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Mr. Michael T. Abraham, Executive Director Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity 1011 San Jacinto, Suite 205 Austin, TX 78701

Alyssa Apolonio, Regent Benjamin Curwin, Vice Regent University of Maryland Theta Tau Colony College Park, MD 20740

Dear Mr. Michael Abraham

In May of 2008 the University of Maryland Theta Tau Colony was initiated in the A James Clark Engineering School. As a startup organization, run by underclassmen, in an established engineering community we faced a number of challenges as we got our foot in the door and found our identity as a brotherhood.

Over the past two years we have developed a sustainable executive board structure, in addition to our service, social, professional development, rush, and Rube Goldberg committees. We continue to strive for improvement and to immerse ourselves in the cardemic, local, and engineering communities surrounding us.

Our petition will deliberate on the details of our activity through a listing of our events, brothers, and a description of our history. The ture growth has been through each other and the lasting fraternal bonds we have formed, not only within our own country. The support of our neighboring chapters has been generous and vital to our success, as have the contributions of all the brothers within our lown.

Theta Tau is now a proud and established professional fraternity at the University of Maryland. Enduring growing pains, our fraternity has progressed with our founding fathers. In the wake of our diligence and dedication have risen the pillars for which future generations of brothers can learn and mature as we have.

Sincerely,

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Alyssa Apolonio, Regent

Benjamin Curwin, Vice Regent

Member Signatures

We, the members of the University of Maryland Theta Tau Colony hereby petition for chapter status.

We are all currently enrolled in the A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland and have no affiliations with any organization considered to be competitive with Theta Tau.

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History of the University of Maryland

The University of Maryland, College Park had humble beginnings as the Maryland Agricultural College. On the sixth of March in 1856 it received its charter and in 1858 a location was chosen for the school. Charles Benedict Calvert sold four hundred and twenty acres of his Riverdale plantation to the Maryland Agricultural College and issued stock certificates to help launch the school.

In the fall of 1859 the Maryland Agricultural College was officially opened. 34 students were enrolled, four of which were sons of the original landowner, Charles Calvert. Benjamin Hallowell was president of the university at this time. The next three years each saw a new president, John Work Scott, John M. Colby, and finally Henry Onderdonk, who served until 1664. In 1862 the first degrees were awarded to Maryland Agricultural College graduates.

The Civil War brought action to campus twice between 1861 and 1865, when both Union and Confederate soldiers camped on college grounds. By the end of the war, the Maryland Agricultural College is bankrupt and becomes a preparatory school. In 1866 Maryland Legislature appropriates half the money for ownership and the Maryland Agricultural College becomes, in part, a state institution.

By 1873 the college has a steady enrollment of 100 students and has paid off all of its debts. In 1887 the Hatch Act creates federally funded agricultural experiment stations; the trustees of the Maryland Agricultural College offer the college farm and Rossborough Inn for that purpose. In 1888 the college had its first recorded intercollegiate athletic competitions: baseball games against St. John's College and the Naval Academy. In 1897 the first fraternity was established on campus: Phi Sigma Kappa, Eta chapter.

In 1912 a fire begins at a Thanksgiving Dance and destroys every dormitory, half of the classrooms and offices and most of the college records. The damages totaled \$250,000 but no one was hurt in the blaze.

In 1916, the state of Maryland takes over full control of the college and renames it Maryland State College. In the same year, the first female students were enrolled. Four years later, the college awards Ph.D. degrees to 517 students, 20 of which were women. The student newspaper is established and named the Diamondback in 1921.

The Maryland State College is grated accreditation by the Association of American Universities and becomes a university in November of 1925. By 1945 enrollment is up to 5,000 students. In the next year, enrollment almost doubles from the GI Bill.

In 1951, the first African American student enrolls at the University of Maryland. In 1958 McKeldin Library, the main library for the campus, is completed.

Today the University of Maryland is one of the top public universities in the United States. There are over 26,000 undergraduate and 10,000 graduate students. The university offers 127 undergraduate majors and 112 graduate degrees in its 13 schools, and employs over 3,000 full time employees. With innovative plans for expansion the university looks to continue to excel as one of the top academic institutions in the contry.

History of the A. James Clark School of Engineering

The School of Engineering was founded at the University of Maryland, College Park, in 1894. Originally named the Glenn L. Martin College of Engineering and Aeronautical Sciences in 1949, the school was later renamed the A. James Clark School of Engineering in 1994.

The Clark School operates in 14 building throughout campus, and currently houses several state of the art facilities including the Glenn L. Martin Wind Tunnel and the Neutral Buoyancy Research Facility. Collectively, the undergraduate programs rank 23^a in the nation according to the 2010 *U.S. News & World Report* survey, and the graduate programs rank 23^a in the nation according to the *U.S. News & World Report* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2011."

The A. James Clark School of Engineering is home to the top public graduate program in the Mid-Atlantic region and is tied for ⁹⁶ in the nation among public undergraduate engineering programs. With 2,968 students currently enrolled, the Clark School still manages to continuously excel in academics and national rankings.

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University of Maryland Theta Tau Colony History

On February 4th 200⁸, Theta Tau Central office sent an email out to engineering students at the University of Maryland, College Park seeking interest in being the organization. Alyssa Apolonio, the current Regent, responded and expressed interest in learning more. After a large response, Alyssa received an email on February 12th with an invitation to a Theta Tau interest meeting being held on February 26th, During this interest meeting, elections were held. This day marks the beginning of Theta Tau history at the University of Maryland.

Succeeding the initial elections, meetings were held to organize the members and achieve colony status. A constitution was drafted, committees were formed and regular meetings started. On June 29th 2008 a ceremony and dinner was held to induct the University of Maryland group as a Theta Tau Colony.

In the fall of 2008 the colony embarked on initiatives to expand membership and work on brotherhood bonding in order to establish a strong foundation. These events included a game night, movie night, tailgate and get-togethers before football games. Other events included a fundraiser at California Tortilla and a service event in which the colony raised money for Breast Cancer Research doing a Stk-walk in Washington DC.

In the spring of 2009 we recruited our first ever pledge class. Through advertising and hosting a social event, significant interest was gathered from the engineering student body. Following information sessions and interviews a 16-member pledge class was selected. Weekly pledge meetings were held to teach pledges about Theta Tau history and work on projects. Having a pledge class that semester along with service events and the Regent attending a National Event were all essential to the growth of the colony. Alyssa brought back information that she learned on a national level that allowed the colony to gain perspective that she passed on to old and new brothers.

In the fall of 2009 the colony started what promises to be a tradition in the brother-pledge camping trip. This event allowed members of the colony to bond over the course of weekend hikes, car rides, bonfires and sharing tents. The semester was very significant in the growth colony's active role within the Engineering Student Council. The Executive Board participated in a dinner held by the Engineering Student Council to network with other engineering societies in the A. James Clark School of Engineering. In addition, the colony participated in various sporting events and fundraisers hosted by the Engineering Student Council, such as a dodge ball tournament and regular hot dog sales.

In the spring of 2010 the culminating and biggest achievement of the colony thus far was the hosting of the Atlantic Regional Conference. This conference had over 200 members in attendance from brothers and pledges coming from the surrounding states of the Atlantic Region. The planning, coordination and execution of this event involved extensive participation and dedication from colony members. The University of Maryland Colony pledge class won the Pledge Olympics at the Regional Conference, beating all other chapters and colonies from the Atlantic Region. This event brought the colony together, bonding the members as a fraternity.

Each semester's events, successes and failures contribute to the growth of the University of Maryland Theta Tau Colony. The enthusiasm and excitement from each semester grow, as members are constantly motivated to achieve more. Today there are four functioning committees: Rube Goldberg, Social, Fundraising and Service. There are general body

meetings weekly to keep the colony updated and actively engaged. Each executive board position is filled and each semester there are events in the professional development, social and service areas. The accomplishments continue as the colony hopes to continue on and forge its place in Theta Tau history.

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University of Maryland Executive Board

Alyssa Apolonio, Regent

Benjamin Curwin, Vice-Regent

Ryan Ganser, Treasurer

Susanna Kaumeyer, Historian



Andrew Ross, Corresponding Secretary Krishan Patel, Scribe David Minor, Rush Chair Edward Vogel, Social Chair Ross Westermeier, Service Chair David Lai, Fundraising Chair Lisa Liu, Professional Development Chair Xiang Zhang, Rube Goldberg Chair Emily Rodriguez, Pledge Instructor Stephen Parsons, Pledge Instructor Stephen Parsons, Pledge Instructor Maureen Perry, Risk Management Chair Joseph Senerchia, Webmaster

The Members of Maryland Theta Tau

Name: Alyssa Apolonio Major: Civil Engineering Hometown: Baltimore City, MD Pledge Class: Founding Father **Expected Graduation:** May 2011 Positions Held: Regent, Vice Regent

Name: Darren Taillie Major: Aerospace Engineering Hometown: Southington, CT Pledge Class: Founding Father **Expected Graduation:** May 2011 Positions Held: Risk Management. Secretary

Name: Susanna Kaumever Major: Chemical Engineering Hometown: Lusby, MD Pledge Class: Founding Father Expected Graduation: May 2011 Positions Held: Historian, Fundraising

Name: Jake Kowalchek Major: Aerospace Engineering Hometown: Bel Air, MD **Pledge Class:** Founding Father **Expected Graduation: May 2011**

Name: Dennis Nasuta Major: Mechanical Engineering Hometown: Bel Air, MD **Pledge Class:** Founding Father **Expected Graduation: May 2011**













Name: Michael Pertmer Major: Mechanical Engineering Hometown: Silver Spring, MD Pledge Class: Founding Father Expected Graduation: May 2011 Positions Held: Regent



Name: Adam Rhoads Major: Mechanical Engineering Hometown: Abingdon, MD Pledge Class: Founding Father Expected Graduation: May 2011



Name: Andrew Ross Major: Aerospace Engineering Hometown: Macungie, PA Pledge Class: Founding Father Expected Graduation: December 2011 Positions Held: Corresponding Secretary



Name: Benjamin Curwin Major: Chemical Engineering Hometown: Rochester, NY Pledge Class: Founding Father Expected Graduation: May 2011 Positions Held: Vice Regent, Professional Development



Name: Orri Ganel Major: Computer Engineering Hometown: Columbia, MD Pledge Class: Founding Father Expected Graduation: May 2011 Positions Held: Pledge Master, Risk Management



Name: Ryan Ganser Major: Fire Protection Engineering Hometown: Fairfield, CT Pledge Class: Founding Father Expected Graduation: May 2011 Positions Held: Treasurer

Name: Leonardo Apolonio Major: Computer Engineering Hometown: Owings Mill, MD Pledge Class: Founding Father Expected Graduation: Alumni Positions Held: Rush

Name: Thomas Bailey Major: Mechanical Engineering Hometown: Elkton, MD Pledge Class: Spring 2009 Expected Graduation: May 2011

Name: Amado Carsky Major: Civil Engineering Hometown: Rockville, MD Pledge Class: Spring 2009 Expected Graduation: May 2011

Name: David Minor Major: Bioengineering Hometown: Elkton, MD Pledge Class: Spring 2009 Expected Graduation: May 2011 Positions Held: Rush, Pledge Master











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Name: Krishan Patel Major: Bioengineering Hometown: Germantown, MD Pledge Class: Spring 2009 Expected Graduation: May 2011



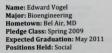
Name: Emily Rodriguez Major: Civil Engineering Hometown: Severna Park, MD Pledge Class: Spring 2009 Expected Graduation: December 2011 Positions Held: Pledge Master



Name: Joseph Senerchia Major: Electrical Engineering Hometown: Hillsborough, NJ Pledge Class: Spring 2009 Expected Graduation: May 2011 Positions Held: Webmaster, Social



Name: William Uhr Major: Mechanical Engineering Hometown: Westfield, NJ Pledge Class: Spring 2009 Expected Graduation: May 2011







Name: Talyne Derderian Major: Mechanical Engineering Hometown: Rockville, MD Pledge Class: Fall 2009 Expected Graduation: May 2012

Name: Matthew Eshed Major: Mechanical Engineering Hometown: New York, NY Pledge Class: Fall 2009 Expected Graduation: May 2012



Name: Lucas Hedinger Major: Computer Engineering Hometown: Bethesda, MD Pledge Class: Fall 2009 Expected Graduation: May 2012



Name: David Lai Major: Bioengineering Hometown: Baltimore, MD Pledge Class: Fall 2009 Expected Graduation: May 2012 Positions Held: Fundraising

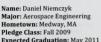


Name: Lisa Liu Major: Chemical Engineering Hometown: Clarksville, MD Pledge Class: Fall 2009 Expected Graduation: May 2013 Positions Held: Professional Development



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Name: Rebecca Morgenstern Major: Fire Protection Engineering Hometown: Silver Spring, MD Pledge Class: Fall 2009 **Expected Graduation:** May 2011





Expected Graduation: May 2011



Name: Stephen Parsons Major: Mechanical Engineering Hometown: Hollywood, MD Pledge Class: Fall 2009 Expected Graduation: May 2013 Positions Held: Pledge Instructor



Name: George Sineriz Major: Electrical Engineering Hometown: Marlow Heights, MD Pledge Class: Fall 2009 **Expected Graduation:** May 2012







Name: Ross Westermeier Major: Aerospace Engineering Hometown: Trenton, NJ Pledge Class: Fall 2009 Expected Graduation: May 2011 Positions Held: Service



Name: Xiang Zhang Major: Mechanical Engineering Hometown: Frederick, MD Pledge Class: Fall 2009 Expected Graduation: May 2013 Positions Held: Rube Goldberg

Name: Daniel Choquette Major: Bioengineering Hometown: Brookeville, MD Pledge Class: Spring 2010 Expected Graduation: May 2013





Name: Rex Hsu Major: Chemical Engineering Hometown: North Potomac, MD Pledge Class: Spring 2010 Expected Graduation: December 2013



Name: Benjamin Kellogg Major: Computer Engineering Hometown: Arnold, MD Pledge Class: Spring 2010 Expected Graduation: May 2013



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Name: Thomas Metzger Major: Bioengineering Hometown: Baltimore, MD Pledge Class: Spring 2010 Expected Graduation: May 2011



Name: Maureen Perry Major: Materials Engineering Hometown: Bethesda, MD Pledge Class: Spring 2010 Expected Graduation: May 2012 Positions Held: Risk Management



Name: Sindhushree Raghunandan Major: Bioengineering Hometown: Rockville, MD Pledge Class: Spring 2010 Expected Graduation: May 2011



Name: Martin Vilarino Major: Bioengineering Hometown: Vienna, VA Pledge Class: Spring 2010 Expected Graduation: May 2011



Pictures of Past Events

Breast Cancer Walk 2008





Game Night Fall 2008



Habitat for Humanity 5 K Spring 2009



Relay for Life Spring 2009





Engineering Student Council Executive Board Dinner





Tree Campus USA Volunteer Event







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Rock Climbing Fall 2009







Founders' Day Visit to Gamma Beta Fall 2009



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BBQ Fall 2009



Dodgeball Tournament Fall 2009



Camping Trip 2009





Pledge Dinner Fall 2008

Atlantic Regional Conference Spring 2010







Maryland Day Spring 2010



Relay For Life Spring 2010









Domefest Spring 2010

Engineering Field Day Spring 2010



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Rush Fall 2010



Letters of Recommendation



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September 27, 2010

Mr. Michael T. Abraham Executive Director Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fratemity 1011 San Jacinto, Suite 205 Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Abraham:

On behalf of the University of Maryland colony of Theta Tau, I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for them to become a chapter.

I have had the opportunity to work with the student members for the past year, and I am impressed with their dedication to the A. James Clark School of Engineering and to the University of Maryland. The colony hosted the 2010 Theat Tau Middlantic Regional Conference attended by almost 300 brothers representing eight Universities and Colleges. This weekend event was a tremendous access and showcasd their commitment to the fratemity.

The brothers have had a tremendous impact on the A. James Clark School of Engineering and have served as role models for their fellow students. They are committed to making significant contributions towards the betterment of the campus community and have participated in numerous projects as outlined in the petition.

I encourage you to look favorably on their application. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me personally.

Sincerely,

Josefina P. Simpson '84 Director of Alumni Relations A. James Clark School of Engineering



National Capitol Section Alumni Club of Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity

September 23, 2010

Brother Michael D. Livingston Grand Regent Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity

Dear Brother Livingston:

The officers of the National Capitol Section Alumni Club of Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity on behalf of their participating alumni in the Washington, DC vicinity would be proud to recommend the Theta Tau colony at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD. The Alumni Club would welcome them into our fraternal family as a full chapter of Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity.

The Alumni Club has been able to watch the group grow from a collection of individuals, but like minded engineering students into a cohesive, energetic community, committed to the principals that our fraternity represents.

Over the past few years, their activities have ranged from individual social, educational and professional activities, to organized events such as the Breast Cancer Walk. The colony has also hosted a successful Regional Conference. Their membership has developed into a thriving group.

We believe that the Theta Tau colony at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD and its fine members would make an excellent addition to Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fratemity.

In H&T,

Ken Han

Ken Han, FB, 94 President Rob Huie

Robert Huie, ΓB, 97 Treasurer

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Alex Rosenheim, ΓB '96 Corresponding Secretary Page 39



A JAMES CLARK SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

4 October 2010

Mr. Michael T. Abraham Executive Director Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fratemity 1011 San Jacinto, Suite 205 Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Abraham:

I am very pleased to write this letter recommending that the Theta Tau Colony at the University of Maryland be granted Chapter status.

As Associate Dean of the Clark School of Engineering when the colony was initiated in Fall of 2008, I saw firsthand the commitment that a small number of our engening students had for the formation of not just a social group, but also an organization that would serve both the School of Engineering and the University of Maryland as a whole. In the ensuing two years, it is gratifying to see that the activities of the members of the The That 2000 phase exceeded me expectations.

Both on-campus and off. Theta Tau members have been involved in numerous activities that clearly show their enthusiasm and dedication. Participation in Maryland Day, the Breast Cancer Walk, Habitat for Humanity, Engineering Field Day – all of these, and more, are evidence of the camanderie and spirit that the members have. And, of course, hosting the Spring 2010 Mid Atlantic Regional Conference was a tremendous accompliament for the colony members.

In the two years, membership in Theta Tau has grown to a sizeable number – an indication not only of their recruitment efforts, but also of their abilities to clearly show other students that there is great benefit to be a member of Theta Tau. I fully expect that the membership numbers will continue to increase.

In its brief history, the fraternity has already shown that it is an important part of the School of Engineering, and I'm certain that the chapter will be extremely successful in the future as it builds on past activities and gets involved in new ones. I most strongly support Theta Tau's petition to become a Chapter.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Pertmer Associate Dean (2000-2010) A. James Clark School of Engineering



PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

September 20, 2010

Members of Theta Tau

Dear Brothers:

I am honored to write in support of the petition from the University of Maryland Colony of Theta Tau to become our newest Chapter of Theta Tau.

As Regional Director, I have worked closely with these Colony members over the past two years. In that time, I have personally witnessed tremendous success in the areas of recruitment, colony growth and both campus and community involvement. Even when faced with great adversity, the University of Maryland Colony has successfully overcome these potential obstacles by working together as a Brotherhood and having the willingness to ask for help when needed, attributes of which Chapters all across the mation should embrace.

I am thoroughly impressed with the enthusiasm and effort the members have shown. During the Spring of 2009, the University of Maryland Colony hosted an incredibly successful Atlantic Regional Conference and with over two hundred Brothers in attendance, they have certainly raised the bar once again for the Atlantic Region.

This group has already proven to be a valuable asset to the Atlantic Region, and it is my fervent belief they will continue to be such an asset to the fraternity-at-large. I strongly recommend you approve their petition for Chapter status.

In H and T,

Will Brandenburg, Atlantic Regional Director ZG 133 XX! WW! ZZ!

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