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February 28, 2007

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Dear Mr. Abraham,

In all my years, I have never had the opportunity to be so proud of the accomplishments of so many. It gives me great pleasure to announce that the colony of Theta Tau at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte is petitioning for Chapter Status. The Brothers of the UNC Charlotte colony have undertaken the great task of proving that we are worthy of chapter status. Becoming a chapter is a momentous event for all of us because it finally unites us with the lineage we long to be a part of.

Since our inception, the Brothers at UNC Charlotte have strived for excellence not only in the classroom but also in the relationships that we share with our community at large and with ourselves. Our fund-raising has ranged from \$10,000 in support of Hurricane Katrina to over \$2,000 raised to help fight cancer and support Relay for Life in the spring of 2006. Professional Development activities have taken us to some incredible experiences like Duke Energy's coal power facility as well as lectures and engineering panels at the university.

We have always been committed to put our best foot forward and this has gained many accolades within the College of Engineering which hold all of the Brothers in the highest regard. This colony has proven to be a positive force within the college bringing together the many different engineering majors. In the spring of 2006, the Lee College of Engineering honored our efforts by awarding the colony the Most Outstanding Student Organization award. Our brothers have faithfully attended regional conferences with Upsilon Beta at Old Dominion University and Gamma Beta at George Washington University. This semester we are planning to visit Kappa Gamma this semester in Richmond, VA. During our first regional event, the colony volunteered to host the conference in Charlotte during St. Patrick's Day weekend last year. Many chapters from our region and beyond were in attendance and their support helped reinforce our mission to become a chapter.

We have taken all of the necessary steps towards gaining chapter status since our initiation into Theta Tau as a colony. This semester, we have begun trying to find a permanent office within the Lee College of Engineering to take the place of the file cabinet we currently occupy. These accommodations are not offered to student organizations at this time.



I have always believed that actions speak louder than words and I hope that our commitment to the Fraternity speaks to you.

In conclusion, we the members of the UNC Charlotte Colony of Theta Tau politely ask the chapters and executive council to accept our request for chapter status. We thank you for all the help you have given us in preparation for this moment.

Sincerely,

*Nicholas Kannen*

Nicholas Kannen  
Regent  
UNC Charlotte Colony of Theta Tau



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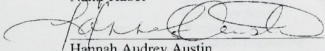


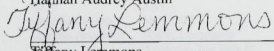
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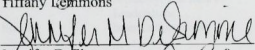
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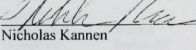
  
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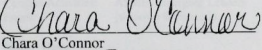
  
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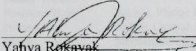
  
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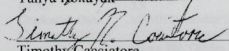
  
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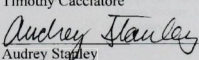
  
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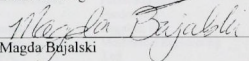
  
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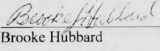
  
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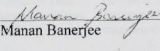
  
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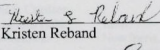
  
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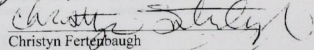
  
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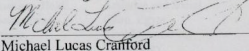
  
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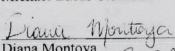
  
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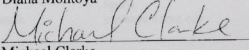
  
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## Spring 2007 Pledges

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GPA: 3.0  
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## History of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte

UNC Charlotte is one of a generation of universities founded in metropolitan areas of the United States immediately after World War II in response to rising education demands generated by the war and its technology.

To serve returning veterans, North Carolina opened 14 evening college centers in communities across the state. The Charlotte Center opened Sept. 23, 1946, offering evening classes to 278 freshmen and sophomore students in the facilities of Charlotte's Central High School. After three years, the state closed the centers, declaring that on-campus facilities were sufficient to meet the needs of returning veterans and recent high school graduates.

Charlotte's education and business leaders, long aware of the area's unmet needs for higher education, moved to have the Charlotte Center taken over by the city school district and operated as Charlotte College, offering the first two years of college courses. Later the same leaders asked Charlotte voters to approve a two-cent tax to support that college.

Charlotte College drew students from the city, Mecklenburg County and from a dozen surrounding counties. The two-cent tax was later extended to all of Mecklenburg County. Ultimately financial support for the college became a responsibility of the State of North Carolina.

As soon as Charlotte College was firmly established, efforts were launched to give it a campus of its own. With the backing of Charlotte business leaders and legislators from Mecklenburg and surrounding counties, land was acquired on the northern fringe of the city and bonds were passed to finance new facilities. In 1961, Charlotte College moved its growing student body into two new buildings on what was to become a 1,000-acre campus 10 miles from downtown Charlotte.

Three years later, the North Carolina legislature approved bills making Charlotte College a four-year, state-supported college. The next year, 1965, the legislature approved bills creating the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the fourth campus of the statewide university system. In 1969, the university began offering programs leading to master's degrees. In 1992, it was authorized to offer programs leading to doctoral degrees.

Now a research intensive university, UNC Charlotte is the fourth largest of the 16 institutions within the University of North Carolina system and the largest institution in the Charlotte region. The university comprises seven professional colleges and currently offers 17 doctoral programs, 59 master's degree programs and 85 leading to bachelor's degrees. More than 900 full-time faculty comprise the university's academic departments and the 2006 fall enrollment exceeded 21,500 students. UNC Charlotte boasts more than 75,000 living alumni and adds 4,000 to 4,500 new alumni each year.





## The William States Lee College of Engineering



Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 1929, William States Lee III was the grandson of William States Lee Sr., who helped found Duke Power Company and was its first chief engineer. The younger Bill Lee followed in his grandfather's engineering footsteps. Bill Lee III attended Princeton University, where he studied civil engineering and competed as a member of the rowing team. He graduated from Princeton with Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude honors.

After serving in the U.S. Navy Civil Engineering Corps, Lee married Janet Runerger of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The couple returned to Charlotte in 1955, where Lee joined Duke Power's engineering department as a junior designer.

An investor-owned electric power company, Duke Power was experiencing tremendous growth as it worked to keep pace with the fast-growing Carolinas. The company's policy was to design, engineer and construct its own hydro-electric and coal-fired power plants. Lee quickly established himself as a

visionary engineer and natural leader. His work in the design of Marshall Steam Station was a key component in building a plant that consistently ranked as the most efficient plant in the country for more than 20 years.

In 1965, Lee became the vice president of engineering. In 1968, he was named to the Duke Power board of directors, and became the senior vice president of engineering and construction.

It was during the late 60s and early 70s that Lee helped lead Duke Power's design, engineering and construction of nuclear power plants. Duke was one of the first utilities in the nation to build base-load nuclear generating units. The construction costs of three nuclear units at Oconee Nuclear Station, two units at McGuire Nuclear Station and two units at Catawba Nuclear Station were some of the lowest in the world, while the efficiency of the units was some of the best.

In 1976, Lee became executive vice president of Duke Power. He was named president and chief operating officer in 1978, and chairman and chief executive officer in 1982. His position and title changed to chairman and president in 1989.

As the leader of Duke Power, Lee did not forget that the mission of the utility was to serve the best interests of the community. With seven nuclear units, Lee realized that the foremost consideration in this commitment was safety. Lee led a national movement to bring together all nuclear operators in a cooperative organization that would share best practices and establish worldwide safety standards. In 1979, the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations was formed and Lee served as its chairman from 1979 to 1982.

When the Three Mile Island Nuclear accident occurred in 1979, Lee led the recovery efforts, shutting down and stabilizing the reactor. He also worked long and hard to ease public concerns and make sure that a similar accident would not occur again.

Lee was the catalyst in expanding the new organization to a worldwide level. The World Association of Nuclear Operators was founded in 1989, and Lee served as its president until 1991.

In his community service, Lee went far beyond the issues directly impacted by Duke Power. He was the champion of numerous causes, including the Boy Scouts, performing arts and environmental stewardship. Perhaps his greatest commitment was to education, supporting everything from preschool programs for underprivileged children, to the building of top engineering programs at UNC Charlotte.



Lee established the Power in Education Program at Duke Power, which gave Duke employees paid time to volunteer in community schools. For his efforts, Lee was honored by U.S. presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

Lee was committed to establishing and expanding excellence at UNC Charlotte's College of Engineering. He led efforts to develop strategic plans, create a vision and mission, and establish measures of success. His commitment led to the UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees naming of the College The William States Lee College of Engineering in 1994.

Lee retired from Duke Power in 1994. He continued, however, to work diligently for the people of the Carolinas. On the day before his death in 1996, Lee addressed the North Carolina State Legislature as the chairman of Gov. Hunt's N.C. Economic Development Committee. His parting words to the hall of legislators were that the most important thing they could do to further the economy of the state, was to support education. He called for a strong commitment to education on all levels, with particular emphasis on research and higher education.

The role of the College of Engineering, as the university moves forward to become a major research university, is articulated in its goals. The primary objectives include developing a healthy educational and research environment, improving the capabilities of our graduates, providing unique educational opportunities, and furnishing critical information technology to complete our mission. More specifically, the goals are described in the following five principles.

1. Develop and maintain a **successful learning environment** , which attracts and retains qualified students and faculty and excites the very best.
2. Establish a **research culture** that supports a successful and highly visible research enterprise, which spearheads the university's thrust toward becoming a major research university.
3. Improve **student capabilities** as measured by increases in performance relative to key competencies.
4. Provide **unique educational opportunities** , including distance learning and continuing education opportunities that fit our unique mission, vision and capabilities.
5. Provide **state-of-the-art IT infrastructure** that supports the mission of our College, the objectives of our programs, and the needs of our students, faculty and staff.

The Lee College of Engineering includes departments of Civil Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and several majors of Engineering Technology. The rapid growth of the university and the city of Charlotte makes this an exciting time to be a part of UNC Charlotte. In the last two years the College of Engineering has grown exceptionally by acquiring two new buildings on campus.

A few of the many areas of study and research provided by the College's departments include environmental, computer, biomedical, motorsports, geo-technical, microelectronics, manufacturing, mechanical design, fluid mechanics, transportation, structural, heat transfer, and materials engineering. The most prominent graduate studies in the college lie in its nationally-recognized Precision Metrology department.





## Our Colony's History

In the Spring of 2005, Joseph DeVoe and Christopher Roberts concluded that there was a need for a professional organization at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte that united the engineering students who attended. Aside from Honor Societies which had high GPA requirements, many of the available organizations were only social in nature and did not offer the complete package of academics, social, and professional development. With a vision of an organization that developed character and social interaction, helped with school, and prepared the students for a career in engineering, these two students made the decision to join Theta Tau. On February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Joe contacted the Executive Director of Theta Tau, Michael Abraham, to find out what it takes to begin a chapter. The rest is history.

Nine other highly involved students volunteered to participate in this effort. Each member represented one of the engineering disciplines offered at the William States Lee College of Engineering. With a variety of backgrounds and experience, each new officer offered more ideas which added to the original vision. From that point on, these students began to prepare the necessary requirements asked for by the national office. Together, after hours of meetings and hard work, eleven engineering students made the vision become a reality. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005, after less than three months of dedicated effort, this group was officially recognized as a colony of Theta Tau. Their shared goal is to produce well-rounded engineers who are ready for their career, prepared for success, and one step ahead of all other engineering graduates.

Since initiation, the UNC Charlotte Colony of Theta Tau has grown exceptionally. From 11 to 26 with about 40 on the horizon, our Fraternity has grown in size and maturity. With every semester that passes; our executive council and chair holders have had an opportunity to refine the process to make this an efficient organization. Theta Tau now has an identity not only in the College of Engineering but within the University of North Carolina at Charlotte as well.



## Birth of a Colony



The Beginning



Colony Initiation



Scavenger Hunt



Hurricane Katrina Fundraiser



Regionals at Upsilon Beta



Dressed for Success



First Theta Tau Ski Trip



Regionals at Home



Theta Tau Formal



Relay for Life



Theta Tau Trip to Beaufort



Theta Tau Ski Trip #2





## THETA TAU

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

### Grand Regent

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To my Brothers in Theta Tau,

It is my pleasure to recommend that the University of North Carolina – Charlotte Colony of Theta Tau petition for chapter status be approved.

During a trip to North Carolina in March 2006, I was able to meet the members of the colony. The group was hosting the regional conference during the weekend I was there. The regional conference was well planned out and the colony had been in contact with all of the other chapters in the region to keep them up-to-date on the conference information. The colony welcomed all members of Theta Tau and showed the hospitality seen by many of our chapters. They had successfully worked together to plan and host the conference despite being such a young colony.

Since then the colony has continued to grow in numbers and in brotherhood. This semester they had a very successful rush and have pinned 16 new pledges. This is a great achievement for the group and demonstrates the ability of the colony to sustain itself and grow. The colony continues to display the closeness and brotherhood that they have shown since the beginning.

I believe that this group would make a valuable asset to Theta Tau and I hope that their petition for chapter status would be granted.

In H & T,

Michael D. Livingston  
Grand Regent





## THETA TAU

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

February 1, 2007

ΘT Executive Council  
Theta Tau Central Office  
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Dear Brothers:

I am pleased to write in support of the chapter petition received from the University of North Carolina Charlotte Colony of Theta Tau.

I was contacted in the spring of 2005 by students at UNCC interested in becoming affiliated with Theta Tau. That semester, Past Grand Regent Lee Haas drove to Charlotte to meet with the group. Later that semester, we again visited Charlotte to certify their new colony. Almost continuously, the local and then colony has excelled at everything that they do. The activities of the group as represented in the petition speak for themselves. The colony has attended and hosted numerous regional functions. The students there have impressed me with their grasp of the concept of a professional fraternity in engineering, as well as their friendly demeanor.

I believe this chapter will be a valuable asset to Theta Tau, and I strongly recommend your approval of their petition.

In H and T,

Michael T. Abraham  
Executive Director

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# THETA TAU

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

PAST GRAND REGENT

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January 19, 2007

Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity  
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My Theta Tau Brothers,

It was my pleasure, in the Spring of 2005, to be the first Theta Tau to visit the students of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC) who were making the plans to form an engineering local fraternity, become a Theta Tau Colony, and eventually, a Chapter of Theta Tau. I was wowed by the progress in organizing and moving towards becoming a colony that the students had made using just the Theta Tau written guide materials.

While I believed that they would continue in an exemplary manner, I am extremely impressed to learn that they have:

- Raised \$10,000 to support the disaster relief for hurricane Katrina and about \$2,000 for the American Cancer Society in Relay for Life
- Won Most Outstanding Student Organization Award from the College of Engineering
- Visited power plant facilities of Duke Power
- Raised money for Alexander Children's Home to replace their bed linens
- Planned and hosted the Spring 2006, Atlantic regional conference

I believe they have demonstrated not just their desire to become a chapter of Theta Tau, but have also shown through their achievements that they would be a great addition to our fraternity.

I fully support certification of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Colony of Theta Tau as a chapter of our great fraternity and welcoming it's members as our brothers.

In H and T,

Lee C. Haas





26 February 2007

My Brothers,

I am writing in support of the Petition of the University of North Carolina – Charlotte to become a chapter of Theta Tau.

David A. McCall

Atlantic Regional  
Director

I have visited the Colony several times since their certification and every interaction has been very professional. The Colony hosted the Atlantic Regional Conference for the Spring 2006 and it was a very well run and organized event.

The Fraternity would be well served with a chapter at the University of North Carolina – Charlotte.

In H and T,

David A. McCall  $\kappa\Gamma 7$   
Atlantic Regional Director



Brothers of Theta Tau,

I am writing this letter to advocate for the installation of the University of North Carolina Colony as a chapter of Theta Tau. Over the past few years, I have witnessed first hand a group of people become a strong organization extremely worthy of belonging to our great fraternity. I first met the colony members in 2003 and saw what was then a disorganized group that had a hard time interacting with guest chapters and even themselves at times. Since then they have become a tightly knit group that last spring semester hosted one of the best Regional conferences in my recent memory. Upon arriving there, the brothers from Rho chapter felt like they were welcomed and a sense of belonging. The colony demonstrated an exceptional ability to be organized even when things did not go as planned as well as great relationships with their college of engineering. The speaker for our conference discussed the use of micro technology in many applications. Afterwards, an internship was even offered to one of the colony members. Their persistent growth and growing organization makes them extremely fit for brotherhood in our fraternity.

In H & T,

*Grady McCollum*

Grady McCollum P1107 XX! YY!





## THETA TAU

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

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January 30, 2007

To the Brothers of Theta Tau,

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation on the behalf of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte colony of Theta Tau.

I have interacted with the colony on several occasions; each time I have seen a growth in professionalism as well as the strength of their brotherhood. From the first Kappa Gamma road trip down to Charlotte to the recent Fall Regional Conference held at the George Washington University, I have witnessed this colony demonstrate enthusiasm and the ability to balance professional development with a strong sense of brotherhood.

They have rushed effectively, growing rapidly to 25 dedicated brothers. They have done a tremendous amount work at their university to promote themselves and the Fraternity as a whole. One of their greatest achievements, of which I became aware of through online news reporting, was raising \$10,000 for the hurricane Katrina relief fund. They have also made solid efforts to extend invitations to other chapters to participate in brother bonding events.

I believe that this colony has a strong future as a chapter given over 2100 engineers to recruit from and such a strong presence on campus. The number of engineering students at the University of North Carolina campus at Charlotte is larger than all of this region's active chapter's engineering schools except Rho Chapter at North Carolina State University. The number of engineers that this potential chapter has to choose from will make maintaining a strong chapter of quality Brothers an easier task than that of other Atlantic region chapters.

My experiences and the experiences of other Brothers, who were able to attend the spring 2006 Regional Conference held by the colony, lend strong support to their petition for Chapter status. This colony has certainly demonstrated the potential to become a great chapter of this Fraternity.

In H & T,

Robert Filler  
KΓ #59  
Regent



Brothers,

I would like to express the overwhelming approval that Gamma Beta Chapter has for the Colony at UNC. We recently heard that they are petitioning the Executive Council as well as the many chapters around the country in an attempt to gain chapter status. The Brothers of Gamma Beta Chapter give their full support for this action.

I first met the members of UNC Colony at the National Convention in Orlando several months ago. I was impressed by their conduct as well as their dedication to the ideals of Theta Tau. Their commitment to growing and improving their colony was very obvious, as can be seen by their numerous activities on campus and their steady and rapid growth.

I was able to spend more time with their delegates and many other members at our Regional Conference this fall. The UNC Colony traveled nearly 300 miles to attend the Conference, further than any other chapter in our region. Once again I was impressed by their commitment, professionalism and brotherhood. After talking with the many members that came, I was able to see that the favorable characteristics of their delegates were also present in all the other members.

I am confident that the Colony at UNC will make an excellent addition to Theta Tau and I hope that you will consider granting them chapter status.

In H&T,  
Ryan Durcik X!  
Gamma Beta Chapter



Date: January 26, 2007  
To: Theta Tau Executive Council  
From: Upsilon Beta Chapter  
Subj: UNCC Colony Recommendation

The Brothers of Upsilon Beta Chapter take great pleasure in supporting the University of North Carolina Charlotte Colony's pursuit to become a chapter of Theta Tau. The members of the UNCC Colony have remained dedicated to the purpose of Theta Tau since the day they became a Colony, and have proven themselves worthy of becoming a Chapter.

In the Atlantic Region, the UNCC Colony is located at the far south of the region, yet they have certainly made their presence known. They have repeatedly shown up for Regional and National Conferences with an impressive number of members. They were extremely hospitable hosts of the 2006 Spring Semester Regional Conference.

The members of the UNCC Colony have taken active roles at the Conferences. They have been willing to share problems that they have experienced as well as solutions they have discovered. They are always open to learn whatever they can from Brothers of Theta Tau. They are full of potential and represent Theta Tau proudly and professionally.

The UNCC Colony has shown great strides in recruitment and membership growth. This proves they are actively involved with the student body of their university and are committed to achieving the status of Chapter. They have proved their loyalty to the Fraternity and now deserve the opportunity to become Brothers in Theta Tau.

In H&T,

Heath Lucas X!  
Upsilon Beta Chapter





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THE WILLIAM STATES LEE  
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January 29, 2007

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Dear Mr. Abraham:

It is with a great deal of pride and enthusiasm that I support UNC Charlotte's application to obtain Theta Tau Chapter status. For the last year and half the student founders have diligently worked to create an organization with a vision and mission of leadership and service that is changing the culture of our college and changing the lives of students.

As soon as the colony was formed in fall 2005, members quickly identified opportunities for giving back to the college and the surrounding community while also growing their new organization. They collected \$10K in donations to support Hurricane Katrina disaster relief and they raised funds to replace bed linens at the Alexander Children's Home. They organized a variety of on- and off-campus professional development opportunities for our students including site visits to local companies and guest speakers. They also planned and hosted a Theta Tau regional conference to help promote Theta Tau, UNC Charlotte, and the surrounding region.

In the short period of time since it was founded, Theta Tau has had a visible and strong presence in our college and on our campus. Membership is composed of what I consider to be young professionals who are clearly the "movers and shakers" among our students. They are proactive, energetic, and enthusiastic. They are role models for servant leadership and how to positively affect change. It is clear that these students want to make a difference, are making a difference, and want to leave a legacy of which they can be proud. It is the reason that they were the recipient of the *2006 Outstanding Student Organization Award*. As a result, I support their petition to become a chapter without reservation.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Dean





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January 31, 2007

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Dear Mr. Abraham:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of the Application for Chapter Status for the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Colony of Theta Tau. As we talked in May, 2005, I am relatively new to the academic world. But, I have years of experience working in a professional environment and with young adults. I support this application from those three perspectives. In addition, having the honor to also be a brother, I look forward to our Colony being an active Chapter.

Shortly after I came to UNC Charlotte, two young men with a focus, a great deal of excitement, a willingness to show initiative, and the recognition that something was missing from their lives visited my office. They asked if I would serve as the faculty advisor for their efforts to start a Theta Tau Chapter. They saw a way to build professionalism into their college education and a way to build brotherhood into their student to student activities. They saw the purpose of Theta Tau to be absolutely consistent with what they were missing. They wanted Theta Tau. Now, they are ready to become a Chapter. These students saw that their (and the students that will follow them) undergraduate education would be greatly enhanced by investing time and effort in Theta Tau.

As I began working with the first group of seven students interested in Theta Tau and the ten additional students shortly thereafter, it became apparent to me that they were a cut above many other students from a professional perspective. They were actively looking for professional development opportunities. They were looking to reach out into the campus community, and beyond, to serve others. They were looking to align themselves with practicing engineers in the work force to network, gain insight, and learn more about potential careers. These students were thinking about the future and planning for it. They wanted to make decisions, not let things happen to them.



Mr. Michael T. Abraham

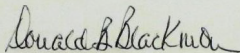
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The Colony members have grown in number, in brotherhood, and in service. The founding members sought others like themselves. Three pledge classes have been initiated. Each class has had its own unique personality. Each class has earned membership through education, service, professional development, and brotherhood development. Each class has added a new dimension to the Colony and provided new leaders to assure consistency in all the fraternity activities. The success of the Colony activities is documented in this application. I think it is fair to say that the UNC Charlotte Colony of Theta Tau has truly made an impact on the campus and in the community. These students are dedicated to the purpose of Theta Tau – completely.

From the perspective of a faculty member, I can say that we do count on the leadership of Theta Tau in helping to implement various college activities. And, these students take their education very seriously. As a practicing engineer with more than thirty-five years of workplace experience I can honestly say that I would hire any of these engineering students. They do not sit and wait for the world to come to them. Finally, from the perspective of one who has continuously worked with young adults for more than thirty years I see these students as just the type of young professionals I want to leave in charge when I am gone. They honestly care about themselves, about each other, and about those in their community. This IS brotherhood.

Please take pride in knowing that Theta Tau is working here at UNC Charlotte and providing for students today and into the future.

Sincerely,



Donald B. Blackmon

Theta Tau Advisor

Faculty Associate











