Birthday: February 26 Graduation Date: Fall 2010

Other Affiliations: Upsilon Pi Epsilon, Sigma Alpha

Lambda, International Students Club

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Name: Jose Estevez

Major: Electrical Engineering

Roll #: 16 Class: Alpha

Family line: ΔΓ

Hometown: Miami, FL Birthday: April 25

Graduation Date: Spring 2011

Other Affiliations: Alpha Kappa Psi, IEEE



Name: Eric Michael Loyd

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Roll #: 17

Class: Alpha

Family line: ΠN Hometown: Miami, FL

Birthday: June 19

Graduation Date: Spring 2012 Other Affiliations: Pi Kappa Alpha



Name: Antonio Roberto Diaz Major: Computer Science

Roll #: 18

Class: Alpha Family line: ΙΔ

Hometown: West Palm Beach, FL

Birthday: February 03

Status: Alumni

Other affiliations: Tau Kappa Epsilon

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Name: Andres Pena

Major: Electrical Engineering

Roll #: 19 Class: Alpha

Family line: ΩΞ

Hometown: Caracas, Venezuela

Birthday: February 24

Graduation Date: Spring 2010 Other Affiliations: IEEE, SHPE, ESC



Name: Janty Ghazi

Major: Electrical Engineering

Roll #: 20 Class: Alpha

Family line: AΩ

Hometown: Miami, FL

Birthday: February 01 Graduation Date: Spring 2011

Other Affiliations: IEEE



Name: Mark Bacchus

Major: Computer Engineering Roll #: 21

Class: Alpha

Family line: Ω
Hometown: Long Island, NY

Birthday: April 26

Graduation Date: Spring 2011

Current Positions: Corresponding Secretary

Other Affiliations: IEEE

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Name: Christopher Ramos Major: Mechanical Engineering

Roll #: 22 Class: Alpha

Family Line: I Hometown: Miami, Fl

Birthday: September 25 Graduation Date: Spring 2011

Other Affiliations: Men's Club Volleyball Team



Name: David Aviles Major: Civil Engineering

Roll #: 23

Family Line: IΔ

Hometown: Metairie, Louisiana

Birthday: July 26

Graduation Date: Spring 2011

Current Positions: Professional Development Chair

Other Affiliations: NSCS



Name: Jeffrey Gropper Major: Civil Engineering

Roll #: 24 Class: Beta

Family Line: ΔΓ Hometown: Pembroke Pines, FL

Birthday: March 24

Graduation Date: Spring 2010 Other Affiliations: ASCE, ESC

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Name : Jean Gonzalez

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Roll #: 25 Class: Beta

Family Line: ΔX

Hometown: Havana, Cuba

Birthday: June 14

Graduation Date: Spring 2010

Other Affiliations: Alpha Eta Mu Beta, SHPE, Tau

Beta Pi



Name : Lucas Pastorini

Major: Electrical Engineering Roll #: 26

Class: Beta
Family Line: AM

Hometown: Salvador, Bahia, Brazil

Birthday: February 12

Graduation Date: Spring 2012



Name: Kenneth Martinson

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Roll #: 27

Class: Beta

Family Line: AM Hometown: San Jose, Costa Rica

Birthday: August 14

Graduation Date: Fall 2011

Other Affiliations: My Daily Cause, Phi Kappa Phi,

NSCS, Golden Key

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Name: Jessica Barbosa Major: Environmental Engineering ROII #: 28 Class: Beta Family Line: ΩΞ Hometown: Colombia Birthday: December 31 Graduation Date: Spring 2012 Current Positions: Social Chair



Name: Juan Benatul Major: Electrical Engineering Roll #: 29 Class: Beta Family Line: ΩΞ Hometown: Caracas, Venezuela Birthday: May 21 Graduation Date: Spring 2010 Current Positions: Intramurals Chair Other Affigiations: IEEE



Name : Juan P. Jimenez Major: Electrical Engineering Roll #: 30 Class: Beta Family Line: I Hometown: Havana, Cuba Birthday: June 20 Graduation Date: Spring 2011





Roll #- 31

Class: Beta Family Line: Δ

Hometown: Havana, Cuba

Birthday: June 23

Graduation Date: Fall 2010 Other Affiliations: ASCE, FES



Name: Christopher Morrison Major: Electrical Engineering

Roll #: 32 Class: Beta

Family Line: I

Hometown: Saint Petersburg, FL

Birthday: November 29 Graduation Date: Fall 2010

Other Affiliations: Phi Gamma Delta, IEEE, FIU

Army ROTC, ACM



Name: Paola Nuñez Major: Computer Science

Roll #- 33 Class: Beta

Family Line: ΔH Hometown: Santo Domingo, DR

Birthday: February 08

Graduation Date: Spring 2012 Current Positions: Service Chair

Other Affiliations: Invitational Scholars Club



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Major: Electrical Engineering Roll #: 34 Class: Beta Family Line: AM Hometown: Miami, FL Birthday: November 19

Name: Michael Ferrier

Graduation Date: Spring 2011 Other Affiliations: Tau Kappa Epsilon



Name: Francis Ruiz
Major: Electrical Engineering
Roll #: 35
Class: Beta
Family Line: ΩΞ
Hometown: San Juan, PR
Birthday: November 04
Graduation Date: Fall 2010
Current Positions: Fundraising Chair

Other Affiliations: Tau Kappa Epsilon



Name : Alexander Rodriguez Major: Biomedical Engineering Roll #: 36 Class: Beta Family Line: Ω Hometown: Queens, NY Birthday: December 26 Graduation Date: Fall 2011

Current Positions: CSO Chair Other Affiliations: BMES



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Name : Amir Brand Major: Computer Science Roll #: 37

Class: Beta Family Line: I∆

Hometown: Caracas, Venezuela Birthday: March 17

Graduation Date: Spring 2011

Other Affiliations: Phi Theta Kappa



AFFILIATIONS





















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NOTABLE EVENTS

Professional Development

Speaker: Carolyn Meeker - Interview Skills Workshop (2010)

Speaker: Jose Toscano - Resume Workshop (2009)

Speaker: Jose Toscano - Robert's Rules of Order (2009, 2010)

Tour: Miami Intermodal Center at Miami International Airport (2010)

Conference: HENAAC, Long Beach, CA (2009)

Seminar: AutoDesk Workshop sponsored by WB Engineering (2009)

Speaker: Jourdan Ramirez - Financial Advising Workshop (2009)

Networking: Engineering Forum (2010)

Community Service

Habitat for Humanity (2009, 2010)

Relay for life (2009, 2010)

College of Engineering and Computing (CEC) Central Park Beautification (2009)

Brotherhood

Intramurals Volleyball (2009)

Intramurals Basketball (2010)

Camping trip to the Everglades, Big Cypress National Park, FL (2009)

Retreat, Quiet Waters Park, Deerfield Beach, FL (2010)

Park Day at CB Smith Park, Pembroke Pines, FL (2009)

CEC Central Park Inauguration BBQ (2009)

Bowling Night at Bird Bowl (2009)



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Dinners at Local Restaurants (2009-2010)

Flannigan's

Chilis

Ale House

Bellante's Pizza Buffet

Cici's Pizza

Theta Tau Girls ("Theta Tau Sorority") Dinner (2009)

Movies at Local Movie Theaters

The Hangover (2009)

Transformers (2009)

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince (2009)

Concerts

Warped Tour (2009)

Blink 182, Fall Out Boy, All American Rejects (2009)

No Doubt, Paramore, The Sounds (2009)

Incubus (2009)

Football Games (2008, 2009)

National Founders Day Party (2009)

Six Flags, Los Angeles, CA (2009)

Trip to California (2009)



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Involvement on Campus

Engineering Expo (2009, 2010)

25th Anniversary of College of Engineering Gala (2009)

Engineering Day at the Graham Center (2009)

Engineering Interdepartmental Softball Game (2010)

College of Engineering Blood Drive (2010)

BBQs with Other Engineering Organizations (2009, 2010)

ASME

SHPE

ASCE

BMES

National Interaction

Regional Conference (2009, 2010)

National Leadership Academy (2009)

Superbowl Night at Zeta Gamma Chapter, Gainesville, FL (2010)

Founding Father Colonization (2008)

Alpha Rush and Initiation (2009)

Beta Rush and Initiation (2009, 2010)

Gamma Rush (2010)



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Tour: Miami Intermodal Center at Miami International Airport (2010)

The Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) is a planned transportation hub under construction near the Miami International Airport. It will offer centralized transfer between the Metrorail, Amtrak, Tri-Rail, buses, taxis, and rental cars.





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Conference: HENAAC, Long Beach, CA (2009)

HENAAC, which stands for Hispanic Engineering National Achievement Award Corporation, was established in 1989 as a means of identifying, honoring, and documenting the contributions of outstanding Hispanic American science, engineering, technology and math professionals. In 2009, the annual conference was held in Long Beach, CA





Six Flags, Los Angeles, CA (2009)





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Habitat for Humanity 2009





Habitat for Humanity 2010





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Relay for Life 2009





Relay for Life 2010







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College of Engineering and Computing (CEC) Central Park Beautification (2009)

Theta Tau FIU Colony took the legacy project of the landscaping of the CEC Central Park, found in the back of FIU's main Engineering Building.









Intramurals Volleyball (2009)





Intramurals Basketball (2010)







Camping trip to the Everglades, Big Cypress National Park, FL (2009)





Park Day at CB Smith Park, Pembroke Pines, FL (2009)



Dinners at Local Restaurants (2009-2010)





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Engineering Expo 2009





Engineering Expo 2010







Engineering Day at the Graham Center (2009)









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Regional Conference 2009











Regional Conference 2010



Superbowl Night at Zeta Gamma Chapter, Gainesville, FL (2010)





Founding Fathers Colonization (2008)









Alpha Class Rush and Initiation (2009)









Beta Rush and Initiation (2009)









Gamma Rush (2010)







April 2, 2009

To whom it may concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for the Florida International University colony of Theta Tau to become a chapter.

As the Dean of the College of Engineering and Computing, I understand the importance of students being involved and exposed to activities that promote collegiality.

The members of the Theta Tau colony recently participated in a landscaping project for the FIU Solar Decathlon house, which sits as an independent structure in a green area, adjacent to a Brick Path, behind our college. Theta Tau committed their members to landscape the surroundings of this property with native plants, and trees. They managed to get donations from local nurseries, and twenty trees from FIU main campus relocated to our college. The once empty green land has now turned into a beautiful landscaped park that everyone can enjoy.

The commitment of these students did not end after planting the trees. They maintained the area through the first critical weeks and continued to garden.

In my opinion, the Theta Tau team has demonstrated the ability to carry out a project and put the interest of their fellow students, and college community as a priority. I trust that they can sustain the chapter, and will continue to lead and be role models for their fellow students.

Sincerely,

Amir Mirmiran, PhD, PE, FASCE, FACI

Professor and Dean

OFFICE OF THE DEAN
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING



February 8 2010

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to recommend the Florida International University colony of Theta Tau to become a chapter.

Lam the Assistant Director of Recruitment and Retention at Florida International University College of Engineering and Computing. Student affairs, outreach and public relations are all part of my position at the college. I interface with most of the student organizations, work on student projects and plan and execute events using student volunteers on a regular basis.

Lattended the first Theta Tau colonization dinner and have watched the progress of the FIU Theta Tau members over the years. Theta Tau at FIU is helping the college to establish a community of scholars who serve the college and each other. I was skeptical about the fledgling fraternity's ability to sustain itself after the alpha class. The reason for this is that many students who attend the Florida International University College of Engineering and Computing are commuting transfer students. Having these students, traditional and non-traditional engage with the college has always been a challenge. They are commuter students and already have families, friends and jobs away from the institution that fulfill their social needs

However, engagement at the college has many advantages to our students that they forego because they do not understand the resources available to them through the college and the collegiality of fellow students. Theta Tau has successfully helped imprint a new style of student whose interest in the college and each other has helped to change the culture of the institution.

The FIU 2005 Solar Decathlon house sits as an independent structure in a green area with a brick path behind the college. Theta Tau committed their members to landscape the new green area with native plants and trees. They were able to get donations from local nurseries and also to have FIU relocate 20 trees from an area on the main campus where they were building a parking lot. In one month the green area went from just that to a beautifully landscaped park for everyone to enjoy.

They planted the plants then maintained them trough the critical replanting time and continue to garden the area. They have proved that they can accomplish a legacy project for the colony and sustain it through their members. They have done many other events and projects throughout the years however the park is unique and a gift that keeps on giving.

I trust the members and have been happy that they have joined me in creating a small campus environment in a large institution. I believe they can sustain the chapter and continue to contribute in a meaningful way

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, trohame. enhanie Strange

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Members of Theta Tau c/o Theta Tau Central Office 1011 San Jacinto, Suite 205 Austin, TX 78701

April 2, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend the Theta Tau Colony at Florida International University (FIU) for Chapter status. For the past year and a half, I have had the honor to serve and work as their faculty advisor.

I often rely on the brothers from Theta Tau FIU colony to develop events throughout the Engineering Campus. They volunteer their time and dedication, organizing different activities as well as serving as tour guides. Their commitment, hard work, leadership, and reliability provide the College of Engineering & Computing with successful and outstanding events.

Their presence in the Engineering Campus has definitively been a positive addition to our student body. The Colony has followed through with every event and project they have taken on. This includes, but not limited to, the beautification of the Engineering Center Central Park, Engineering expositions, and most recently the 25th Anniversary of the Engineering Center Gala.

Not only have they have shown interest in campus involvement, but in the community through different service activities such as Habitat for Humanity and Relay for Life. The colony has organized different professional development activities in the past year, which

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has impressed me tremendously, being that they are such a young group on campus. For example, they recently got to tour the Miami Intermodal Center, which is a multibillion-dollar project adjacent to our biggest airport, Miami International Airport. Another example of their reliability was shown at the beginning of the year when we hosted the Engineering Exposition. The brothers of Theta Tau FIU colony quickly volunteered 20 of their brothers to serve as tour guides for the entire day. Each brother was assigned a group of students, either from middle or high school, that were invited to our University in order to take part of activities that promoted their interest in science. Their unselfish service continues every semester with the addition of new brothers.

Theta Tau FIU Colony's dedication, hard work, diligence, reliability, and the character seen in their brothers really serves as role models in our student group. I highly recommend the Theta Tau FIU Colony petition for chapter status.

Sincerely.

Walter Maldonado

Senior Academic Advisor & Colony advisor Undergraduate Education James R. Pike 3025 Mary St #12 Miami, FL 33133 305-798-9401 April 2, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Over the past year and a half I have had the pleasure of meeting and spending some time with the members of the Florida International University Colony of Theta Tau, and I am proud to say they would be an invaluable addition to our growing community of Theta Tau chapters.

I have attended and spoken at three of their rush information sessions, and I was impressed not only with their professionalism, but with the way they have already bonded to form a close-knit brotherhood. The group encourages a newly-joined member to speak at each event, and every time that member has candidly told of their positive experiences, reminding me of a spirit of social and professional growth, community service, and lifelong brotherhood that I have benefitted from ever since pledging myself, 9 years ago at the University of Florida's Zeta Gamma chapter.

I would gladly vouch for this group of engineering students in becoming the next official chapter of Theta Tau.

Sincerely,

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Attention: Brothers of Theta Tau

Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity

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Reference:

Florida International University Colony of Theta Tau

Letter of Recommendation

Brothers:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for the Florida International University Colony of Theta Tau. Since before its inception as a colony, I had the opportunity to meet and/or have discussions with members regarding Theta Tau as an organization and to determine if they could champion the Hammer and Tongs spirit as brothers of Theta Tau. With this writing, I believe that they do meet the high standards which we hold for our brothers.

Having been present at a few of their events one in particular stands out; during their rush meeting this past Fall I was asked to come and say a few words. Prior to my speaking one of their new brothers got up to speak; during his eloquent, but brief speech it became clear that the brothers of FIU Colony truly were like family. His speech elicited watery eyes in a number of the brothers in the meeting and numerous nods of agreement. To follow a speech like his was impossible as he had summarized values that we as brothers of Theta Tau hold dear.

The members of FIU's Colony have worked together to build a strong brotherhood and their rapid growth is evidence that their hard work is paying off. Their leadership is currently strong and new brothers carry the same strong leadership qualities which will benefit the colony as it continues to grow.

In closing I feel that the members of the Florida International University Colony of Theta Tau have met not just the written requirements to become a Chapter of Theta Tau but have also formed the bonds of brotherhood which we so greatly value, and which differentiates Theta Tau from other engineering organizations. I herewith recommend that the Theta Tau Colony at Florida International University be granted the privilege to become a Chapter of Theta Tau.

In H&T,

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Dear Brothers:

I am pleased to encourage your favorable vote on the petition from the Florida International University Colony to become a Chapter of Theta Tau.

The group at FIU demonstrated great initiative from its inception as it formed and organized itself quickly and efficiently. Since its certification, the Colony has pursued its objective of successfully petitioning to become a chapter. I have been impressed by the members, their activities, and the fact that they appropriately enjoy the fun and fellowship of fratemity life.

The Colony has established good rapport with members of Theta Tau. Colony members attended 2009 Leadership Academy sponsored by our Educational Foundation and attended Southeast Regional Conferences.

Successful rush/pledging/initiation cycles, participation in campus life, newsletter publication, and development of a website all presage future success as a chapter of our national Fraternity.

In H and T.

Michael T. Abraham Executive Director

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