

University of Nevada, Reno Colony of Theta Tau

Petition for Chapter Status



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University of Nevada, Reno Colony of Theta Tau
5200 Summit Ridge Dr. apt 1224
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Mr. Michael Abraham, Executive Director
Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity
1011 San Jacinto, Suite 205
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Brothers:

We, the Theta Tau colony of the University of Nevada, Reno, submit to you with great optimism our petition for full chapter status.

Since our colony's certification on December 10, 2011, we have worked diligently and with pride to prepare for our transition to a full chapter of Theta Tau. Our founding members put great effort into garnering campus recognition, organizing events and activities, and creating our first rush period. From this first rush, we gathered more dedicated and motivated engineering students who provided our colony with even more of the energy and determination that a chapter of Theta Tau thrives on. Since our initial colony certification, we have had two additional classes join our colony, with each one bringing new life and drive to our mission.

Our brothers have worked hard to be recognized as a chapter, with each individual member offering their unique perspective, while also working together as a whole to cause meaningful impacts on both the university campus and in the community. As the founding regent, I have seen the strength of community that Theta Tau gives its members. I know that our members, both current and future, will be united by even stronger fraternal bonds, and be driven to even greater heights, once we are granted full chapter status.

I, on behalf of all my brothers, present you with the official petition for chapter status for the Theta Tau colony at the University of Nevada, Reno. We have worked toward this moment with great enthusiasm, and we hope you find our efforts worthy of becoming a full chapter of Theta Tau.

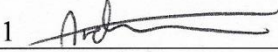
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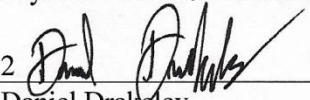
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University of Nevada, Reno Colony of Theta Tau

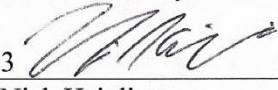
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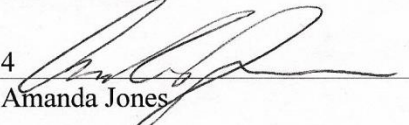
We, the members of the University of Nevada, Reno Colony of Theta Tau, are all currently enrolled in the University of Nevada, Reno School of Engineering and are in good standing. We have no affiliation with any organization competitive with Theta Tau. We have met all of the membership requirements, and the University of Nevada, Reno Colony has met all of the requirements necessary to become a chapter.

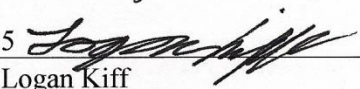
We, the undersigned, do hereby petition the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity for chapter status.

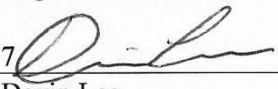
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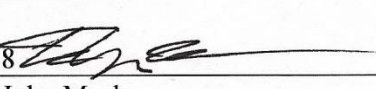
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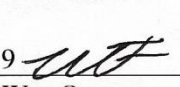
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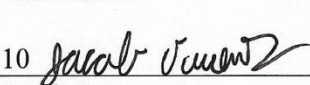
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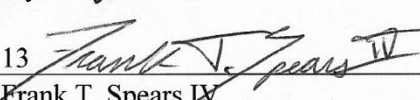
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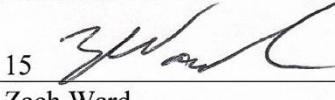
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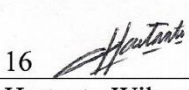
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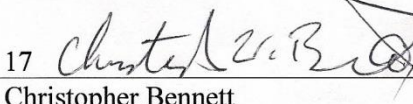
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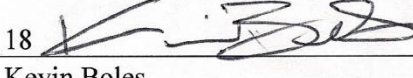
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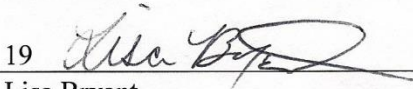
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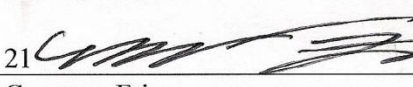
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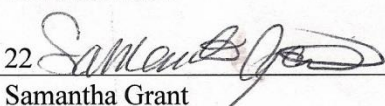
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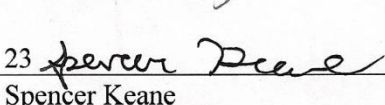
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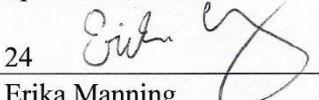
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Ryan Thompson

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Clifford J Uber

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Anthony Lunino

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Chelsea Chen

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Ashley Cohen

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Everest Donske

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Eric Dougherty

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Becca Epstein

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Kevin Houle

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Stephen Lancaster

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Adelia Latief

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Kayla Raco

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Orion Vasquez

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Kendall Welling

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Alex Whittman

Officers and Chairs

Officers

Regent: Amanda Jones

Vice Regent: Jacob Owens

Treasurer: Nick Hainline

Scribe: Davin Lee

Corresponding Secretary: Zach Ward

Chairs

Marshall: John Mack

Social Chair: Michelle Rebaleati

Professional Development Chair: Mark Temen

Service Chair: Chris Bennett

Recruitment Chair: Kaitlyn Panos

Pledge Instructor: Will Olson

Fundraising Chair: Liv Tanguileg

Rube Goldberg Chair: Kevin Boles

Intramural Chair: Erika Manning

Website Chair: Cameron Frias

Historian: Logan Kiff

Risk Management Chair: Jayme Salo

Members

The Founding Fathers

1. Seyed Mohammed Ardakani

Office Held: N/A

Hometown: Tehran, Iran

Major: Civil Engineering

Expected Graduation Date: Fall 2012

Degree: Ph.D.

GPA: 3.6

Campus Activities: EERI

Email: seyyedardakani@yahoo.com



2. Daniel Drakeley

Office Held: Professional Development Chair

Hometown: San Diego, CA

Major: Mechanical Engineering

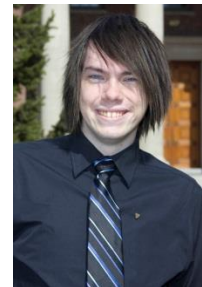
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2014

Degree: Bachelor of Science

GPA: 3.3

Campus Activities: N/A

Email: danieldrakeley@gmail.com



3. Nick Hainline

Office Held: Treasurer

Hometown: Susanville, CA

Major: Electrical Engineering

Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2013

Degree: Bachelor of Science

GPA: 3.3

Campus Activities: N/A

Email: nhh-91@hotmail.com



4. Amanda Jones

Office Held: Regent

Hometown: Las Vegas, NV

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2014

Degree: Bachelor of Science

GPA: 3.91

Campus Activities: Tau Beta Pi-Treasurer

Email: jonesa.unr@gmail.com



5. Logan Kiff

Office Held: Historian
Hometown: McKinleyville, CA
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2014
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.71
Campus Activities: Golden Key Honor Society
Email: lkiff@sbcglobal.net



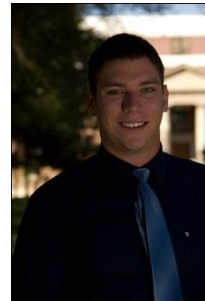
7. Davin Lee

Office Held: Scribe
Hometown: Mililani, HI
Major: Electrical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2014
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 2.7
Campus Activities: Volleyball and Hawaii Club
Email: davin133@gmail.com



8. John Mack

Office Held: Rush Chair, Marshal
Hometown: Reno, NV
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2015
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.7
Campus Activities: Human Powered Vehicle Competition
Email: JohnMackOT@gmail.com



9. Wes Osmer

Office Held: Pledge Instructor
Hometown: Carson City, NV
Major: Civil Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2013
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.3
Campus Activities: ASCE, Steel Bridge, Concrete Canoe
Email: Baeballwes@yahoo.com



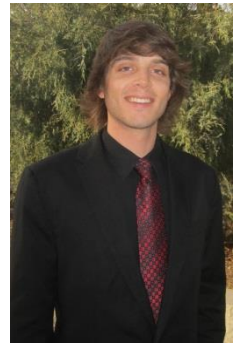
10. Jacob Owens

Office Held: Vice Regent
Hometown: Tonopah, NV
Major: Electrical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2014
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.0
Campus Activities: Lab Research
Email: jacobjowens@yahoo.com



12. Jayme Salo

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Reno, NV
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2014
Degree: Bachelor of Science & Math Minor
GPA: 3.02
Campus Activities: SAE
Email: jsalo266@gmail.com



13. Frank T. Spears IV

Office Held: Marshall
Hometown: Las Vegas, NV
Major: Civil Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2013
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.1
Campus Activities: Nevada Men's Volleyball Team, ASCE
Email: SpearsIv@gmail.com



14. Mark Temen

Office Held: Professional Development Chair
Hometown: Reno, NV
Major: Civil Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2013
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.55
Campus Activities: Concrete Canoe, Steel Bridge, ASCE
Email: TemenM2@gmail.com



15. Zach Ward

Office Held: Corresponding Secretary
Hometown: Reno, NV
Major: Mining Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2015
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.2
Campus Activities: SME, Mining Team, design team
Email: wardz17@gmail.com



16. Hartanto Wibowo

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Surabaya, Indonesia
Major: Civil Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2013
Degree: Ph.D
GPA: 3.9
Campus Activities: EERI, ASCE, Gallop Badminton Club
Email: hwibowo@unr.edu



Alpha Class

17. Christopher Bennett

Office Held: Community Service Chair
Hometown: Fresno, CA
Major: Computer Science
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2015
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.2
Campus Activities: First Lego League, STEM Volunteer Coordinator
Email: heavyhadron@gmail.com



18. Kevin Boles

Office Held: Rube Goldberg Chair
Hometown: Minden, NV
Major: Civil Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2013
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.72
Campus Activities: N/A
Email: HEYKEVINBOLES@gamil.com



19. Lisa Bryant

Office Held: N/A

Hometown: Reno, NV

Major: Civil & Environmental Engineering

Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2016

Degree: Bachelor of Science

GPA: 3.9

Campus Activities: EWB President, Concrete Canoe Fundraising Manager, ASCE, SWE

Email: lbryant1158@yahoo.com



20. Jonathan Cole

Office Held: Educational Services

Hometown: Reno, NV

Major: Civil Engineering

Expected Graduation Date: Fall 2014

Degree: Bachelor of Science

GPA: 3.9

Campus Activities: ASCE

Email: JCole2@gmail.com



21. Cameron Frias

Office Held: Website Chair

Hometown: Reedley, CA

Major: Computer Science

Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2015

Degree: Bachelor of Science

GPA: 3.2

Campus Activities: N/A

Email: cameron75n@yahoo.com



22. Samantha Grant

Office Held: N/A

Hometown: Las Vegas, NV

Major: Computer Science

Expected Graduation Date: Fall 2015

Degree: Bachelor of Science

GPA: 3.3

Campus Activities: N/A

Email: samkay2@aol.com



23. Spencer Keane

Office Held: N/A

Hometown: Yuma, Arizona

Major: Civil Engineering

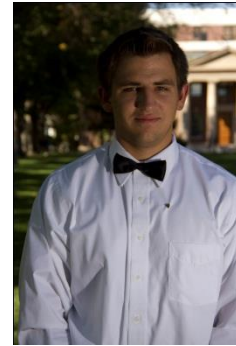
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2014

Degree: Bachelor of Science w/ Minor in Renewable Energy

GPA: 3.4

Campus Activities: ATO, ASCE, Tutor

Email: spencerkeane@gmail.com



24. Erika Manning

Office Held: Intramural Chair

Hometown: Las Vegas, NV

Major: Undeclared Engineering

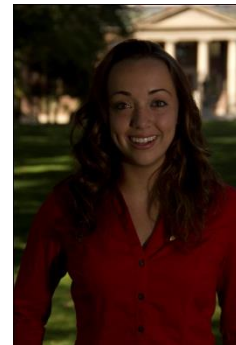
Expected Graduation Date: 2016 Spring

Degree: Bachelor of Science

GPA: 2.9

Campus Activities: VP of Running Club

Email: erikamanning6@aol.com



25. Will Olson

Office Held: Pledge Instructor

Hometown: San Jose, CA

Major: Electrical Engineering

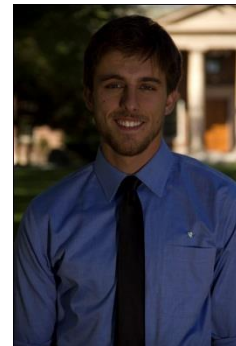
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2015

Degree: Bachelor of Science

GPA: 3.56

Campus Activities: Running Club

Email: will.olson11@gmail.com



26. Kaitlyn Panos

Office Held: Rush Chair

Hometown: Reno, NV

Major: Environmental Engineering

Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2015

Degree: Bachelor of Science

GPA: 3.1

Campus Activities: Communication V.P. Hillel, Concrete Canoe,

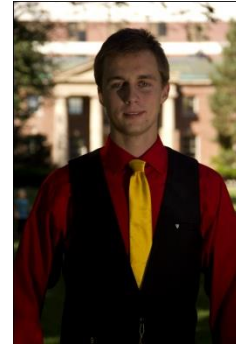
Engineers Without Borders, ASCE

Email: kaitlynpanos@gmail.com



27. Grant Phillips

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Turlock, NV
Major: Electrical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: unknown
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.0
Campus Activities: N/A
Email: grwhph@gmail.com



28. Michelle Rebaleati

Office Held: Social Chair
Hometown: Eureka, NV
Major: Electrical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2014
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.4
Campus Activities: Society of Leadership & Success
Email: rebal888@yahoo.com



29. Sara M. Sigala

Office Held: Fundraising Chair
Hometown: South Lake Tahoe, NV
Major: Civil Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2013
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.13
Campus Activities: ASCE
Email: sigala.sin90@gmail.com



30. Liv Tanguileg

Office Held: Fundraising Chair
Hometown: Stockton, CA
Major: Electrical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2016
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.1
Campus Activities: N/A
Email: ltanguileg@lire.com



31. Ryan Thompson

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Mariposa, CA
Major: Computer Science
Expected Graduation Date:
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.0
Campus Activities: N/A
Email: 77Thompson@gmail.com



32. Clifford J Uber

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Carson City, NV
Major: Electrical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2013
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.9
Campus Activities: IEEE, Golden Key,
Society for Leadership & Success Honors Program
Email: cliffuber@gmail.com



33. Anthony Zunino

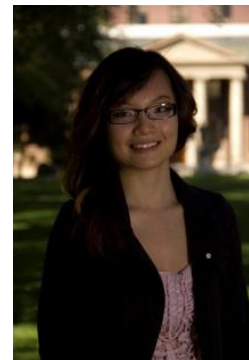
Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Eureka, NV
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2015
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.2
Campus Activities: EWB member
Email: zunino53@gmail.com



Beta Class

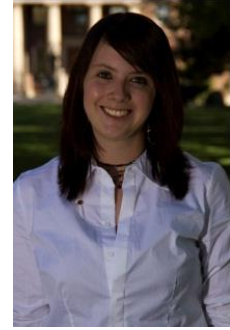
34. Chelsea Chen

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Las Vegas, NV
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2015
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.4
Campus Activities: UH Frisbee Team, HPVC, SWE, ASME
Email: chelsea_chen@live.com



35. Ashley Cohen

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Henderson, NV
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2015
Degree: Bachelors of Science
GPA: 3.812
Campus Activities: ASME
Email: ashleycohen5923@gmail.com



36. Luis Cupas

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Panama City, Panama
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2013
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.91
Campus Activities: N/A
Email: luife.cupas@hotmail.com



37. Everest Donske

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Boulder City, NV
Major: Civil Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2015
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.0
Campus Activities: N/A
Email: emdonske@yahoo.com



38. Eric Dougherty

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Colfax, CA
Major: Geological Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Fall 2014
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.0
Campus Activities: Macky Club
Email: ericdougherty31@gmail.com



39. Becca Epstein

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Las Vegas, NV
Major: Civil Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2015
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.7
Campus Activities: N/A
Email: bcboo8@yahoo.com



40. Kevin Houle

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Fallon, NV
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Fall 2015
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.0
Campus Activities: N/A
Email: K.Shampoo@hotmail.com



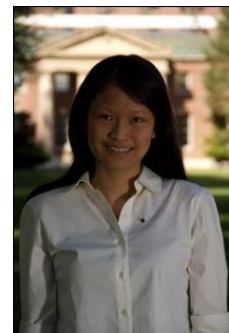
41. Stephen Lancaster

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: San Jose, CA
Major: Electrical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2016
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 2.8
Campus Activities: N/A
Email: Stephen@shinv.net



42. Adelia Latief

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Indonesia
Major: Materials Science & Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Fall 2013
Degree: Masters
GPA: 4.0
Campus Activities: N/A
Email: adelia_latief@yahoo.com



43. Kayla Raco

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Henderson, NV
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2015
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.2
Campus Activities: N/A
Email: kmraco@gmail.com



44. Orion Vazquez

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Reno, NV
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2015
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.1
Campus Activities: ASME, ACM, HPVC, SMV
Email: orionvaz213@gmail.com



45. Kendall Welling

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Gunnison, Colorado
Major: Geological Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2015
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.8
Campus Activities: Marching band, Rockhounds club
Email: kendall.welling@gmail.com



46. Alex Wittmann

Office Held: N/A
Hometown: Dusseldorf
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2015
Degree: Bachelor of Science
GPA: 3.0
Campus Activities: N/A
Email: alexwittmann01@gmail.com



Alumni

6. Jon Lau

Positions Held: Community Service Chair, Rube Goldberg Chair

Hometown: Reno, NV

Major: Civil Engineering

11. Samuel Owens

Positions Held: N/A

Hometown: San Luis Obispo, CA

Major: Civil Engineering

Gamma Pledge Class



Gamma Pledge Class (Left to Right):

- ✦ Jess Hayden, Mechanical Engineering
- ✦ Brittany Cox, Civil Engineering
- ✦ Eric Petralia, Computer Science Engineering
- ✦ Andy Narvaez, Computer Science Engineering
- ✦ Dominic Barker, Mechanical Engineering
- ✦ Brandon Trauner, Mechanical Engineering
- ✦ Royal Stuart, Computer Science Engineering

Not Pictured:

- ✦ Josh Willsey, Chemical Engineering
- ✦ Dustin Curry, Electrical Engineering
- ✦ Rowland Perez, Mechanical Engineering

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It isn't clear whether or not Brawls of other years were quite this elaborate. One newspaper story related that the men had to put their dates in carts and wheel them across the room. The admission fee they were charged was based on how quickly the men were able to make it back. In other years, the admission fee was based on how hard a coed could hug a big robot named "Cassanova Casey" or how high a coed's personality registered according to a measuring device named "Kissable Kelly."

In some years the College of Engineering would hold Engineers' Day and the Engineers' Brawl separately, one in the spring and the other in the fall. In later years, a banquet began Engineers' Day, and the Brawl was scheduled as its finale. It should be mentioned that in 1943, the Engineers' Day celebrations were canceled because so many of the students were away serving in the military during World War II.

The University of Nevada doesn't have Engineers' Day or the Brawl anymore, but that doesn't mean that our present engineering students don't have any fun. Along with building wind-tunnels, earthquake simulators, Lego™ robots and maybe even the occasional nuclear reactor, the College of Engineering's students also get to participate in competitions with other universities.

These contests have included the Water Treatment Competition, the Human-Powered Vehicle Competition, a Future City Competition, a Genetically Engineered Machine Competition, a Steel Bridge Competition, and the famous annual Concrete Canoe Competition. Concrete canoe contestants may be spotted around the region, including on Manzanita Lake and at the Sparks Marina. The local television stations provide coverage for this and other engineering competitions, which raises awareness among the general public about the skills UNR's College of Engineering develops and the fun the students have in the process.**

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History of UNR Colony of Theta Tau

At the end of summer 2011, a group of students came together to find a way to become more involved on campus, but also to generate a sense of brotherhood and connectedness within the engineering student body on campus. After a few ideas had been passed around, a general consensus was reached to approach Theta Tau about establishing a chapter on the campus of the University of Nevada. This would not only help to bring some of the different engineering disciplines together, but allow for more camaraderie in the College of Engineering at the University of Nevada.

On September 20th, 2011 a preliminary meeting was held with Theta Tau Central Office representative, Michael Abraham, in order to gain information and insight on the steps required for becoming a Theta Tau colony. At this meeting, officers were chosen including: Amanda Jones as Regent, Jacob Owens as Vice Regent, Davin Lee as Secretary, Logan Kiff as Petition Chair and Johnny Mack as Recruitment Chair. From our initial meeting, we were able to identify our immediate goals of gaining colony status, which mainly consisted of being recognized by the University of Nevada, Reno, and to have some fun and become better acquainted with one another through social events. We elected Logan Kiff to a second position of Social Chair, Jon Lau as Service Events Chair and Daniel Drakeley as Professional Development Chair.

On Friday October 21st, our “New Organization Recognition Meeting” was held at which time we were officially recognized by the university as an organization. Shortly after this, the petition for colony was submitted to the national office. The University of Nevada, Reno was certified as a colony on December 10th, 2011. After the colony certification, the members quickly began planning the recruitment for the next semester. The colony had a very solid first pledge class and initiated 17 members as the Alpha Class on April 21st, 2012. These members quickly took leadership roles within the colony and were dedicated to helping the colony grow. With their help the colony made great advances and continued to rapidly grow.

In the Fall semester, we successfully recruited many more enthusiastic students and on December 8th, 13 more members were initiated as the Beta Class. The colony currently has 10 pledges as well as two Alumni who graduated in May 2012.

The colony has grown in many ways since the colony certification in December 2012 and has consistently held a balanced group of events including professional, service, and brotherhood events. The colony has developed a strong infrastructure and attends events at other chapters when funds and dates permit. We have attended the Spring and Fall 2012 Regional Conference, as well as the Spring 2013 Regional Conference and the UCR Colony Certification. The colony continues to grow and strives to meet the ideals of Theta Tau and will continue to grow long after it achieves chapter status.

Professional Development Events

2/24/12 – Rube Goldberg Machine Competition

- ✧ The colony sponsored the University's first Rube Goldberg Competition

3/6/12 – Nuclear Engineering, Navy Speaker

- ✧ A navy representative spoke to the members of Theta Tau about the opportunities and programs the Navy's Nuclear Engineering program has to offer, and interviewed those who were interested.

3/27/12 – Water Reclamation Center Tour

- ✧ Members took a tour of Reno's Water Reclamation Center

4/10/12 – UNR Shake Table Tour

- ✧ The members of Theta Tau were given a tour of the University of Nevada's shake table lab. The members learned about current projects and research being done and how the equipment was used.

4/19/12 – Lock Picking Seminar from Bridgewire Makerspace

- ✧ The members attended a seminar on locking picking sponsored by Bridgewire, a local makerspace organization. The locking picking learned from this event was for personal use only, and the seminar was to promote their student membership and all the equipment they have for use.

4/23/12 – Differential Fees Forum by the College of Engineering Dean

- ✧ Members attended the open forum sponsored by the dean of the College of Engineering to show what the money for the new fees is going to, and to take suggestions from students on what the money should be used for.

9/6/12 - Bill Nye Seminar

- ✧ Members attended the seminar from the famous Bill Nye the Science Guy.

11/8/12 - Peggy Brown Speaker on Geothermal Industries

- ✧ Peggy Brown spoke to the colony about geothermal industries provided networking advice and assistance.

2/7/13 – Michio Kaku World Renowned Physicist Speaker

- ✧ The popular physicist, Michio Kaku came to speak to the University of Nevada. Before the seminar, members met with him and were able to ask him any questions they had.

2/22/13 – 2nd Annual Rube Goldberg Competition

- ✧ The colony sponsored the 2nd Rube Goldberg competition at the University of Nevada



Pre-Seminar talk with renowned physicist Michio Kaku



Tour of the Reno Water Reclamation Facility



University of Nevada's 1st Rube Goldberg Competition



Speaker and networking event with Peggy Brown from the Geothermal Industry

Community Service Events

10/23/11 – Middle School Pumpkin Launch

- ✱ The members of Theta Tau were invited to Depoali Middle school to assist the students in making a catapult to launch their pumpkins for Halloween. The students were taught basic design skills and assisted with the building of the catapult when safe.

3/10/12 – Judged Math Counts Competition

- ✱ Members volunteered for the local Math Counts Competition by helping with the set up and cleanup of the event, working the snack table for lunch time, and judging the competition.

4/5/12 – College of Engineering “Engineer’s Day”

- ✱ Member’s volunteered for “Engineer’s Day” which is an event put on by the College of Engineering where high school and middle school students from nearby cities tour the College of Engineering and attend 6 different stations to get them interested in engineering.

4/15/12 – Booth at NAK’s Carnival for Underprivileged Youth

- ✱ Members set up a booth at Nu Alpha Kappa’s carnival for underprivileged youth.

Weekly - First Lego League at Middle Schools

- ✱ The members have volunteered weekly with the First Lego League in an after school program at two middles schools by helping students build their robots and program it to navigate an obstacle course.

9/6/12 - Science Day

- ✱ The colony participated in a science fair for children in preparation for the Bill Nye speaking event. Theta Tau’s booth featured trebuchets and air cannons.

11/11/12 - Science Fair at Middle School

- ✱ The colony hosted a science fair at Archie Clayton Middle school, featuring trebuchets, an egg drop workshop, a spectroscopy lab and a computer controlled car.

10/31/12 - Food Drive Trick or Treat

- ✱ Members went “Trick or Treating” but instead of collecting candy, the members asked for donations of canned food and donated them.

12/8/12 - Food Drive Caroling

- ✱ Similar to the Trick or Treat event, the members went Caroling to collect canned food for a food drive.

3/12/13 – Wrote letters to Servicemen

- ✱ Members wrote letters to active duty military men thanking them for their service.

3/25/13 – College of Engineering Fall Call

- ✱ Members volunteered for the College of Engineering’s Fall Call by calling incoming engineering students and letting them know of important dates and answered any questions they had about preparing for college life.



Science Fair at Archie Clayton Middle School



Pumpkin Launch at Depoali Middle School



Science Day at the University of Nevada



Food Drive Trick or Treat

Brotherhood

2/22/12 – Engineers Week BBQ

- ✱ The colony attended the College of Engineering E-week BBQ and set up a table to give engineering students more information about Theta Tau.

2/24/12 – Engineers Brawl

- ✱ The colony resurrected a historical event called the “Engineer’s Brawl,” which is a celebration at the end of Engineer’s Week for all engineering students. (More information on this event in the “History of the College of Engineering” section of this petition.)

4/7/12 – Laser Tag

- ✱ The colony went out to have some fun with laser tag!

4/13/12 – Fugitive Game Night

- ✱ The colony played “Fugitive” where one group of members has to get from point A to point B without being caught by the other group of members.

4/21/12 – Spring Retreat

- ✱ The colony went camping together for a weekend to celebrate and bond with the newly initiated members.

9/22/12 – Birthday BBQs

- ✱ Members got together to celebrate many members birthdays with a BBQ.

9/27/12 – Fugitive Game Night

- ✱ Another game of fugitive with the new pledges in a new location was played.

10/5/12 – Movie Night

- ✱ The members got together to watch Star Wars movies

10/11/12 – Scavenger Hunt

- ✱ Teams mixed with brothers and pledges went on a scavenger hunt to bond with the current pledges.

10/13/12 – Trip to Las Vegas for Football Game

- ✱ The colony traveled to Las Vegas for the big rival football game against UNLV. The University of Nevada, Reno won, of course.

10/25/12 – Kickball in the Quad

- ✱ Everyone got together for a game of kickball for more brother/pledge bonding.

10/27/12 – Big Brothers Reveal, Halloween Costume Party

- ✱ Big brothers were revealed to the current pledge class with some fun activities followed by a Halloween costume party.

11/17/12 – Movie Marathon

- ✱ The members got together to watch a Lord of the Rings marathon in preparation for the new movie, The Hobbit!

11/23/12 – Theta Tau Thanksgiving

- ✱ The members who did not go home for Thanksgiving celebrated together

12/8/12 – Dinner and Ice Skating

- ✱ After the Initiation of the new members, everyone went out to dinner and then ice skating in downtown Reno.

2/22/13 – 2nd Annual Engineers Brawl

- ✦ Members assisted with planning and attended the Engineers Brawl which is a celebration at the end of Engineer's Week. The Rube Goldberg Competition also took place here.

2/23/13 – Movie Night

- ✦ The members got together to have another movie night!

3/29/13 – Big Brother Reveal

- ✦ Big brothers were revealed with some fun activities including Big vs. Little sumo wrestling.

Fall Semester - Football Games

- ✦ Members attended all of the home football games and had BBQs in the tailgating area.

Fall and Spring Semester - Intramurals

- ✦ The colony participated in the flag football and volleyball intramural sports in the Fall and soccer in the Spring.



Lord of the Rings Movie Night



Star Wars Movie Night



Football Games

Chapter Visits



Epsilon Delta, Regionals Spring 2012



UCR Colony Certification



Delta Gamma, Regionals Fall 2012



Epsilon, Regionals Spring 2013



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April 7, 2013

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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 Nevada, Reno.

In the fall of 2011, I met with a group of Nevada engineering students interested in Theta Tau. The students knew one another and wanted to bring a professional fraternity to their campus. Their colony was certified in December of that year with a substantial number of members. Since then, the colony has worked diligently and consistently toward becoming a chapter. The group is fully prepared to take the next step toward full Theta Tau membership.

Obviously, within Theta Tau, it would be wonderful to finally have a chapter in the town where Founder Schrader lived and practiced for most of his long professional career as a mining engineer.

The Nevada colony has travelled extensively and repeatedly to other expansion events, regional meetings, and national events – often bringing very large delegations of members to those activities. 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 campus of the University of Nevada, Reno.

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,

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Indira Chatterjee, Ph.D.
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Dear Theta Tau Central Office:

This letter is in strong support of formally granting the current Theta Tau colony at the University of Nevada, Reno full chapter status. A dedicated group of students has been meeting and taking part in events for over a year in hopes of reaching full chapter status. Based on the need, the goals, the commitment, the work to date, and the potential of this new organization, I am pleased to recommend this action.

Though the College of Engineering at Nevada currently recognizes several student organizations, all of them tend to be oriented toward specific needs: the needs of women (e.g., SWE, the Society of Women Engineers), minorities (e.g., SHPE, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers), particular departments (e.g., IEEE/ACM, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers/Association for Computing Machinery), or humanitarian service needs (e.g., EWB, Engineers Without Borders). There is currently no student organization dedicated toward the overarching communal, social, philanthropic, service, and leadership needs of students that cut across all classes, majors, and niches within the College of Engineering. A full Theta Tau chapter would continue to uniquely fill this void. The chapter would continue to bring together engineers from all engineering constituencies. It would be a professional co-ed engineering fraternity devoted to developing and maintaining a high standard of professional interest among its members. It would continue to unite its members in a strong bond of fraternal fellowship by continuing to hold regular weekly meetings while receiving funding from the Associated Student Union of Nevada as a recognized student organization in order to receive funding to continue its events.

I have personally witnessed the work and excitement of the individuals involved in the current Theta Tau colony at Nevada. The Theta Tau members took part in our annual Engineer's Day outreach event in which 400 6-12th grade students are led by current engineering students to lab demonstrations as well as our Annual Engineer's Week festivities that culminated with the Return of the Engineer's Brawl and introduction of the Rube Goldberg Machine competition. Based on their dedication, commitment, and performance, I am confident that they will uphold the high standards of the national organization and will uphold a full chapter in which everyone involved will be very proud. Therefore, I endorse their petition enthusiastically and without reservation.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional input.

Sincerely,

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Dear Theta Tau Central Office:

Without hesitation, I offer my strongest endorsement of the Theta Tau colony at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), to formally establish a Theta Tau chapter. I have had the pleasure of collaborating first-hand with the membership on numerous events including an all-campus science & engineering fair, as well as a Rube-Goldberg Machine competition – an event they sponsored that pulled participants together from a number of student groups across the College of Engineering. My endorsement is offered as a faculty member as well as an active member of larger communities of practice. As both a physicist and Head of the DeLaMare Science & Engineering Library at UNR, I can say that the members of the UNR colony are from among the best and brightest that I have had the pleasure to witness in over eight years of service as a teaching member of the Physics faculty at the University, and over fifteen years in high-tech private industry preceding.

In the relatively short period of time since the colony was established here at UNR its members have repeatedly proven the very real need for the professional organization that spans the fields of practice served by more narrowly-focused organizations on campus. In my observation, the Theta Tau colony fills the void in professional affiliation in a way that other organizations have proven unable; beyond simple affiliation, each of its members are intensely proud of the part they play in the greater organization of Theta Tau. As evidenced by the raw dedication, commitment, and loyalty, the bonds and friendships they continue to form as a result of their membership in Theta Tau will be with them throughout their professional careers.

As clearly as I can possibly state, Theta Tau – and its membership – is becoming a key player on campus, and is already having a tremendously positive impact: for the university, its reputation and ties to the greater community. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly if I can provide any clarification, or in any way strengthen support for their application.

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