

# UCR Theta Tau Chapter Petition



University of California,  
Riverside

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

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

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UCR Theta Tau  
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Greetings from the Theta Tau Engineering Fraternity Colony at the University of California, Riverside. The members of UCR Theta Tau Colony have worked diligently over the past months in preparing this petition for Theta Tau Chapter status.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012, we were colonized and since then we have initiated our Alpha Class, and we continue to organize events that reflect our pillars. We have gained the approval of our college of engineering as well built lifelong relationships with other Theta Tau members. We are grateful for all the help in completing this petition and appreciate everyone's support.

The brothers here at Riverside are inspired by all the work completed by members throughout Theta Tau. We continue to strive to uphold the pillars of Theta Tau set Theta Tau as paramount engineering fraternity.

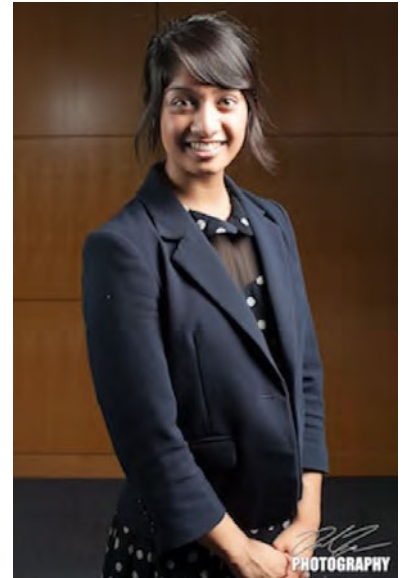
I now present you with UCR Theta Tau Colony petition for Chapter status.

Sincerely,  
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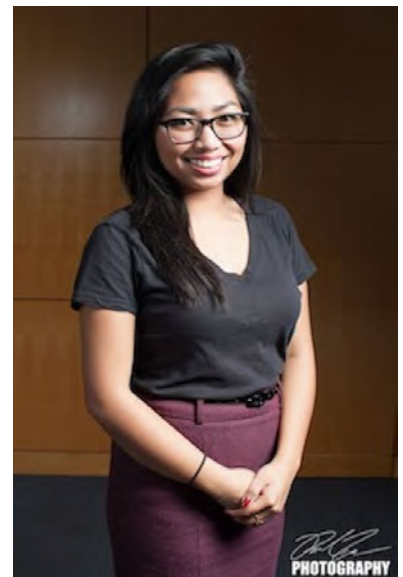
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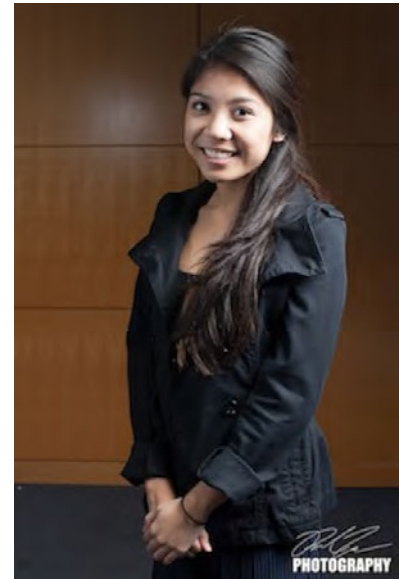
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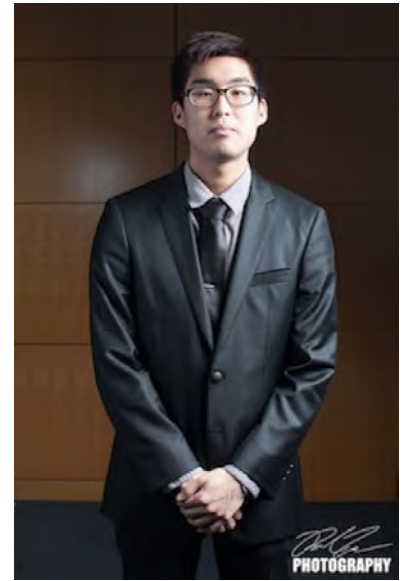
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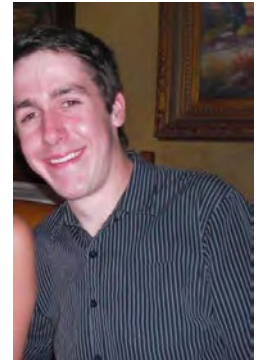
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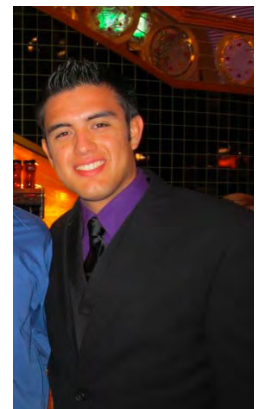
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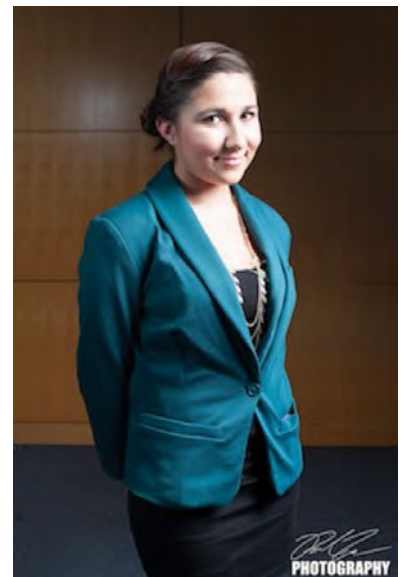
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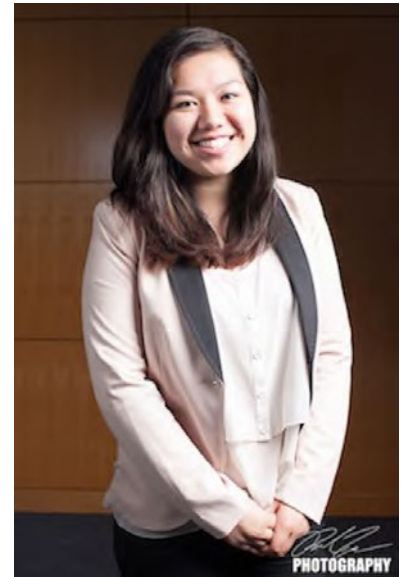
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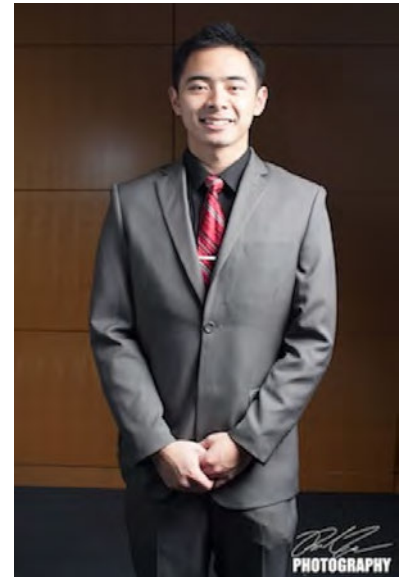
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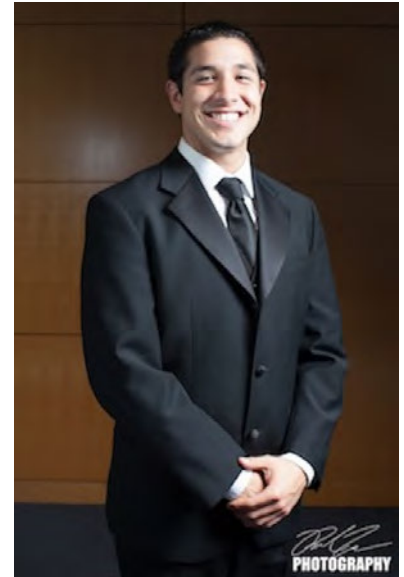
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# University of California, Riverside

## University of California, Riverside Campus Timeline

The history of UC Riverside dates back over 100 years to the creation of the Riverside Citrus Experiment Station. Here are a few of the highlights:



### **February 14, 1907**

The Riverside Citrus Experiment Station, the forbearer of the university, opens for business.

### **April 21, 1948**

Governor Earl Warren signs legislation authorizing the University of California to open campuses in Riverside and Davis, earmarking \$2 million for initial planning and design

costs.

### **July 30, 1952**

UCR holds ground-breaking ceremonies. Construction begins immediately on Webber Hall, Geology, Physical Education, Watkins Hall and Life Sciences.

### **December 7, 1953**

The first library building is completed and opens on Dec. 24 stocked with 33,000 volumes.



### **February 15, 1954**

One hundred and twenty-seven students and 65 faculty members arrive for their first day of classes. The next day, Charles Young is elected student body president. He later becomes chancellor of UCLA.

**June 20, 1954**

The first 20 students graduate from UCR.

**October 19, 1954**

UCR is officially dedicated (see [YouTube video of the dedication](#)).



**August 1955**

The big "C" on Box Springs Mountain is made with cement and equipment donated by the E.L. Yeager Construction Co. Surveying work is done by students. At 132 feet long, it is the largest concrete block letter on record.

**1955**

"Highlanders" is adopted as the campus mascot following a vote of the student body. The Scottish theme is embraced for several campus groups and buildings.



**April 18, 1959**

UC Regents vote to make UCR a "general" campus, complete with graduate instruction and professional schools.

**1960**

The College of Agriculture is founded, successfully combining the work done at the Agricultural Experiment Station with undergraduate and graduate teaching.

**October 2, 1966**

The carillon tower is dedicated.

**February 2, 1967**

UCR offers a Bachelor of Science degree for the first time to students majoring in chemistry, geology or physics.





**May 16, 1984**

Chancellor Tomás Rivera suffers a heart attack and dies. On Feb. 19, 1985, the library is officially named for him.

**April, 1998**

Students approve a plan for UCR's athletics teams to join NCAA Division I. In March 2000, UCR is accepted into the Big West Conference.

**April 15, 2005**

The UCR Palm Desert Graduate Center opens.

**November, 2006**

The university's plans for a medical school are accepted.

**March, 2011**

The School of Medicine Research Building is opened, with the first class of students expected in the fall of 2013.

## **University of California, Riverside Bourns College of Engineering**



### **A Short History of BCOE**

The need for a doctoral research program in engineering at UCR was discussed at least as early as the late 1960s, but it was during the period of burgeoning technology of the 1980s that the college at last emerged. Quality was built in from the start since the earliest planning for the academic program was patterned after the nation's top five programs.

Classes began in the fall of 1989. Founding Dean Susan Hackwood said the rapid growth and achievement that followed was spurred by the growth potential of the Inland Empire



region and the pioneering, entrepreneurial spirit, of those original students (many of whom were the first in the family to attend college).

Enrollment nearly doubled in 1992 when the Department of Computer Science officially became a part of the college. That was only the first of a series of advances that has seen the college grow to 80 faculty members and 2,500 students. Recently that momentum was assisted by the establishment of graduate and undergraduate programs in bioengineering and of interdisciplinary programs in Materials Science and Engineering.

External support has been critical to the rise of the college's programs. In 1994, the Bourns Foundation made a \$6 million gift, naming the college in honor of Bourns, Inc. founders Marlan and Rosemary Bourns. The Ford Motor Company established a \$10 million endowment fund for the College of Engineering - Center for Environmental Research and Technology. The William R. Johnson, Jr. family of Riverside also made a significant contribution, establishing the College's first endowed chair.

In 2010, Chinese inventor and entrepreneur Winston Chung gave gifts totalling more than \$13.1 million, which led to the establishment to two endowed professorships and the Winston Chung Global Energy Center.

Support by leading companies including Northrop Grumman, Google, Microsoft, IBM and ESRI has been important to Bourns' success. For instance, industry and government participation on College advisory boards also provides valuable guidance on strategic investments, educational programs and research priorities - and they hire our graduates.

A critical need for engineers and an uncompromising commitment to quality education and its research mission has enabled it to climb to the top 20 percent of engineering programs ranked by U.S. News and World Report.

# **History of UCR Theta Tau**

## **Organization**

It has been an adventure since we submitted our petition. We have been eager to work towards chapter status without forgetting the pillars of Theta Tau, especially by working with our community. We proudly present this petition, with our strong brotherhood as our backbone.

Soon after becoming a colony of Theta Tau in May, we were ready for the responsibility that those of Theta Tau entrusted upon us. With the introduction of weekly meetings we were more motivated than ever to push forward for a successful year. In this month, we laid the groundwork for future members. To do this, the executive board as well as each active member worked on the colony's bylaws; we agreed upon budgets, member dues, attendance of events, meetings, and positions to name a few. In addition, we discussed each aspect making sure that each member fully agreed upon them. Furthermore, we networked with other professional fraternities on campus and created the Professional Fraternity Council at UCR. We wanted to form a council that aided in creating networks of different fields of study.

Fall Quarter brought upon many different tasks. In the month of October, we were ready to start the year out strong. The Recruitment Committee met biweekly during the summer to brainstorm and put together events for Rush Week. Our Rush Week carried on for four days long, circling around Theta Tau's three pillars.

The first day of Rush Week was an information night where many potential rushes would learn more about Theta Tau Fraternity as well as the Founding members. We started off with a PowerPoint introduction, which included a presentation of the pillars. Next, we broke the ice with some activities and mingled to meet everyone personally for the rest of the night.

The second day of Rush Week touched on service, one of the three pillars for Theta Tau. Since this was our first Rush Week and we wanted to get Theta Tau's name around campus. We wanted to set up this event to help our local community in a unique way: break a Guinness world record by making the most Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches in one hour. To do this, we contacted local donors. This event really hit home and showed many of our rushees what we are really about. We broke the world record with over 1,600 sandwiches made and we were able to donate all these sandwiches to our local food bank.

The third night showed off our Theta Tau heritage. We named this event Machine Madness, introducing the Rube Goldberg machine and how it is famous with Theta Tau. We first divided everyone into groups and gave each team a bag of random items, including Jenga blocks, rubber bands, sticks, balls, etc. to make their own Rube Goldberg machine within an hour. To create more challenge, we asked them to include a swing, a ball roll down a slide, and a domino effect. With this event, we wanted to see how individuals interacted in a team environment and many of them stepped up into leadership roles.

On the last night of Rush week, we got to know each potential member more in depth, touching on the professional pillar of Theta Tau. We separated this night into two. The first part portion was that they were put into an interviewed by a board of four active members. We wanted to see them in a more professional manner, in addition to how they would present themselves in this type of setting. In the second portion of the night, we were given a chance to converse with the potential members freely around the room. These conversations allowed us to see them beyond small talk and rather how they would benefit Theta Tau.

On our deliberations, we strived to look for people who could actively give back to this colony and who are motivated and willing to think of others before themselves.

#### Alpha Pledge Class

This past quarter I was honored enough to be Director of New Member Education. The pledging period was broken down into a total eight weeks. In these eight weeks three of them targeted one of the three pillars of Theta Tau. During these “target” weeks, current members would give a presentation on the pillars, their importance in the fraternity, and where the prospective brothers can get help on their projects both during their time as a pledge and an active. Throughout these weeks, they also participated in fraternity wide workshops which ranged from etiquette dinners to public speaking. The pledge class also organized a community service event, brotherhood activities, and a thanksgiving dinner to prepare them what duties being an active brings. To help promote brotherhood amongst them, every week they were given a different group to work with on a specific task. The idea here was not only for bonding, but also to get them accustom to the difficulty of working with different people and how to work around these difficulties to work as efficient as possible. There was so many things integrated into this pledge period, but to put it simply the lesson that was taught was how to excel as a successful individual. *-Jason Ramirez*

#### National Interaction

In the fall, we were able to bring 30 members to Arizona State University’s Western Regional conference. We gained insurmountable knowledge from other chapters and learned different methods to rush, pledge, and general advice. We were able to see that no matter what chapter or colony we were in, we were in one brotherhood throughout the nation. Arizona provided us with a genuine brother-to-brother conference.

Furthermore, our Regent, Brother Shrina Kurani, and Brother Vinci Sevilla headed to Boston for the national convention. Brother Sevilla published an article about our colonization in the gear of Theta Tau.

One of our first interactions with other Theta Tau members was a visit to our neighbor UCI Theta Tau Colony. They really have been behind us 100% of the way and have shown us tons of support throughout our efforts.

#### Brotherhood/Service

After rush week, we planned a Big Bear retreat. This is where the Founding Class was able to bond with each other. On this retreat, we prepared a number of workshops that allowed us to give input on all parts of our colony. We discussed the upcoming pledge process and the recently ended rush week. Even though this retreat only lasted one weekend, this retreat was exactly what we needed for our brotherhood to grow into a family.

We had three intramural teams including a co-ed football team, a men's football team, and a co-ed soccer team. All of our teams successfully made it to playoffs.

For one of our projects this year, we adopted a street nearby our university. This past quarter, we grabbed trash bags and gloves and headed up and down the street picking up trash. Another one of our events was a beach clean-up. In addition, we decided to go to the beach and have a clean-up there as well. This was a great way for us to help our community as well as have some fun in the sun.

When we were at our western regionals, we were given the idea of an event called Trick-or-Canning where we would go around neighborhoods during Halloween and ask for cans to donate. We ended with 3 big boxes of cans and donated them to a Riverside food bank.

We participated in two different marathons this year. The first marathon we participated in was the Gladiator Run in Irvine. We met up with the UCI Colony and showed support for the runners. The other marathon was Homewalk in Los Angeles. We volunteered and handed out water and snacks to the runners.

After finals we decided to head to Joshua Tree National Park, a camping trip for some stress-relieving hikes and bonfire bonding.

### Professional

Our professional development chair, Brother Ankur Ambastha, did a great job hosting workshops on effective communication and public speaking. In these workshops, we learned to avoid fillers, pause and think before speaking, and were given useful tools that can we use for interviews. We had the pleasure of having Epsilon Chapter alumni, Brother Henry Coil, as a guest speaker. Along with Mr. Coil, we had Miss Reyes, who is our Career Center representative, to give seminars on public speaking.

Furthermore, as graduation was nearing we honored our newfound brothers with gold Theta Tau stoles. We continue to keep in close contact with our alumni as well as those who transferred to different schools.

The Salas O'Brien Company in Cerritos, California kindly offered to give us a tour of their warehouse. In this tour, we were able to see the field of engineering beyond the classroom. We met with Mr. O'Brien and he showed us the work he does behind the scenes. We could see multiple fields of engineering working together on a single project.

Our regent, Brother Shrina Kurani, did an amazing job putting together the F.R.E.S.H program here at UCR. The program aims to reduce the number of engineering freshman



dropping out or changing majors. The F.R.E.S.H program gives incoming engineering freshmen the opportunity to learn through student mentors. Many members of UCR Theta Tau colony participated in a range of ways, from preparing food on the grill to giving advice to the incoming engineering freshman.

As members of UCR's Theta Tau colony, we actively take part in many events at our own engineering college, Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE). Many of our members take roles in setting up events for our college. One of the events is a BCOE Banquet where we can reminisce about the year over food. Other events include a BCOE dodge ball tournament, MESA family night, Robotics competition, and campus compost initiative.

For any students who need extra help in their classes we offer homework help once a week where we tutor math, sciences, physics or engineering based classes. We also have an FE preparation group.

Most recently, we had the opportunity to reach out to local schools around the Riverside area during Engineering week. We hosted an event with RC cars and showed many of the students how to build them and test them in a circuit. We gave our gifts and talked to many students about a possible education as an engineer. We also gathered our college together to assemble a mural that we could hang in front of our college. This event showed how our campus could come together.

In the upcoming months, we look forward to the host program and our Relay for Life charity walk. The host program was our Brother Justin Malunay's idea of reaching out to high school students. He wanted a program that allowed them to come see what college was like as well as college-level engineering classes. As our director of community service, he has been diligently planning and allocating funds to both upcoming events.

Our Rube Goldberg Machine contest is planned for Spring Quarter. Our Rube Goldberg Chair, Brother Dante O'Hara, has already gained interest from the school and has already set-up an information session.

With all that being said, we continue to be driven to creating the first professional engineering fraternity at the University of California, Riverside. With the support of our campus and approval of Theta Tau national officers, there is certainly endless potential for this group at Riverside.



a member of Feeding America  
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January 24, 2013

Lauren Wong  
Theta Tau at UCR  
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Re: Letter of Recommendation

Dear Ms. Wong,

It has been a pleasure working with Theta Tau at University of California - Riverside this past year. I know we were all pleased and appreciative of the 1700+ PB&J sandwiches Theta Tau organized and prepared, and that we were able to distribute to four local non-profit food programs.

Second Harvest Food Bank, a member of Feeding America looks forward to collaborating and working with the Theta Tau team. You are all talented and gifted, it does the heart good to know that your organization cares about those less fortunate and steps in to help make their lives a little easier.

I wish you continued success with your academic career and the success and growth of Theta Tau at University of California – Riverside. Please feel free to contact me if I may be of any further assistance.

With Gratitude,  
*Catherine*

Catherine Ferguson  
Director of Donor Relations

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To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Bryce Heventhal and I am a recent graduate from the Bourns College of Engineering at the University of California, Riverside. During my tenure at this University, I met an assortment of resourceful people that have changed my life; although, no one effected my life as much as my brothers from the Theta Tau colony of Riverside.

It all started when my brother, Dante O'Hara, approached me with an idea to start a group of engineers on campus. His ideas for this interest group were to help each other achieve more than just a degree, excel in their curriculum, and create a bond between its members that would last a life time. I was instantly hooked on this idea. A month later, I found myself in a meeting of about twenty members. Little did I know these members were going to change my personal life and professional career. During my short time with this group of people, I saw them grow a level of trust and respect for each other that I have only seen among close family members. These revolutionary minds were inspired to better their education, help the community, and just have a good time. My one wish is that I could have stayed in college longer to be able to grow myself further along with my brothers.

After I left college, my brothers helped me obtain a job by helping me network with their family members and friends. The assistance of getting a job would have been the only thing I needed to join this group of people; however, I acquired much much more—friends. Today, I am an Application Engineer for a SolidWorks and 3D-Printing Reseller. I remember spending countless hours in the labs with my brother, Hector Lopez, working on SolidWorks. I never realized that the different projects I worked on in that lab would further my professional career.

Every time I visit Riverside, I am greeted with multiple text messages and phone calls from my brothers who somehow heard I was back in town. I was also informed during the different stages of initiating the Alpha Class. I even received an invitation to attend the initiation of the Alpha Class; however, I reluctantly could not make this special occasion due to a work event. After they crossed, the Alpha Class took me out to dinner when I visited them in Riverside. I was surprised at the caliber of people my brothers found to be in the Alpha Class. They were a perfect fit for Theta Tau and welcomed me like I was a true brother. I will never forget the bonds that I made, the lessons I learned, and achievements I witnessed when I became a brother of these open minded individuals.

In H & T,  
  
Bryce Heventhal

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to recommend the Theta Tau Colony at UCR for status as a full chapter of Theta Tau. I am the Head of Metadata and Technical Services at the UCR Libraries of the University of California, Riverside. Also, I teach public speaking for universities, colleges, schools, libraries, and professional and community organizations. On two occasions, Theta Tau Colony at UCR invited me to provide workshops for the professional development of its members. On October 30, 2012, I presented a workshop on the "Basic Elements of Public Speaking." On January 31, 2013, I presented a workshop on "Impromptu Speaking." Both presentations were well attended. Those in attendance were very attentive, responded to my questions, asked lots of questions of me, and eagerly participated in the exercises. I was very impressed by their desire to become effective communicators and professional leaders.

From your Web site, I notice that the purpose of Theta Tau is "to develop and maintain a high standard of professional interest among its members, and to unite them in a strong bond of fraternal fellowship." The professional development activities of the Theta Tau Colony at UCR, as evidenced by the two workshops I provided, promote the purpose of Theta Tau. Participants maintained a high standard of professionalism during the training and during the exercises when they stood up and responded to questions on timely topics. They demonstrated conviction and passion in their responses. They listened to one another respectfully and attentively. They assisted me in evaluating each speaker. Critiques were constructive, supportive, and fraternal, definitely creating a bond of fellowship. The participants demonstrated your organizations core values: they were ethical, dependable, respectful, generous to me, and proud of their fraternity.

Among other things, your organization "develops and nurtures engineers with strong communication ... and leadership skills." I commend Ankur Ambastha, his brothers, and his sisters for making the development and nurturing of communication and leadership skills a reality through their professional development programs. I know they will call on me again to share my expertise and experience in communication and leadership. I will gladly respond. As they learn new skills from me, I will continue to learn from them the purposes, principles, and goals of Theta Tau.

Thank you for your consideration of my recommendation that Theta Tau Colony at UCR be promoted to status as a full chapter of Theta Tau.

Respectfully,

Manuel Urrizola  
Head of Metadata and Technical Services  
University of California, Riverside Libraries



January 25, 2013

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing to express my personal support of the co-ed engineering fraternity Theta Tau at University of California, Riverside (UCR). As Project Manager for the environmental student organization Sustainable UCR last year, this letter also speaks on behalf of this club.

Sustainable UCR advocates for environmental sustainability and depends heavily on the support of fellow colleagues, student organizations, faculty, staff, and local agencies. Theta Tau members were quick to offer their help to Sustainable UCR on several campus projects and events. Their consistency showed not only this group's dedication to improving the quality of our university, but their commitment to helping others. Theta Tau was an asset in implementing the Campus Compost Initiative as well as the Coffee Grind Run. Both of these projects have now been adopted by the university making UCR a few steps closer to meeting our promise to be a zero waste campus by 2020.

I can attest to Theta Tau's importance as a fraternity to the University of California, Riverside. They are an intelligent, friendly, and reliable group. There needs to be more fraternities like Theta Tau who are willing to go the extra mile for not only their members, but their fellow students, campus organizations, and prestigious university.

Thank you for your time,  
Sincerely,

Cynthia Liles  
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January 30, 2013

To Whom It May Concern;

It has been a pleasure working with the students of the Theta Tau colony at University of California, Riverside. I am proud of all the accomplishments this group has achieved within this past year; accomplishments not only on behalf of the Bourns College of Engineering, but also its impact on our community.

For one of their rush events at the beginning of fall quarter, they were able to prepare peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the hungry and beat the world record. They have hosted successful workshops on campus, such as public speaking, career readiness, an etiquette dinner, and a professionalism workshop. The members also host a weekly homework tutoring session for lower division students. Since Theta Tau is an organization with students from different majors, many of them are also members in other student organizations like Society of Women Engineers, Biomedical Engineering Society, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Their involvement within the different organizations of Bourns College of Engineering is what makes them successful.

Theta Tau's community service pillar is demonstrated by these students due to their participation in events like Merit Badge Day and Science Olympiad. This group has also adopted a street in the city of Riverside with its campaign of "Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful."

Theta Tau colony at University of California, Riverside is off to achieve great deeds due to the group's perseverance and their drive for success. I hope for the best for Theta Tau colony at University of California, Riverside. I wish them success with future endeavors and hope they accomplish their goal of becoming a chapter.

Yours Sincerely,

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TO CREATE PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY



February 8, 2013

Jimmy Nghiem  
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Re: Letter of Recommendation

Dear Mr. Nghiem,

Thank you so much for your volunteer team's participation in United Way's Annual HomeWalk. On behalf of the United Way of Greater Los Angeles staff, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation for your diligent work on November 17, 2012. As the only 5k Walk/Run in the country that is dedicated to ending the most extreme form of poverty- homelessness- we truly understand the value of volunteers in executing an event like HomeWalk. Every year our numbers grow and we find more need for people like the members of Theta Tau.

Your help last November in managing the finish-line of the 5K and assisting with clean-up was invaluable. With over 10,000 participants in the 2012 walk, I believe we managed to get key-medals, refreshments, and snacks to every person who crossed that finish line, and this was in no small part due to the work of Theta Tau's volunteer team.

I wish you continued success with your academic career and the success and growth of Theta Tau at University of California, Riverside. Please feel free to contact me if I may be of any further assistance.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Yas", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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April 16, 2013

To whom it may concern:

The Theta Tau colony of University of California Riverside has shown strong expansion and development from its start about a year ago. Even as a new colony, many accomplishments have been made since its colonization, internally and externally. The Theta Tau colony of UCR takes a leadership role within the college, the university, the community, and brothers across chapters.

The members of Theta Tau at UCR are family. They expose this in their brotherhoods. As a strong-knit group, the members of Theta Tau are connected beyond their shared interests in becoming a professional engineer. They maintain a close community with their weekly dinners, camping, karaoke, and bowling. They have genuine concerns for their brothers' interests and well-being, encouraging and congratulating each other on accomplishments whether within Theta Tau or not. This close community is important as it provides a foundation for the success of external events that Theta Tau hosts and or attends.

Theta Tau of UCR instills the values of being a professional engineer by leading several events for the engineering student. Workshops teach students skills preparing them for industry, ranging from public speaking to professional etiquette. Company tours, etiquette dinners, and internship workshops also give students of Bourns College of Engineering at UCR a way to learn about their potential paths in the field of engineering. Beyond just having workshops, Theta Tau of UCR has shown immense leadership by creating events of their own. The colony has created a program called FRESH (Freshmen, Real Engineering Starts Here) to help the freshmen transition into college under the engineering major. Engineering Week (E-Week) was also formally established at UCR by the Theta Tau colony of UCR. The colony also supports their college by attending events such as Bourns Engineering Day and IEEE Merit Badge Day. This support shows how much the colony values its university.

Beyond just showing initiative in their university, the Theta Tau colony of UCR has been helping out the community. The colony has adopted a street to clean up quarterly and has made a Guinness World Record of most peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in an hour which was later donated to a local food bank. The Theta Tau colony has also tied its commitment to the community back to its values by hosting a remote-control car event for local high schoolers as a way to enlighten students about what engineering entails.

The Theta Tau colony of UCR also support brothers from other chapters. They support their brothers not only through physical attendance but also by encouragement and helpful information. They want not only their own colony to be successful, but also their fellow brothers' chapters to be successful. The Theta Tau colony of UCR also aims for the best for the national chapter.

The Theta Tau colony at UCR have accomplished a lot within the past year and will continue to grow. The accomplishments demonstrate the colony's devotion to Theta Tau. Beyond the successes, they understand what it takes to be part of Theta Tau. They refer back to the values of Theta Tau in extending professionalism to students in engineering as well as encouraging potential engineers. Overall, Theta Tau of UCR deserves to be recognized as a chapter.

Sincerely,  
Angelica Cheung





May 2012

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Dear Theta Tau Fraternity,

It is with extreme gratitude that I write this letter of thank you and appreciation for Theta Tau Fraternity's support of TACA's Gladiator Rock 'N Run on April 28, 2012 in Irvine, CA. We are so grateful for the members of the fraternity that came out in force to help facilitate such a large event with over 6,000 participants and 150 volunteers.

The high degree of enthusiasm, professionalism and support each of you provided, helped us handle what could have been an insurmountable feat that day. Events like the Gladiator Rock 'N Run could never be a success without the support of amazing groups like Theta Tau and the many supporters dedicated to improving the lives of those affected by autism.

Talk About Curing Autism (TACA) is the largest community-based autism organization in the United States. We are 31,000 members strong with 27 chapters in 18 states. Founded in 2000, TACA is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides support, education and empowerment to families affected by autism. With 95% of the services offered at no cost to families, volunteers are integral part of the daily operations at TACA.

We appreciate the hard work and dedication of your fraternity and thank you for your support. I hope we can continue the collaboration between your fraternity and TACA and look forward to your ongoing support of families living with autism.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa".

Lisa Ackerman  
Executive Director/Founder





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February 24, 2013

Re: UC Riverside Colony of Theta Tau

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of the Theta Tau Colony at UCR. Its officers have been making a positive impact at the school and local community even before their colonization last May, and they have collectively had an even greater positive impact since then. I feel comfortable with wholeheartedly recommending them for nearly anything, particularly professional service. After reading through Theta Tau's core values and goals, I believe they truly exemplify the best qualities in modern engineers and citizens and would like to express my strongest recommendation for the colony to become a full chapter of the Theta Tau Fraternity.

I am the faculty advisor for our school's chapter of the Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES). As such, I make every effort to work with the officers and student members of the organization, especially focusing on making sure there is a good balance between social, outreach, and professional development events. A few student members have, in my opinion, distinguished themselves with their continuous commitment and leadership over the past few years, making absolutely critical contributions to outreach events to local junior high and high schools, the organization of tours of biotechnology firms, and growing annual social events such as a dodgeball tournament that have proven to be wildly successful not only for bioengineering majors, but across the entire engineering college. It was therefore of little surprise to find out, upon hearing that a colony of Theta Tau had been formed on campus, that several of these student leaders I had noticed through BMES, including Lauren Wong, Nathalie Emperador, and Andrew Cagampan, were a part of that founding.

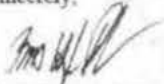
It is my understanding that ALL members of Theta Tau have a similar background and history of service and leadership. While I primarily interact with students in bioengineering and through BMES, I have noticed that the other founding members of Theta Tau have all been active in other professional engineering organizations on campus, such as the Society of Women Engineers, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and American Society of Mechanical Engineers. I can only imagine that any organization would be proud of the collective initiative of these students. One example I personally encountered with a student outside of bioengineering and BMES was with Shrina Kurani, a mechanical engineering student. Our department recently initiated a collaborative venture with the business school in which bioengineering students in senior design work with senior business students to develop a business plan for a hypothetical biotech startup centered around their design project. Shrina made a significant effort to expand this program into mechanical engineering as well, demonstrating a commendable level of initiative and leadership.

In my opinion, the founding members clearly have, individually, an admirable history of service and leadership. It has been extremely gratifying to see that their collective efforts since the inception of the Theta Tau colony have been similarly inspiring. For example, this past October, Theta Tau broke a previous Guinness World Record for the most peanut butter and jelly sandwiches made in an hour (they made 1,686 in 43 minutes, compared to 1,500 in a hour) that were then distributed to the Second Harvest Food Bank. While this rather extraordinary effort received notice in the Press Enterprise (<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/riverside/riverside-headlines-index/20121011-riverside-ucr-fraternity-tops-sandwich-making-record-ec>), the local Theta Tau colony expends just as much effort to smaller, more regular events. They regularly organize public speaking, career planning, and other professional development workshops on campus on top of hosting weekly homework tutoring sessions.

Not only do these student leaders organize events for Theta Tau, they have individually and collectively supported other local organizations within and outside of the engineering college and school. Theta Tau has made huge contributions to the Inland Empire Regional Science Olympiad, held annually at UCR. Their members have also continued their history of service and leadership in other professional engineering societies, in addition to their duties in Theta Tau.

In my mind, UCR's colony of Theta Tau has been an absolutely shining example of what is possible when engineering student leaders devoted to service, professionalism, and brotherhood work with likeminded students. On another personal note, there are a number of 'This street has been adopted by...' signs on my drive to work between downtown Riverside and UCR. A few months ago, I finally noticed that one of those signs was from the Theta Tau colony. I personally find the fact that, on top of everything else they do, Theta Tau very quietly decided to adopt a section of street (and committing to regular cleaning of said section of street) to be infinitely impressive. I would like to recommend that the UCR colony become a full chapter of Theta Tau, and truly believe their character and actions will continue to positive represent both Theta Tau and UCR's Bourns College of Engineering.

Sincerely,



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April 11, 2013

Dear Brothers,

I am eager to announce that UCR Colony is on the verge of becoming a chapter of Theta Tau! University of California Riverside over the past year has grown to over 25 active participants. Upon your approval this will be our 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter in the State of California and 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter in the Western Region.

Since 2007 when Omicron Gamma Chapter (UC Davis) was installed as our first California Chapter it supplemented growth in the Region and now lasting to its 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter in the State. The Western Region has been the fastest growing Region in Theta Tau since 2008 averaging nearly 2 Chapter/Colony installation per 1 Academic Year.

In Southern California Region, UCR colony has provided that pivotal point to further expanding Brotherhood. I assure you they have a systematized structure within the organization along with quality members who are ambitious to continue its path of becoming a family of Theta Tau. The knit connected school atmosphere and the motivated student body only supplement future growth of Theta Tau in Riverside, CA.

I ensure from my previous congregation with the colony members at UC Riverside that they have a strict local policy along with its strong fraternal fellowship to sustain its membership to our national standards.

In H & T,

Steven Choi (Z' 989)



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February 6, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of Theta Tau Fraternity at UC Riverside. I have come to know Theta Tau's leadership through their involvement in working to break the world record for sandwich making.

Through this experience Theta Tau represented itself well, they were prepared and had ideas to make their event a success. I am most appreciative of their professionalism, adherence to university policies, and willingness to work with administrators on our campus.

I felt Theta Tau represented its core values of service and brotherhood well through this event. It gained some local press and most importantly contributed to the co-curricular experiences at UCR.

I look forward to a sustained relationship with the organization and to their positive contributions to UC Riverside.

Sincerely,

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Tonantzin Oseguera

Assistant Dean of Students



Dear Theta Tau Professional Fraternity,

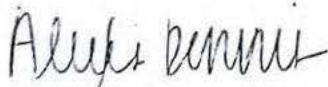
The Theta Tau colony has played an active role on the Riverside campus by perpetuating the creation of a new student organization, the Academic Professional Council. The Academic Professional Council (APC) exists to promote professional fraternity involvement on the UCR campus, as well as cultivate and enhance bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood across the various professional fraternities.

Theta Tau members are actively involved with APC, with members serving in various capacities within this organization. The collective members of Theta Tau have shown initiative and a desire to promote professionalism on our campus, within their own organization and within the efforts of APC. The members strive to be leading scholars and examples on our campus, inspiring others to adopt ideals of scholarship within their own organizations.

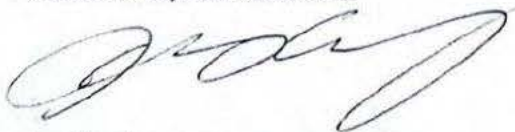
Recently, Theta Tau members have engaged in other fraternity events for support, representing strength in communication and fellowship among brothers and sisters of different fraternities. Additionally, this group is currently collaborating with the other fraternities to develop a unified Etiquette Gala that will bring together all the professional fraternities to learn necessary skills in formal dining for a strictly professional setting.

Theta Tau has consistently shown in this short time that they have been established as an organization that is based on mutual respect and reliability. The members all strive to uphold professionalism on our campus, demonstrating their strong beliefs in the mission of APC and their continued support of such an undertaking. The Theta Tau colony would make an excellent chapter on our campus, and the dedication of each of their members would serve as further inspiration for other professional organizations on our campus.

Sincerely,



Alexis Dennis, President of APC



Jazmine Chavez, Vice President of APC



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OMICRON GAMMA OF

The University of California, Davis

April 15, 2013

Michael T. Abraham  
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Dear Brother Abraham:

I am writing to recommend and support the University of California, Riverside Colony of Theta Tau in their endeavor to gain chapter status into our fraternity of Theta Tau. I believe that their involvement regionally as well as nationally has proven their commitment to the fraternity at large.

I met the University of California, Riverside Colony a little over a year ago during western regionals at Epsilon Delta Chapter in San Diego. Although they were a Colony, they shared overwhelming interest and enthusiasm in Theta Tau. In the summer of 2012, the Colony attended national convention at Boston, Massachusetts. During our banquet ceremony, I was able to get to know their members very well, and attended to their achievements and ambitious ideas as a Colony. They are a determined group of individuals that have exceptionally strong brotherhood.

Over the last few months, I have kept in frequent contact with the Colony. Their group has proposed great ideas to enhance chapter outreach in the western region and have openly invited the other chapters to make a visit to their Colony.

I believe that the members of the Colony at the University of California, Riverside display the ambitions and quantities needed for any successful chapter. They demonstrate good brotherhood and offer outstanding ideas.

I applaud this group's efforts and determination. The colony of University of California, Riverside will bring more might the western region. I hope the Fraternity will accept their petition for charter.

In H and T,

Federico Padron-Nunez UU!X!  
Omicron Gamma #113

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April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Brothers,

It is my honor to give my recommendation for the installation of the University of California-Riverside chapter.

From the beginning, the brothers from University of California-Riverside have always presented characteristics of a strong chapter. My first trip down to Riverside's colony installation in May 2012 resulted in strong bonds of brotherhood. They have always kept our relationship close and connected. Even with special occasions that were not related to Theta Tau, the brothers from Riverside have always been welcoming and warm. Since then, I have watched them reach achievements that clearly display their passion and determination within Theta Tau. Their achievements in philanthropy, professionalism and engineering have, without a doubt, shown their capability of being an honorable chapter of Theta Tau.

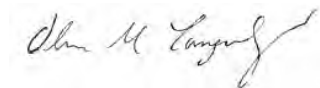
Given my experience within the University of Nevada-Reno colony, I can firmly say that the Riverside colony already has a concrete structure that will, at the very least, result in astounding accomplishments. Their accomplishments, including recognition by a Senator to setting a World Record, reflect the ambition that would only result in admirable leadership.

I would like to express my most sincere respect for University of California-Riverside's colony. They are an accomplished colony of engineering students that will make a great addition to Theta Tau. Most importantly, they are loving brothers that define the strength and endurance of brotherhood.

I highly recommend the approval of University of California-Riverside's petition for chapter status.

In H&T,

Olivia M. Tanguileg



University of Nevada, Reno  
Colony of Theta Tau

February 11, 2013

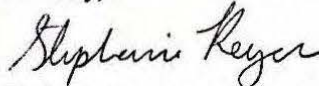
Dear Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity,

The purpose of this letter is to serve as a recommendation for the Theta Tau Colony at University of California, Riverside to become a chapter. Over the past year this colony has worked closely with the Career Center in order to host meaningful and trustworthy events and workshops, led by our own experts on each topic.

During spring of the last academic year, around June 2012, I was approached by a member of Theta Tau inquiring about how they could get us involved with them, since they were new and hoped to host many workshops. On October 18, 2012, the Career Center hosted a "Professionalism Workshop" specifically for the Theta Tau colony. This specific event covered topics revolving around professionalism, including in the workplace, general professionalism through appearance and attitude, etc. Additionally, this past November, the Career Center worked with this group to establish an Etiquette Dinner which was attended by twenty or so members of the fraternity. During this dinner, they learned necessary skills including how to carry themselves during a strictly professional setting; formal dining.

Through all the events this Theta Tau colony has called on us to help put on, their definite drive to master how they carry themselves in different settings is obvious. The attention and focus to small details is what sets this organization apart from others. Each individual strove to join an organization based on professionalism and they are unquestionably doing their part to embody it.

Sincerely,



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February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

To whom it may concern:

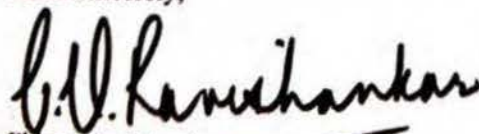
I am pleased to write this letter in support of a National Chapter of Theta Tau. The Theta Tau colony of UCR has accomplished a great deal since their beginnings on this campus, and they have has a very positive impact on a large number of engineering students. An example of this is of the FRESH program. Theta Tau implemented a new program this year designed to help increase the retention rates for freshman engineers, by exposing them to practical, real-world engineering problems. Many of the first year students greatly enjoyed and benefitted from this program, and were able to meet mentors from their majors.

Theta Tau at UCR also reaches out to local elementary and middle schools. This past National Engineers Week, Theta Tau at UCR invited a local middle school to visit the campus. They gave students a tour of the engineering buildings in addition to setting up activities for the students to build Remote Controlled cars. It was a very interactive, successful event since the students of Theta Tau were able to work alongside with the middle school students, motivating them to be interested in the STEM fields.

During the past academic year, Theta Tau at UCR has also hosted several professional workshops with other engineering organizations on campus. Workshops topics included public speaking, professional development, and career readiness. They have also contacted Salas O'Brien, an energy-engineering firm, for a company tour. Such activities encourage more engineering companies to visit our campus, which is also a benefit to our students.

On behalf of the Bourns College of Engineering, I wish Theta Tau colony of UCR the best of luck with future endeavors. With the motivation these students display, I have no doubt they will continue to achieve great successes in the future.

Yours Sincerely,



Chinya Ravishankar  
Associate Dean, Undergraduate Education



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October 29, 2012

University of California Riverside  
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Dear Theta Tau:

I want to extend my sincere congratulations to you for having been featured in Press Enterprise for your hard work and donation of sandwiches to Second Harvest Food Bank! The Fraternity's commitment to engaging to break the Guinness World Record and helping in the community are undoubtedly worthy of this recognition.

It is an honor to represent outstanding schools like yours in the California State Senate. Your outstanding commitment to your Fraternity leaves no doubt that you all will continue to be successful in your future endeavors.

Once again, congratulations and best wishes for your continued success. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Should you be interested in keeping up on what is happening in the State Capitol and around the 37<sup>th</sup> Senate District, I invite you to subscribe to visit my website at [www.sen.ca.gov/emmerson](http://www.sen.ca.gov/emmerson).

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

It has been a privilege working with the professional and hard-working engineers of the Theta Tau colony here at UCR. I am thrilled to be writing this letter of recommendation to aid them in becoming a student chapter because of their outstanding leadership "*for service, profession, and brotherhood*" that they have displayed, which is the very essence of Theta Tau.

As the Leadership Council President of the Bourns College of Engineering, I have noted Theta Tau's presence and involvement with the engineers of our college. It is undeniable that the members of this fraternity exemplify all aspects of the Theta Tau mission, and are most certainly making a difference on our campus. The officers are always prompt and present at the bi-monthly Leadership Council meetings, which is composed of student officers from all engineering professional development organizations, a handful of which are members of Theta Tau as well.

They have held events that have not only brought a sense of brotherhood to their members, but have also unified the entire college. The PB&J Challenge allowed engineering students from all disciplines to come out and become a part of something that was able to successfully beat a world record and also provide a tremendous help for the homeless community. They hold tutoring sessions for students struggling with their coursework and have held information sessions to promote professionalism in careers after graduation. For E-Week, they encouraged higher education in the STEM fields to middle school and high school students and inspired young minds that the possibilities for innovation are endless.

Many of these Theta Tau members are my friends and fellow peers, and I cannot be more proud of how well they "fit the Theta Tau mission to a T." It is safe to say on my behalf, that the Bourns College of Engineering is thankful for Theta Tau's presence on our campus; they so rightfully deserve to become a chapter and continue their legacy of excellence.

Sincerely,



Camila Villanueva  
Leadership Council President, 2012-'13  
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Dear Brothers:

I am pleased to write in support of the petition for chapter status from the colony at the University of California, Riverside

I met with a select group of UCR engineering students interested in Theta Tau over a year ago. The students knew one another, had heard much about Theta Tau's expansion in their area, and wanted to bring a professional fraternity to their campus. Their colony was later certified with 20+ members. Since then, the colony has worked diligently and consistently toward becoming a chapter. Their growth in membership, activity, and involvement has been remarkable over the last several semesters.

The engineering school and student life office is supportive of the colony, the members highly motivated, and their involvement on campus substantial. They have regularly and extensively participated in regional and national meetings. I am impressed with the enthusiasm, effort, and achievements of this group as evidenced by the content of this petition. I believe that they have demonstrated that they are ready for the step to chapter status and will continue to be a strong and positive example for Theta Tau on the Riverside campus.

I believe this group has the potential to be a valuable asset to Theta Tau, and I recommend your approval of their petition for chapter status.

In H and T,

Michael T. Abraham  
Executive Director

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*Engineering Leaders for Service, Profession, and Brotherhood*

## **Calendar of Events**

Sun May 20, 2012-Theta Tau Brotherhood Lock-In  
Mon May 21, 2012 -Social Mixer with Professional Fraternity Council in Hub 355  
Tue May 22, 2012-Henry Coil Q&A  
Fri May 25, 2012-Salas O'Brien Site Tour  
Wed May 30, 2012-Hot Dog Eating Competition at the Bell Tower  
Thu May 31, 2012-Etiquette Dinner  
Fri Jun 1, 2012 & Sat Jun 2, 2012-BCOE Banquet  
Mon Jun 4, 2012-2012 Student Org Awards  
Wed Jul 11, 2012 -Highlander Orientation Bear Facts Tabling  
Tue Sep 25, 2012-Recruitment Workshops  
Sun Oct 7, 2012-Hangar 24 Brewery Tour  
Mon Oct 8, 2012-Rush Week - Info Session with Brothers and Meet and Greet  
Tue Oct 9, 2012-Guinness World Record PB&J  
Wed Oct 10, 2012-Theta Tau at UCR Engineering Weekly Homework Day! & Rush - Rube Goldberg Project  
Thu Oct 11, 2012-Rush-Pref Night, Interviews  
Fri Oct 12, 2012-Bid Celebration Dinner  
Fri Oct 12, 2012- Sun Oct 14, 2012- Big Bear Retreat  
Tue Oct 16, 2012-Intramural Co-Ed Soccer Game  
Fri Oct 19, 2012- Sun Oct 21, 2012-All day Theta Tau Western Regionals  
Fri Nov 9, 2012- Sun Nov 11, 2012-All day National Association of Engineering Student Councils Western Regional Conference at ASU  
Mon Nov 12, 2012-Street Clean-up Community Service Event & Monday Night Football Fundraiser at Getaway  
Wed Nov 14, 2012- Etiquette Dinner  
Mon Nov 19, 2012-Blood Drive Community Service Event  
Tue Jan 8, 2013-Speaker - Professional Development  
Sat Jan 19, 2013-Overnight Outreach with High School students  
Tue Jan 22, 2013-SWE Fashion Show  
Thu Jan 31, 2013-Public Speaking Workshop  
Fri Feb 1, 2013- Alumni Dinner with Bryce and Jason at Yardhouse  
Sat Feb 2, 2013- Street Clean-Up  
Sun Feb 3, 2013-Superbowl Party at Paul's House with UCI and UCLA  
Mon Feb 4, 2013-Ducks vs. Sharks Brotherhood  
Tue Feb 5, 2013- Elections and Photoshoot  
Fri Feb 8, 2013- Sevillas Dinner with Henry Coil - Business Casual  
Fri Feb 15, 2013-Life Technologies Tour in Carlsbad  
Sat Feb 16, 2013-Mesa Competition Day  
Sun Feb 17, 2013- Feb 22, 2013-E-Week: Engineering Mural, Endorse Engineering Week with Freebies, Bring out Letters, Engineering RC Car Race with High School Kids  
Sat Mar 2, 2013-Western Regionals at UC Berkley  
Sat Mar 9, 2013-Discover Day Tabling in Bourns Courtyard  
Sun Mar 10, 2013-Street Clean Up





Gladiator Run 2012 (Irvine, CA)



Initiation Ceremony & Banquet (Riverside, CA)



Meet & Greet with UC Irvine Colony (Irvine, CA)



Student Partners with Microsoft (Riverside, CA)





Theta Tau Founding Letters and Polo



Dinner with Brother Xander White and Lana Nguyen (Moreno Valley, CA)





Breaking the Guinness World Record Community Service Event (Riverside, CA)



ASU Western Regionals (Arizona, CA)





Theta Tau Adopt-A-Street (Riverside, CA)



Our members cleaning up Riverside



Homewalk 2012 (Los Angeles, CA)



Trick or Canning (Riverside, CA)





Intermural Soccer Team



Bourns College of Engineering Dodgeball Tournament





Nova Family with our Paddles



Camping at Joshua Tree