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The University of California, Berkeley Colony of Theta Tau



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PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

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Dear Brothers,

It is the greatest honor to come before you today on behalf of my brothers to request our colony's entry into the National Theta Tau Fraternity.

When I first became a brother in Theta Tau, I had my reservations on whether these brothers would ever be able to stand for the noble values of brotherhood, professional development, and philanthropy that are Theta Tau. Today, I have no doubt in my mind that our brotherhood is not only aligned with these values but has made them our own to champion. For that we here at Epsilon thank you from the bottom of our hearts for allowing Theta Tau to serve as our inspiration, as the burning torch illuminating the passageway between instruction and the real world with the blinding radiance of our fellow brothers, growing together through brotherhood and love.

The Epsion Colony of Theta Tau has been reinstated at Berkeley for little over two years, but in that time I have seen Theta Tau growf nom a little known organization to the single machine Contest in April 2010 was the largest event held by any campus engineering organization with attendance over 400 – an event bringing the campus comunity together to revel in the beauty that is engineering. In the same month, we held a successful industry event in which speakers, from CAITANSI, Intel (JOC), Sandia National Laboratories, and Bayer shared the modern challenges of the engineering world with the campus. Our Discovery Expo, a children's engineering first was host to over 50 students between the 3rd and 6th grades. For our efforts, we were awarded the highest campus honor, the OSKI, for Best Service Education Event. We have also held numerous career fairs and events in collaboration with the Engineering department. Among our valuable things about the Epsilon Colony is the professional ambition that makes its home here, but it not the most valuable thing.

Mr. Abraham, as Executive Director of Theta Tau, you know better than all of us that we are not our accomplishments; we are not our past and our future conquests here at Espioin. Our pride is not in awards, in recognition, in the groundbreaking progress we have made on campus here and will make in the world. Our pride and our character is each other; is each and every one of our brothers. All accomplishments of mice and me nale in comparison to true companionship and brotherhood, and I am sure without a speck of doubt in my mind that this is what you will find here at Espion.

I speak for all of us here at Epsilon when I say that today will shine bright in our history, and it is with the utmost respect for all of what Theta Tau stands for that I hereby request entry to the National fraternity on behalf of each of my brothers here. You have my word; we will not let you down.

Interfraternally,

Jonathan Liu Regent UC Berkeley Epsilon Colony of Theta Tau



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We, the members of the University of California, Berkeley Colony of Theta Tau, do hereby petition Theta Tau for chapter status.

We, the undersigned, guarantee that we are all currently enrolled in the College of Engineering and pursuing degrees in engineering at the University of California, Berkeley and have no affiliation with any organization in competition with Theta Tau.

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The Epsilon Colony of Theta Tau at UC Berkeley currently consists of 50 active Brothers.

The current makeup of Epsilon Colony by class is as follows:

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- Alpha Class: 6 Brothers
- Beta Class: 13 Brothers
- Gamma Class: 12 Brothers
- Delta Class: 11 Brothers



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History of the University of California, Berkeley

The University of California Berkeley was founded on March 23⁴⁴, 1868 as the first of ten major campuses in the University of California system. It was created from a merger of two other educational institutions, the private College of California, located in Oakland, and a new state institution, the Agricultural, Mining, and Mechanical Arts College. Thus the University was modeled after Yale and Harvard to feature core courses in the liberal arts, and combined with the more technical curriculum of the state college. With only ten faculty members and about forty students, the University of California opened in Oakland in 1869. By 1873, the University had over 200 students and was relocated to the newly built North and South Halls by the first UC President Henry Durant to a new site in Berkeley.

As the university began to expand, specific branches of the campus eventually split off to become new campuses. For example, in 1905, the University Farm was established near Sacramento, which later became the University of California Davis. In 1914, a southern branch of the University was created in Los Angeles, thus initiating the state wide UC system.

As the University continued to expand, the buildings on campus did as well, growing to include twenty structures designed by the architect John Galen Howard. UC Berkeley's academic repute grew as well, so that b 1942, the American Council on Education declared UC Berkeley ranked second only to Harvard University in the number of distinguished departments.

UC Berkeley was also the site of major historical impacts, and with the advent of World War II, the Earnest Orlando Lawrence Radiation Laboratory signed a contract with the US Army to develop the atomic bomb. So that in 1942, the University's physics professor J. Robert Oppenheimer was named the scientific head of the Manhattan Project, which developed bott the atomic bomb and the nuclear bomb. During that time, students also played their part in history, as recruitment became a heavy influence on the campus, with more then one thousand Navy personnel among the student body at the time.

By 1952, with the war over, the University of California officially became a separate entity from the Berkeley campus.

Besides its stellar academics and historical research, the University also gained a reputation for student activism during the Free Speech Movement of 1964, a protest in opposition of the Vietnam War that ended in the arrest of more then 800 students. Another highly publicized protest happened a mere five years later in People's Park, where the National Guard had to be called in when the school and it's students clashed over the use of that particular plot of land.

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At present, the student body of Berkeley is less political active with a larger percentage of moderates and conservatives, however various human rights and animal rights groups have continued to conflict with the university. Animal rights activists have threatened faculty members for the use of animals in research, and Tree sitters have camped out to protest the demolition of ancient oak trees for the construction of a new stadium.

Despite these controversies and the recent lack of state funding, UC Berkeley has remained the top ranked public university by US News & World Report. Additionally, 35 of 36 graduate programs at Berkeley rank in the top ten of their field, while all of its PhD programs rank in the top 5 of their respective fields.

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History of the College of Engineering, UC Berkeley

The College of Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, has been an integral part of engineering education and innovation since its original charter on March 23, 1868. The College of Engineering has evolved over time as early technical colleges merged together. Originally, the College of Engineering was formed with the combination of the College of Mchanics and the College of Civil Engineering in 1931. A little more than a decade later, the College of Mining followed suit and joined with the College of Engineering 1942. As the College of Engineering continued to expand, it eventually developed into numerous departments, each focused on one of many various fields of engineering.

In 1873, the College of Civil Engineering awarded the first engineering bachelor's degree. The first master's degree and doctorate would not be awarded until 1896 and 1894, respectively.

The College of engineering has produced many notable alumni, one of which is none other than the engineer and cartoonists Rube Goldberg. He graduated in 1904. While originally only pursuing engineering at his parents' insistence, he soon discovered that engineering was his largest inspiration. His 'inventions' and illustrations of complex mechanisms performing mundane tasks have been utilized in popular culture ever since. His name continues in many college and high school courses and competitions to inspire and promote engineering just for the fun of it.

Yet another famous alum is Douglas Engelbart, who invented the computer mouse after receiving a PhD in electrical engineering from the College of Engineering in 1955. His research lab also became the second node of the ARPANet, the predecessor to the Internet in 1967. His contributions to engineering helped to define the way consumers interact with their computers to this day.

More famous and integral tools of modern technology have emerged from the college of engineering as well. Including SPICE (Still the industry standard tool for integrated circuit design), which was developed under Professor Donald 0. Pederson, and is widely used by tens of thousands of circuit designers on a daily basis. A couple years later in 1969 two UC Berkeley engineering graduates wrote a new operating system to play a computer game and created UNIX, which is still a wildly popular operating system utilized all around the world today.

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History of Theta Tau, Epsilon Colony

The Epsilon Chapter at the University of California, Berkeley was originally installed as the fifth chapter of Theta Tau in 1911, but due to political unrest during the 1960s, the organization was forced to disband. Over the past forty years, the Epsilon Chapter of Theta Tau has unfortunately maintained this inactive status. However, with the help of Brothers from the Omicron Gamma Chapter at the University of California, Davis, Theta Tau reemerged onto the Berkeley campus.

Before the fall semester of 2007, Brothers from the Omicron Gamma Chapter began searching for potential interested undergraduates with the help of social networking giant, Facebook, Founders Regine Labog and Lifan Zhang were among those undergraduates to reach out and contact the Omicron Gamma Brothers about the possibility of reactivating the once thriving Epsilon Chapter at UC Berkeley. After getting to know Omicron Gamma's Brothers and one enlightening trip to Zachary's Pizza, Regine and Lifan had both fallen for what Omicron Gamma and Theta Tau stood for. Within the next couple weeks, Regine and Lifan had founded the Epsilon Engineers of Berkeley and over well on their way to becoming an official colony of Theta Tau. By the end of their first spring semester, the Epsilon Engineers of May 18th, 2008. With the continued guidance of the Omicron Gamma Brother's, the members were ready to try their hand at pledging the soon to be Epsilon Colony's first class.

In the following fall semester, the Epsilon Engineers of Berkeley had their hands full organizing and establishing the newly created group, as well as, mentoring their first class of pledges. The following spring, the Epsilon Colony at UC Berkeley was ready to pledge its second class. Receiving unprecedented campus interest in their growing colony, the Epsilon Colony accepted fifteen pledges into its Beta Class. Inspired by the potential of the young colony, members of the Beta Class quickly assimilated with the others and immediately joined in improving all aspects of the brotherhood.

As the third fall semester of their existence came to pass, the Epsilon Colony had successfully selected twelve amazing pledges to comprise the Gamma Class. In an attempt to kick start the professional aspects of the new colony, pledges underwent one the most rigorous pledging process yet to be implemented. Surpassing the preceding classes in every challenge presented to them, the Gamma Class brought not only a stronger sense of brotherhood, but helped the growing colony establish itself strongly amongst other organizations on campus. With the joint leadership and experience of the Founding Class and the enthusiasm and drive of the younger classes, the Epsilon Colony found itself integrating into the upper echelon of the engineering community.

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Continuing the tradition of surpassing the accomplishments of previous classes, the Delta Class, consisting of eleven pledges, helped make some of the largest achievements of Epsilon Colony possible during the spring semester of 2010. During the spring semester, Epsilon Colony hosted not only UC Berkeley's first Discovery Expo, but also UC Berkeley's first campus wide Rube Goldberg Machine Competition. The award winning Discovery Expo played host to over fifty elementary school children and allowed Brothers to share their love for science and engineering for an entire Saturday. Epsilon's first campus wide Rube Goldberg Machine Contest brought together over ten teams from various engineering campus organizations and generated an audience of near five hundred attendees. The success of the event even inspired Brothers to teach a Berkeley course the following semester on creatively solving problems through Rube Goldberg-like solutions. After two unprecedented years as a colony, the Epsilon Colony continues to grow as one of the strongest brotherhoods on campus.



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April 8, 2010

Dear Brothers,

I strongly recommend Theta Tau Epsilon colony for chapter status at the University of California, Berkeley. As an alumna from Chi chapter in Tucson, Arizona, I contacted the Berkeley colony in order to stay connected with Theta Tau when I first moved to Berkeley for graduate school almost two years ago. I received a prompt response welcoming me and inviting me to speak in their rush presentations, attend meetings, initiations, and professional or social events. Since then, I have seen epsilon grow from the beginning, from their very first alpha pledge class to the strong brotherhood they are today.

Berkeley colony has grown quickly, but has not sacrificed quality to do so. Each member is enthusiastic about Theta Tau and takes pride in upholding the values of the fraternity. They have a strong rush program in which they try to get to know each rushee during rush week by means of professionalism workshops, barbecues, and personal interviews, among other things, in order to carefully decide who are good candidates for future brothers. Berkeley colony has certainly made a good name for itself and for the fraternity in the UC Berkeley engineering community, and I have never seen a shortage of quality rushee

seeking a bid into the fraternity.

Their pledge program is equally impressive. While pledges have their own responsibilities within the pledge class, both pledges and actives work together in fraternity events to make them a success. Their pledge program fosters unity not only among the pledge class, but also between pledges and actives to integrate the concept of brotherhood within the fraternity as a whole.

I have also been impressed by the high level of member participation and motivation at their weekly meetings and their events, whether philanthropy, professional, fundraising, social or others. It's not always the same people bearing all the responsibilities. Each member plays a role in committees and different projects, and members are always responsive when one of the brothers needs help. They reach out to the community with several philanthropy events every semester, they have member retreats, attend Regionals, and some of their recent developments include an initiation formal, graduate school workshop, It has been an exciting experience to see a new colony grow and develop it's strengths, traditions, and brotherhood. The Berkeley colony demonstrates that Theta Tau truly is a lifelong brotherhood and home no matter where you are or what chapter you are from. I have seen this on a personal level when they immediately included me in their colony when I first moved here. They don't hesitate to ask me for a different perspective based on my experiences at Chi chapter, and they are always seeking new ways to improve the colony. It would be a huge asset to the UC campus, the surrounding Berkeley community, and to Theta Tau fraternity to grant chapter status to the Berkeley Colony.

In H and T,

Natalie Sophia Gakopoulos Chi Chapter, #1229

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Jose J. Olasa

March 28, 2010

To the Brothers of Theta Tau,

As an active member of the Omicron Gamma chapter at the University of California Davis and as a frequent visitor to the University of California Berkeley colony of Theta Tau, it is my pleasure to recommend the University of California Berkeley colony of Theta Tau for chapter status.

I make this recommendation based on my relationship and continuous involvement with the Berkeley colony prior to their inception. I remember the first meeting that Omicron Gamma had with them and being impressed by their drive to revive Theta Tau at Berkeley. Six months after that meeting I was able to meet the same group of people as members of a colony of Theta Tau and once again see their drive. Since their installation as a colony. I have seen them grow and improve on my visits to their colony. I have seen them strengthen their organization and brotherhood. During my last visit I observed their Rush Info Night, which clearly showed their ongoing development. The Rush event ran smoothly and was an excellent example of brotherhood and professionalism. In their conversations with the rush guests, the brothers displayed their passion for Theta Tau explaining what Theta Tau had done for members and more importantly what they hoped to do for the fraternity.

It is my belief that the petition for chapter status of the University of California Berkeley colony of Theta Tau should be approved so that they can, as full members, continue their excellent work for the betterment of the fraternity.

In H&T,

Jose J. Olasa ОГ 60



Rhett Livengood

April 6, 2010

Dear Brothers,

It is with great pleasure, that I recommend the University of California, Berkeley colony of Theta Tau for chapter status. During the past two years, I have experienced firsthand the dedication and enthusiasm that each member has committed towards Theta Tau and their brotherhood. Without a doubt, I believe that the Berkeley colony would be a strong addition to the Theta Tau fraternity.

Remaining true to the three main pillars of Theta Tau, the members of Berkeley Colony have focused on expanding and excelling in their philanthropy, professionalism, and brotherhood. These members have devoted many weekends and late nights preparing for and hosting great events that give back to the community. These events included a cleanup of the local marina, a graduate school informational presentation complete with a panel of current Berkeley graduate students speaking and answering questions, as well as a Discovery Expo where close to one hundred local elementary students were able to experience demonstrations to promote curiosity and interest for science and engineering.

During their past rush, I was invited to host their Professional Development Night and give a presentation on interviewing techniques and resume building. I was very impressed at the high turnout of students rushing (>50) and the engineering community's interest in their colony.

Finally, the most outstanding quality I would like to emphasize about the members of Berkeley colony is each member's ability to maintain a unique balance between working hard to excel in academics as well as taking advantage of every opportunity to build brotherhood within their colony. I was fortunate enough to experience this animated side first hand while spending the night laughing and singing karaoke with their members.

After 26 years as a Theta Tau member, I believe that the members of Berkeley colony possess the qualities necessary for success as a chapter of Theta Tau, and I wholeheartedly endorse their petition.

In H and T,

Rhett Livengood Omicron, 1984

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