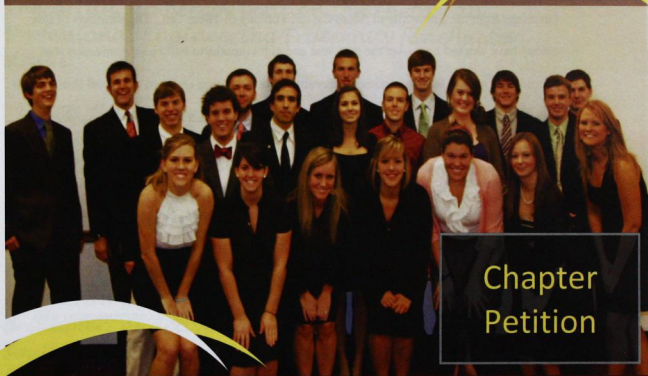


Theta TAU

Colony at the University of South Carolina

Spring 2010



Chapter Petition

Current Members of Theta Tau Colony

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April 25th, 2010
Mr. Michael T. Abraham, Executive Director
Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity
1011 San Jacinto, Suite 205
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Abraham:

Greetings from the University of South Carolina colony of Theta Tau. The members of this colony have worked hard over the past year and eight months to build an organization that upholds the standards of the national fraternity. We have been engaged in several Professional Development, Social, and Service events since our initiation as a colony on January 24, 2009. We have worked with several offices at USC as well as other student organizations to build an outstanding reputation around campus. Furthermore, I feel that we represented ourselves very well at a joint beach weekend with the Clemson University chapter of Theta Tau. We have also worked on hosting different chapters in our region and sending representatives to regional activities. Meanwhile, we have not forgotten to have fun with social events such as scavenger hunts, hiking and camping trips to Clemson, South Carolina, and close communication with other chapters in the Southeast region.

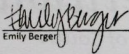
Our group has worked very hard; dedicating a great amount of our time to develop this organization into something we are all proud to be a part of. We hope that you will recognize our success, and reward our fraternity with a favorable view of this petition.

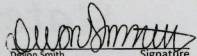
Sincerely,
Cristina Kubicki
University of South Carolina Colony, 2010
President

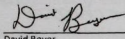
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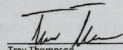
We, the members of the University of South Carolina colony of Theta Tau, do hereby petition the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity for chapter status.

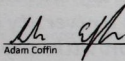
We, the undersigned, are all currently enrolled in the Engineering Department at the University of South Carolina and have no affiliation with any organization considered to be competitive with Theta Tau. We also certify that we meet all of the eligibility requirements for such membership and that the University of South Carolina colony of Theta Tau meets all of the requirements to become a chapter. As active members of the University of South Carolina, we pledge our commitment, dedication and desire to Theta Tau.

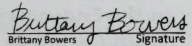

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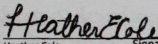

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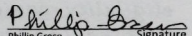

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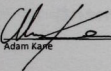

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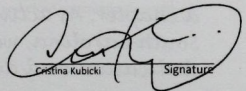

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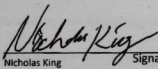

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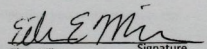

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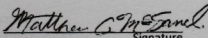

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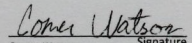

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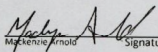

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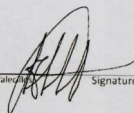

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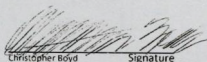

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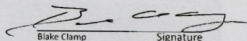

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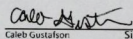

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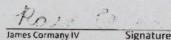

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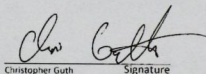

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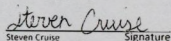

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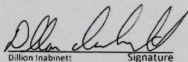

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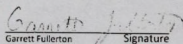

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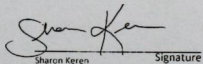

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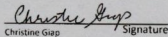

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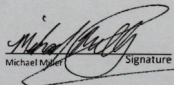

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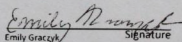

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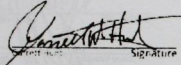

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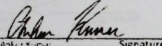

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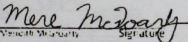

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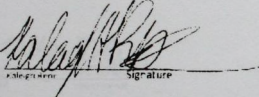

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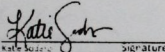

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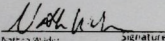

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Nathan Wade Signature

History of the University of South Carolina



Swearingen Center, viewed from Main Street

The Palmetto State established the South Carolina College on December 19, 1801, as part of an effort to unite South Carolinians in the wake of the American Revolution. South Carolina's leaders saw the new college as a way to promote "the good order and harmony" of the state. The founding of South Carolina's state college was also a part of the southern public college movement spurred by Thomas Jefferson. Within 20 years of one another, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia established state-supported colleges.

In the antebellum era, the Palmetto State generously supported the South Carolina College. The institution featured a cosmopolitan faculty, including such noted scholars as Europeans Francis Lieber and Thomas Cooper, as well as renowned American scholars John and Joseph LeConte. Offering a traditional classical curriculum, South Carolina College became one of the most influential colleges in the South before 1861, earning a reputation as the training ground for South Carolina's antebellum elite.

Then disaster struck. South Carolina's secession from the Union unleashed the devastation of civil war. The state and the South Carolina College paid dearly. The institution closed for want of students, and in the ensuing decades it struggled to regain the leading role in the region it had held during the antebellum era. State leaders revived the institution in 1866 with ambitious plans for a diverse university, but with a nearly empty state treasury, the institution failed to reach its former status.

As Reconstruction from the Civil War proceeded in South Carolina, the General Assembly chose the first African Americans to serve on the University's Board of Trustees in 1868, and in 1873 the first black students enrolled.

development was an extraordinary opportunity for South Carolinians at a time when opportunities for higher education were rare. The University of South Carolina became the only southern state university to admit and grant degrees to African-American students during the Reconstruction era.

Following the end of Reconstruction in 1877, South Carolina's conservative leaders closed the University. They reopened it in 1880 as an all-white agricultural college, and over the next 25 years the institution became enmeshed in the political upheaval of late 19th-century South Carolina. Carolina went through several reorganizations in which the curriculum frequently changed and its status shifted from college to university and back again.

In 1906, the institution was rechartered for the final time as the University of South Carolina. In the early decades of the 20th century, Carolina made strides toward becoming a comprehensive university, and in 1917 became the first state-supported college or university in South Carolina to earn regional accreditation. The 1920s witnessed further progress and growth, with the introduction of new colleges and degree programs, including the doctorate.

The Great Depression temporarily stalled this progress, but the outbreak of World War II launched an era that transformed the University. Carolina hosted Naval training programs during the war, and enrollment more than doubled in the post-war era as veterans took advantage of the G.I. Bill. In the 1950s, the University began recruiting national-caliber faculty and extended its presence beyond Columbia with the establishment of campuses in communities across South Carolina.



History (Continued)

In 1963 the University of South Carolina became the University of the South Carolina population. As the result of a federal court order, on September 11, Henrie D. Monteith, Robert Anderson, and James Solomon became the first of an increasing number of African-American students to enroll at the University in the 20th century.

In the ensuing years, Carolina underwent explosive growth as the "baby boom" generation entered college. Enrollment stood at 5,660 in 1960, but by 1979 had reached nearly 26,000 students on the Columbia campus alone. To meet the needs of these students and South Carolina's changing economy, the University put new emphasis on research and introduced innovative degree programs as well as a number of new schools and colleges. Carolina had become a true research university.

In the 1980s and 1990s, the University of South Carolina continued to develop its resources to better serve the Palmetto State. A concerted drive to achieve national recognition brought Carolina into the 21st century. In 2001, the University of South Carolina celebrated a legacy of 200 years of educating leaders for the future of South Carolina, the nation, and the world.



Advisor: Esmail Jabbari

Jabbari's group research interests are in the areas of tissue engineering, biomaterials, and drug delivery. Tissue regeneration and maintenance is a complex process involving the interactions of cells with growth and differentiation factors, cytokines, and extracellular components. These guiding signals originate from the interactions of cells with bioactive peptide domains attached to the collagenous network or the non-collagenous soluble factors of the extracellular matrix. Continued progress in tissue engineering depends on our ability to develop novel materials and peptide/protein delivery systems that can mimic the signaling factors involved in the regeneration cascade of chemotaxis, cell migration, matrix degradation, cell homing, extracellular matrix formation and remodeling. These structures seeded with pluripotent stem cells allow us to elucidate the fundamental relationship between the material structure and cell morphogenesis and expression. Such understanding is critical for the development of tissue-engineered constructs to treat a variety of diseases including musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, and neural disorders.

Active projects in Jabbari's group include biologically inspired nanocomposites for bone regeneration, targeted tumor delivery with peptidomimetic self-assembled nanoparticles, stem cells morphogenesis on biomimetic substrates, and fabrication of bioresorbable scaffolds with well-defined pore geometry by rapid-prototyping.



College of Engineering and Computing

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The College of Engineering

These are the best of times to be in engineering and computing. Over the last three decades engineers and computer scientists have revolutionized every aspect of our daily lives, including information exchange, health care and medicine, consumer products and services, transportation and even (or especially!) leisure and entertainment. And yet, more challenges are awaiting us in managing natural resources, preserving the environment, and improving the quality of life on a global scale.

We have been undergoing an unprecedented growth in research and scholarship. Our faculty and students excel in many different areas, including the new emerging fields of biomedical engineering, bioinformatics and atomic level engineering. All through these changes, however, we have maintained our emphasis on high quality education for each student.

At Carolina we take pride in shaping the new face of engineering and computing for the 21st century. This is a face that transcends traditional boundaries and collaborates with the basic sciences, medicine and business. It is a face that embraces diversity and welcomes different points of view. It is a face that cares about the ethical and societal implications of our work. It is a face that is involved in the community and shapes its future. It is a face that focuses on individuals and their needs.

I invite you to search through our research programs and discover the endless possibilities and the exciting opportunities; to search through our academic programs and discover new models for the professional and personal education of the future; to search through our college and discover the new face of engineering and computing!

College Founded 1894

Department Locations: Swearingen Engineering Center, 300 Main Street, Sumwalt Building

Enrollment (Fall 2006): Undergraduates 1,254, Graduates On-campus, 353, APOGEE (distance learning), 64

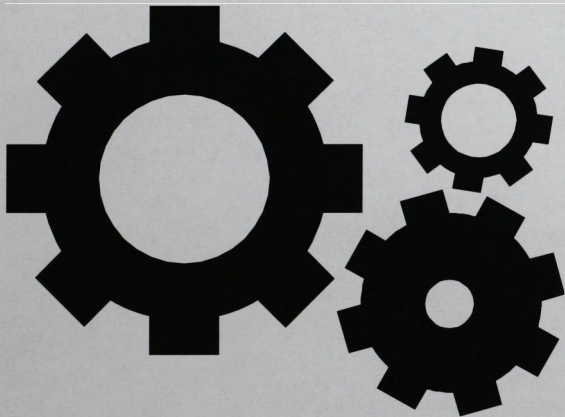
Departments and Programs Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Nuclear Engineering

Degree Programs*: undergraduate programs Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, graduate degree programs Master of Engineering, Master of Science, Master of Science in Engineering, Ph.D.

Degrees Awarded (School Year 2005-2006): Undergraduates: 244; Graduates: MS, 32, ME, 51, Ph.D., 38

University of South Carolina

Colony of Theta Tau



University of South Carolina Theta Tau started in the Spring of 2008 with a small founding group of mostly chemical engineers. The main recruiting efforts since then have been to broaden the disciplines involved in the colony. The initial group of 9 engineers has now grown to 35 active and excited members. The founding members and the early pledge classes have bonded by building the fraternity from the ground up and becoming a large presence in the College of Engineering.

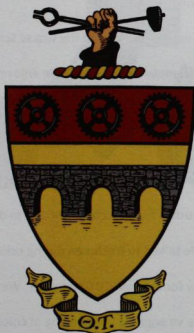
We have followed the principles of picking quality engineers and have had large rush turn outs since the Fall of 2009.

The group was growing and continually having new ideas. We went through our first election in the Fall of 2009 and determined Rush guidelines and activities that have been successful and fun for both the brothers and the rushes.

With the new group of officers in place we hosted the Grand Scribe, Rachael L. Stensrud, and showed her the colony and the campus in early May. We enjoyed her valuable input to how to run meetings, voting during rush, and writing the petition for chapter hood as she wrote the one for her colony when she was a student. We have since adopted many of her suggestions and have found them to be an easier and more efficient way of being a colony.

We have had three successful rushes for the colony and our in the process of planning and executing the Fall 2010 rush. We talked to freshmen during orientation and talked to them and their parents at the opening day for the Fall 2010 semester. We hope one day to also enjoy the benefits of chapter housing. We've enjoyed the building of colony and the brother hood which has helped us meet people who we wouldn't have known otherwise.

Member Records





Emily A Berger
 Chemical Engineering
 Cincinnati, Ohio
 Overall GPA: 4.0
 Graduating May 2011
 Organizations: Chi Omega, Golden Key, American Institute of Chemical Engineering, Society of Women Engineers, Student Government
 Officer Positions: President Chi Omega, Former Colony President Theta Tau, Chairman of the Powers and Responsibilities Committee, Student Senate



David Boyer
 Civil Engineering
 Jacksonville, North Carolina
 Overall GPA: 3.7
 Graduating May 2011
 Organizations: Intramural Sports, American Society of Civil Engineers
 Officer Positions: Fundraising Chair



Adam Coffin
 Mechanical Engineering
 Aiken, South Carolina
 Overall GPA: 4.0
 Graduating May 2011
 Organizations: Campus Crusades



Heather Elizabeth Cole
 Chemical Engineering
 Charlotte, North Carolina
 Overall GPA: 3.5
 Graduating May 2012
 Organizations: Lifeguarding, Student Tutoring
 Officer Positions: Former Secretary of Theta Tau Colony



Adam Kane
 Chemical Engineering
 Four City, North Carolina
 Overall GPA: 3.85
 Graduating December 2011
 Organizations: American Institute of Chemical Engineering
 Officer Positions: Former Treasurer



Nicholas King
 Chemical Engineering
 Columbia, South Carolina
 Overall GPAL: 3.75
 Graduation May 2011
 Organizations: American Institute of Chemical Engineering
 Officer Positions: Former Corresponding Secretary



Matthew Chaplin McDaniel
Chemical Engineering
Irmo, South Carolina
Overall GPA: 3.74
Graduating May 2012
Organizations: Tau Beta Pi, Co-Ed Cheerleading



Devon Smith
Chemical Engineering
Simpsonville, South Carolina
Overall GPA: 3.208
Graduating May 2011
Organizations: American Institute of Chemical Engineering, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Lambda Delta, Greek Impact
Officer Positions: Recruitment and Rush Chair



John Wade Thompson, III
Chemical Engineering
Columbia, South Carolina
Overall GPA: 3.95
Graduating May 2011
Organizations: Tau Beta Pi, Intramural Sports
Officer Positions: Community Service Chair



Brittany Ann Bowers
Civil Engineering
Summerville, South Carolina
Overall GPA 3.066
Graduating May 2011
Organizations: Delta Delta Delta, Blood Drive Committee
Officer Positions: Recording Secretary



Phillip Thomas Greco
Chemical Engineering
Columbia, South Carolina
Overall GPA 3.116
Graduating May 2011
Organizations: American Institute of Chemical Engineering



Cristina Adele Kubicki
Chemical Engineering
Lugoff, South Carolina
Overall GPA 3.31
Graduating May 2011
Organizations: American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Undergraduate Research
Officer Positions: Current Colony President



Eileen Miller
Mechanical Engineering with Math minor
Walhalla, South Carolina
Overall GPA 3.76
Graduating December 2011
Organizations: Theta Tau, Transfer Student Mentor, Undergraduate Research
Officer Positions: Vice President



Conner Epting Watson
Civil Engineering
Irmo, South Carolina
Overall GPA: 3.3
Graduating May 2011
Organizations: Association of Mechanical and Civil Engineers



Mackenzie Arnold
Civil Engineering
La Plata, Maryland
Overall GPA: 3.7
Graduating May 2012
Organizations: Engineers Without Borders Chair



Christopher Michael Boyd
Chemical Engineering
West Columbia, South Carolina
Overall GPA 4.00
Graduating May 2012
Organizations: Tau Beta Pi, American Institute of Chemical Engineers
Officer Positions: Treasurer



Caleb Franklin Gustafson
Chemical Engineering Minor of Nuclear Engineering
Jackson, South Carolina
Overall GPA: 3.15
Graduating May 2011
Organizations: American Institute of Chemical Engineering
Officer Positions: Professional Development Chair



Christopher Ryan Guth
Civil Engineering
Seattle, Washington
Overall GPA: 4.0
Graduating May 2012
Organizations: Intramural Sports



Dillion Inabinett
Civil Engineering
Charleston, South Carolina
Overall GPA: 3.2
Graduating May 2012
Organizations: Association of Civil and Mechanical Engineers



Sharon Keren
Biomedical Engineering
Jerusalem, Israel
Overall GPA: 3.75
Graduating May 2011
Organizations: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Ultimate Frisbee
Officer Position Held: Social Chair Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pledge Coordinator

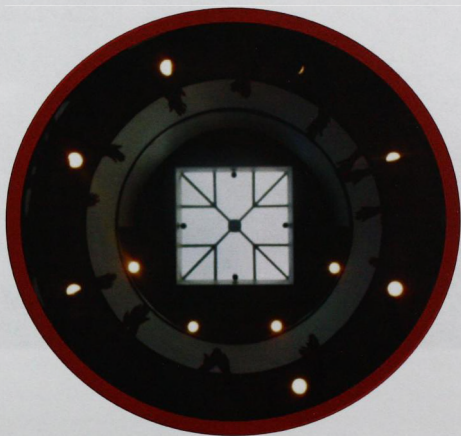


Michael Miller
Civil Engineering
Simpsonville, South Carolina
Overall GPA: 3.4
Graduating May 2012
Organizations: Association of Civil and Mechanical Engineers



David Valecillos
Civil Engineering
Merida, Venezuela
Overall GPA: 3.6
Graduating May 2011
Organizations: Association of Civil and Mechanical Engineers

Spring 2010 Pledge Class





Blake Alexander Clamp

Civil

James Ray Cormany IV

Chemical

Steven Taylor Cruise

Mechanical

Garrett Allen Fullerton

Civil

Christine Thuy Giap

Chemical

Emily Lauren Graczyk

Biomedical

Garrett Walker Hunt

Chemical

Ankur Kumar

Chemical

Meridith Clayton McGroarty

Biomedical

Kaleigh Havery Reno

Chemical

Katie Aiko Sodaro

Chemical

Nathan Boyer Wilder

Chemical

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Our professional development effort have been the biggest struggle for our colony, but as a group we've planned, attended, and been award winning in professional development aspects. We have sponsored resume building workshops as a fraternity and helped younger brothers start building a stronger resume by being an active member of the campus. We have participated as Magellan Scholar, Discovery Day research presentation, and Cooperative Education sharing experiences. These activities have helped inform the brothers about the different activities available on campus as well as the ones available as career building exercises.

Brothers have participated in cooperative education programs with ExxonMobil, Eastman Chemical, Duke Energy, and Kapstone Paper. These experiences have been related to the chapter through presentations and letters. Information such as how the job was found, what the interview process was like, location, salary, and job description were all include as well as contacts to the company for further information.

Currently we are planning for Helen Fields, the director of the Career Center, to facilitate a company hiring manager to come in and do mock interviews with brothers. The mock interviews are to help provide the brothers with opportunities to make their interviews stand out and avoid common mistakes when seeking employment.

Socials & Brotherhood Bonding



Sometimes we, as students, get caught up in our academics, community service, and other various priorities, and we forget to have a little fun. But it's those little breaks where we get to just relax and have fun with our brothers that allow us to keep going. We have such a diverse group of people so we plan a variety of activities so that everyone will have something that is right up their ally. With our social events, we also like to participate in things that allow us to interact with and support other organizations on campus. For example, we had a boys and girls team participate in Kappa Kappa Gamma's "Kappa Kick Off", a flag football tournament which raised money for their philanthropy. Not only did we get to support our community, but we had a great time out on the field all day in the rain. We also try to plan

things that won't cost Theta Tau or our brothers any money such as attending baseball games as a group or attending a local restaurant's trivia night together.

2009

Dinner after initiation - After initiation all the brothers and new members met at the Carolina Ale House to enjoy dinner, hang out on the rooftop playing pool, and watching the game on the big screen

Kappa Kickoff – A team of girls and a team of guys played in a flag football tournament to support Kappa Kappa Gamma

Semi-Formal – Our first formal functions. We rented the clubhouse at a local apartment complex. Brothers and new members along with dates enjoyed a night of dancing.

Capture the Flag – Brothers and Pledges gathered on the historic horseshoe on campus for a game of capture the flag.

Scavenger Hunt – A team of Brothers and a team of pledges drove around Columbia with a hand full of clues created by our social chair and documented everything on camera.

2010

2/17 Trivia – Brothers and Pledges carpoled to a local restaurant to play trivia.

2/21 Baseball game – All the brothers and pledges attended the USC vs. Duquesne as a group.

Ultimate Frisbee – Theta Tau had a team participate in the intramural ultimate Frisbee tournament. Other brothers went to the games to cheer our team on!

2/26-28 Beach Weekend – Pledges and Brothers from our colony joined the Clemson Chapter of Theta Tau and rented a house in Myrtle Beach for the weekend. It was a great weekend of boning and getting to know brothers from another chapter.

March Madness- Brothers took part in an online challenge as to who could predict the winner of March Madness

Community Service



The Colony of Theta Tau has been working very hard to become a productive element of the community around Columbia. We have been participating in campus sponsored Service Saturdays. The first of which we helped decorate for the holidays at a home for handicapped adults. The second time we participated we helped at a Farmville outside of the childrens museum in Columbia. We dressed up as vegetables, ran booths, and helped children learn about fresh farmed foods.

Recently we have become a member of Adopt-A-Highway. We have sponsored one of the main roads in Columbia in hopes of keeping it clean and making Theta Tau be seen as a positive role model in the community.

Recruitment and Rush

Mark your calendar:

September

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Wednesday

**Theta Tau
RUSH**

**Weds, Sept 1
7 pm**

Faculty Lounge (SWGN)

The University of South Carolina Theta Tau colony has had 3 successful rushes since becoming a chapter last spring. Not long after our initiation as a Colony, we had our first rush event. Since we were starting off, we had a small informational meeting in the court yard of Swearingen. At this informational meeting, we had a few people come out and eat pizza with us. During the two hours of our event, we spent time getting to know the possible new members and telling them about Theta Tau. From the pizza social, we received 7 new pledges. Since this was our first pledge class, most of their pledge processes consisted of weekly meetings and having them help us with ideas on how to make our Colony grow and work on

becoming a chapter. Our second rush was more invasive. Two events were planned that allowed the brothers to get to know the people came out to rush Theta Tau. The first event was an ice cream social. A power point presentation was shown in order to give the possible new members an idea of what Theta Tau was nationally and what it is here at USC. The brothers mingled with the rushies to get an idea of what they wanted from Theta Tau and what they could give to our growing colony. We voted on everyone at the rush event and decided who to ask to return to our second event. The following event was a capture the flag game on the horseshoe at USC. This gave the brothers another chance to get to know the possible pledges and to also see how they worked as a team.

The second rush gave us 9 new pledges. During their rush process, we required them to do one service project, one brotherhood event, and one pledge project. For their service project, the pledges as well as the brothers could either attend a service Saturday, or participate in a charity flag football tournament. For service Saturday, the brothers and pledges spent the afternoon cleaning and putting up Christmas decorations for a facility for disabled adults. We had a boy's division team and a girl's division team for the charity flag football tournament. The girl's division team came in second place losing only to the girl's division team made up of the girl's club rugby team at USC. The brotherhood event was a scavenger hunt throughout the Columbia campus which pinned the brothers and pledges against each other. The pledges came out victorious and really bonded as a group. For the pledge project, the pledges had to plan a semi-formal. They were in charge of all aspects of the event, which turned out to be a great success with a hundred percent brother attendance. The pledges coordinated to have music, a venue, and even food all a part of this special project. This semester, after new elections we held a spring rush, the 2nd annual spring rush for the colony of Theta Tau at USC. The first event was an informational meeting about Theta Tau where we presented the power point about Theta Tau nationally and the Theta Tau colony of USC. We served pizza and small snacks and got to know all the people that came out. Once again we voted on who we would invite back to the second event. This time we reserved a game room at the student union or the Russell House and those invited back came and enjoyed playing pool, ping pong, and foosball while getting to know the brothers. This rush was our most successful

one to date giving us 15 new pledges. They will be required to do at least one service project, one brotherhood event/social event, and one pledge project.

New policies set forth for the pledges of Spring 2010 are formal meetings, as well as meeting and speaking with each brother individually to promote healthy relationships between the different generations of brothers in our Colony. Over the past year we have developed a much more stable and planned out rush and pledge process. Each semester we record which activities were great and would be viable options for our next rush and pledge class. Our numbers have grown dramatically and we are proving to be a fruitful colony with a total of 37 brothers after the initiation of the pledge class of Spring 2010. We hope that this sheds light on to the promise we have as a future chapter of Theta Tau and puts some favorable consideration of our petition to move onto that future.

Article from Spring 2010

The Gear



The weekend of November 21 and 22, 2009, the Theta Tau colony at the University of South Carolina enjoyed their "Weekend of Theta Tau." This weekend created an opportunity for the colony to invest time into their philanthropy as well as

host their first semi-formal.

The colony visited the Babcock Center to help decorate for the holidays and spend time with the mentally handicapped. They spent the day making crafts and a life-size Snowman and Santa Claus. In addition to the philanthropic benefits of this project, it also increased knowledge of Theta Tau on the university's campus. The project was organized through University of South Carolina's service council. Theta Tau members also participated in Kappa Kappa Gamma's, a social fraternity, philanthropy event "Kappa Kick-off." This is a daylong, double-elimination bracket flag football event. Theta Tau boasted both a women and men's team. The women's team made into the championship game, and was defeated only by the Women's Rugby flag football team. This supported the nonprofit organizations Habitat for Humanity; Reading is Fundamental, the Hill Family Fund, and the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. Theta Tau was the only professional fraternity participating at this event.

The colony also completed initiation of its second pledge class. This brought the colony's numbers to twenty-two members in total, making them one of the largest professional fraternities on campus.

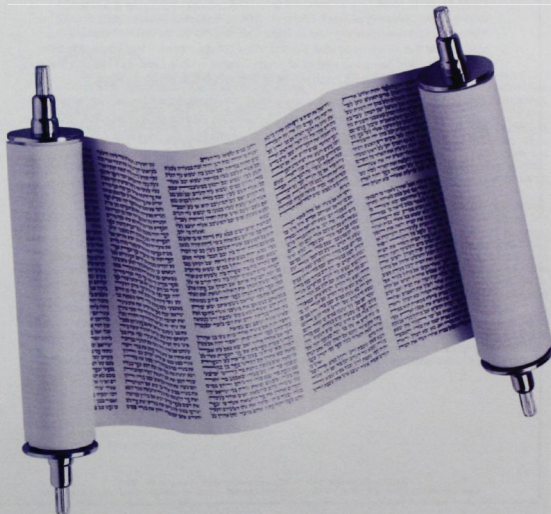
To celebrate the initiation and continue the weekend's festivities, the Theta Tau colony hosted its first annual semi-formal. This event was a huge success and had full participation. The event included heavy hors d'oeuvres, organized by the new initiates as their pledge project.

Members of Theta Tau also participated in their first election process on the evening of Nov. 21. The executive council is newly elected and turnover will occur in less than a week. Cristina Adele Kubicki, a chemical engineering major, was elected the president of this colony. Her plans as president of this organization include: completing the petition for a charter and to have the University of South Carolina colony officially installed as a chapter. The colony's action statement for the year is to establish a solid foundation in the engineering programs' faculty and students.

In addition to the group's weekend festivities, they also host a weekly study group in the university's John C. Swearingen Engineering Center. This is the center of engineering life on campus. It also promotes the organization to other engineers that are not currently participating in this professional organization.

The colony excitedly anticipates the completion and review of their petition for a charter at the University of South Carolina.

Letters of Recommendation





August 11, 2010

To Whom It May Concern;

I write to you to heartily recommend the granting of Chapter status to the Theta Tau Colony at the University of South Carolina. As an alumnus of the University of Alabama, I well remember my time in Theta Tau, and the bonds of friendship and brotherhood that remain long after the end of my college career. I was pleased to hear that a Colony was being established at South Carolina a while back, as I feel that Theta Tau provides the engineering student with a peer group that is without equal.

As my son is a Spring 2010 pledge to the Colony, I see the great opportunities that can come from his association with the fraternity, and was very pleased upon his decision to pledge. I see many of those same bonds that I recall from my days with Theta Tau being formed among the members at the South Carolina Colony, having had the opportunity to meet several of them. I feel that the South Carolina Colony, upon completion of all terms and conditions of Chapter status set by Theta Tau, is worthy of Chapter recognition and should receive it when appropriate.

In H & T,

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Dear Mr. Abraham,

I am pleased to support the progression of the Theta Tau Colony at the University of South Carolina (USC) – Columbia to chapter status. The college of engineering at USC provides outstanding education at the bachelor, master, and doctoral levels in the areas of chemical, mechanical, electrical, biomedical, civil and environmental, nuclear, and computer science and engineering. All engineering programs are ABET accredited.

In the last couple of years, I have witnessed the enthusiasm, support, and efforts of the Theta Tau officers and members to recruit top students in the college of engineering who share the values of Theta Tau. These students, who are among the top in the college, they have worked diligently to grow in size, and make Theta Tau an integral part of the engineering community at USC. I am aware that they worked into their busy academic schedules several important community projects including Going Green and Sustainability, and Environmental Responsibility, support for the local hospital programs, and others.

Theta Tau members have organized numerous activities at the college of engineering level to assist students. They sponsored cookouts during midterms and finals to provide affordable food to students during long studying hours. Theta Tau members have organized mentoring/tutoring sessions in engineering, mathematics, and sciences to help their engineering classmates and Theta Tau brothers, and to improve quality of education for younger engineering students. Theta Tau members have had three successful recruitment sessions in the past couple years, adding >15 members to the colony in each session. In addition, these membership drives have been coordinated with the College Engineering Career Center to provide networking and job opportunities for colony members. The members hosted a review of summer internships to help students make the most of the summers and their education.

The colony members have been very careful to recruit those engineering students who share the values of Theta Tau. The USC colony is a true professional organization with commitment to the engineering profession and community. I enthusiastically support elevation of USC Colony to chapter status. As a chapter, the Theta Tau members will undoubtedly expand their value to our university and community and to your organization.

With Best Regards

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