

Marshall University Colony of Theta Tau

Petition to Theta Tau

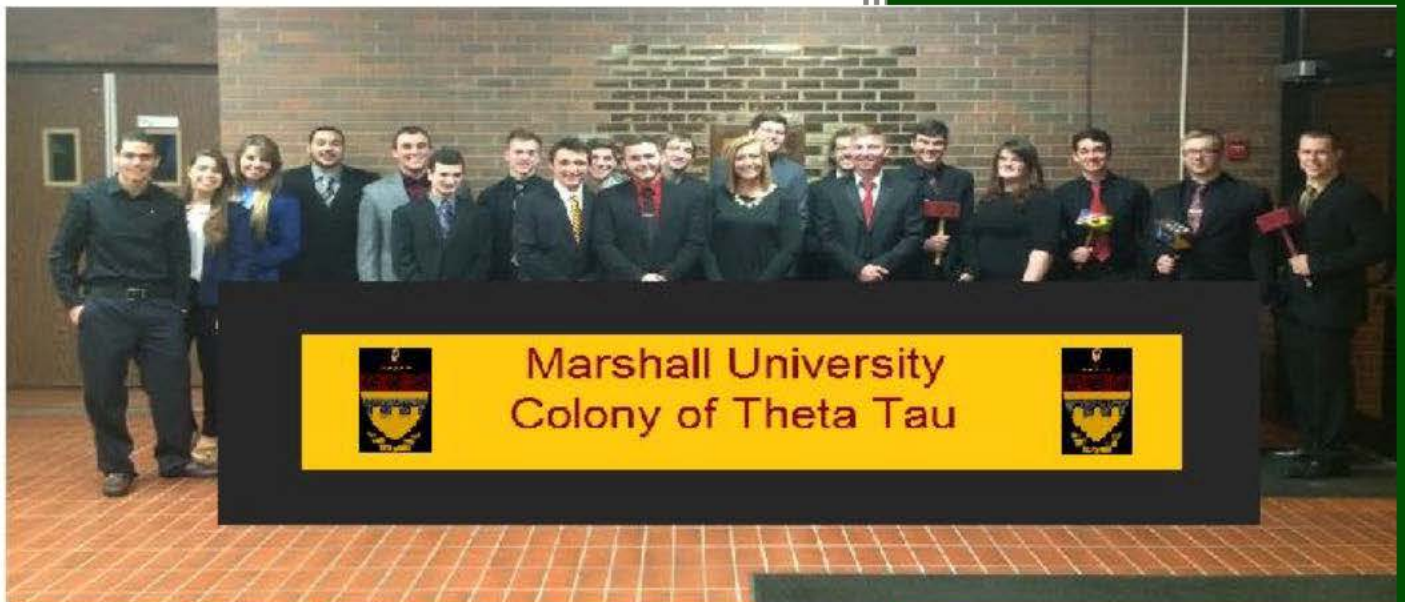


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Dear Brothers:

April 7th, 2012, as you most certainly know by your presence and efforts, marked the colonization of Marshall University Theta Tau, the first to exist in West Virginia. Since the colony was formed, we have initiated our Alpha, Beta, Gamma, and Delta Classes and currently pledging Spring 2015, our largest spring pledge class to date upon their initiation. We continue to work thoroughly in establishing a presence at our university while striving for excellence in all aspects per the fraternity's purpose. With consistency to the purpose of Theta Tau, we have a mission to be "A flourishing, college-wide presence that creates opportunities for students to grow professionally and socially." We are grateful for all of the help and support by you, our regional directors, colony director, and local alumni in this process to becoming a chapter. All of the brothers of the colony are indebted to one other for their hard work in both the fraternity's projects and progress on this petition in addition to their support for the anticipated outcome.

With this letter, I present to you the Marshall University Colony of Theta Tau petition for becoming a chapter.

Sincerely,

James D. Chapman,

Regent and Fundraising Chair

Marshall University Colony of Theta Tau

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

We, the undersigned, are all currently enrolled / Alumni in the College of Engineering at Marshall University, and have no affiliation with any organization considered to be competitive with Theta Tau. We have met all of the membership requirements, and the Marshall University Colony has met all requirements necessary to become a chapter.

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2. Michele Casto
3. Philip R. Hatfield
4. Anita Danielle Nelson
5. Adam Gaskin
6. Elin Fields
7. Kyle B. Merritt
8. Thomas Rice
9. Andrew Aguilar
10. Eli McWho
11. Jessica Meadows
12. Catherine L. Camp
13. Gerald A Rowe II
14. Kristen Bobuk
15. Paul I Picklesimer
16. Leland Johnson
17. Taylor Ross
18. Donavon Steele
19. Alex Kayuha
20. Andrew Mays
21. Austin Doughty
22. Cassandra Drown
23. David Cooper
24. Erick Santana
25. Erinaldo Quintino Junior
26. James Chapman
27. James Evans
28. Jared Preast
29. Joshua Moore
30. Justin Fox
31. Michael Andry
32. Michael Lewis
33. Paige Thewes
34. Stuart Adkins
35. Taylor Lockhart
36. Tyler Hampton

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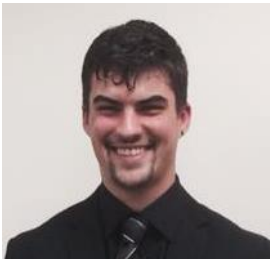
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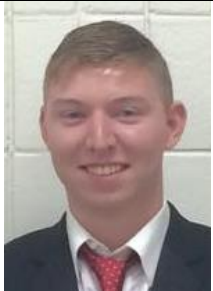
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History of Marshall University

Nestled among the mountains along the Ohio River, is a city whose size is small by most standards. In the middle of this city lies a university. The Marshall Academy was founded in 1837 by William Buffington, James Holderby, and John Laidley and named after the eighth Supreme Court Justice and a close friend of Laidley, John Marshall. In the spring of 1961, Marshall College, after 124 years, was finally granted the title of university.



Our university like many others has faced tragedy. In 1970, a plane carrying Marshall coaches, players, and many fans crashed leaving our university and our community lost. From this tribulation and many others, we have grown from the small academy, risen from the ashes, reestablished ourselves and our community, and have become the university we are today: a thriving vein of Huntington. We are... Marshall.

Traditions: In the heart of campus is what students have dubbed “The Fountain.” This landmark is the memorial of the seventy five people lost in the 1970 Marshall Football plane crash. This fountain which flows with movement is silenced every year on November 14 on the crash’s anniversary



Affiliation: The *We Are Marshall* movie is based off of the plane crash that claimed the lives of 75 Marshall University football coaches, players, and fans in 1970.

Established: 1837; named after the eighth Supreme Court Judge, John Marshall.

Locations: Marshall University has two locations. The heart of Marshall lies on One John Marshall Drive in Huntington while its smaller branch is located in South Charleston near the West Virginia capital.

Enrollment: 9,889 Undergraduate students and 3,430 Postgraduate students

Diversity: Multicultural students represent approximately 15.4% (based on Fall 2013 Huntington campus enrollment)

Degree Programs: Marshall University offers over 50 fields of study for an undergraduate along with various masters and doctoral programs. With the addition of the Weisberg Family Engineering Complex, additional informational, technology, and engineering related programs will soon be offered.

Calendar: Fall Semester begins just before the leaves change in late August and ends mid-December; Spring Semester begins mid-January after the New Year and ends in early May. Summer courses are offered during the time between May and August and are divided into three sessions.

Cost: For 2014-2015, the cost of tuition, fees, room and board for West Virginia residents is \$19,226. The cost for a non-resident is \$27,146.

History of College of Information Technology and Engineering



The first picture is our current Weisberg Engineering Complex and the second is what the new Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex will look like when it is finished June 2015.

In 2007, Marshall University revived its four-year engineering program, by opening the Weisberg Engineering Complex. This provided students with the opportunity to undergo a B.S. in Engineering with a Civil emphasis. Marshall currently holds a 92.3% participation rate on the FE exam and holds an 86.2% average passing rate over the national average of 76%. Through the years organizations such as SAME, ASCE, and the Fraternity of Theta Tau have provided students with the opportunity to participate in professional organization within their major.

In the upcoming 2015 Fall Semester the new 141,025 square feet Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex is set to open. The construction of this new state of the art facility is going to provide students with the opportunity to pursue majors in Mechanical, Electrical, and many more engineering based majors.

By adding this new state of the art complex and expanding the College of Information Technology and Engineering, this will allow Marshall University to continue to grow. In return allowing Theta Tau a better opportunity to gain more interest amongst students and continue to grow.

History of the Marshall Colony



Initiation of the Colony on April 7, 2012

In the spring of 2012, an engineering student by the name of Kristen Bobuk of Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia began a search for an organization that had the ability to foster her growth as an engineer as well as benefit her socially. As the future first colony regent explored her opportunities as an engineering student, she discovered that several professional engineering societies already existed on Marshall's campus but those societies did not have the capability to help her become more socially engaged with other engineering students. After expanding her search, Kristen discovered the Professional Engineering Fraternity of Theta Tau. Theta Tau was a perfect fit for what Kristen was looking for and she knew that many of her fellow students would be eager to follow.

To gauge interest, Kristen held a preliminary meeting where she was surprised to find 15 additional students who shared her same interests. For the time being, these students operated under the name *Delta Rho Delta Theta*. Kristen and these additional 15 students would later become the official members of our Founding Class. Kristen moved forward by emailing Theta Tau's central office and informing them that Marshall University had a group of proactive students ready to get to work. She was able to coordinate a meeting with Theta Tau's Executive Director, Mr. Abraham and initiated the procedure for becoming an official colony of Theta Tau at Marshall University.

Mr. Abraham came to Marshall's campus and held an informational meeting for all interested engineering students. At this meeting the students adopted bylaws

and officially began their journey to becoming the Marshall University Colony of Theta Tau. The group continued the process by electing temporary officers and then set a weekly meeting time. After speaking with deans and professors, Kristen was pleased to discover that Dr. Betsy Dulin had agreed to become the colonies academic advisor. Dr. Dulin recently took a job outside of Marshall University and therefore the current faculty advisor is Dr. Richard Begley and Dr. Gregory Michaelson.

On April 7, 2012 16 students were officially initiated as the Marshall University Colony of Theta Tau. Since then the colony has added 36 additional members to the roster. We currently have 18 active members, 18 alumni, and seven potential members.

Since becoming a colony, the existing group of students have worked endlessly to improve themselves, not only as engineers, but as representatives of Theta Tau. The group currently shines as one of the engineering department's brightest symbols of growth and opportunity. The colony has been able to provide countless services for its members and has ultimately forged a strong bond of fraternal fellowship that is visibly evident to all Marshall engineering students and faculty. The members of this colony have developed and maintained a high standard of professional interest but have also found many ways to balance this professional interest with social and service accomplishments, all while remaining dedicated to the overall mission and purpose of Theta Tau. Based on the above history, it is unmistakable that these members will remain an essential piece of Marshall University for as long as Theta Tau is present on this campus.

As Theta Tau at Marshall University continues we plan to further our presence on campus by obtaining a permanent headquarters in the Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex which is set to open in June 2015. We also have a great chance to expand as we are currently the only organization for the Mechanical engineering students. We have recently allowed two computer Science majors in and foresee the other majors in the College of Information Technology and Engineering to become more interested as we promote the fraternity and gain a permanent headquarters.

Professional Development Showcase

Being a part of the three pillars of Theta Tau, our colony here at Marshall University takes Professional Development very seriously. We try to incorporate events into each semester which not only help develop professionalism now as college students, but those skills that will shape and mold a well-rounded engineer that our future alumni will possess when they move on into the workplace.

In some cases our colony has brought in local professionals to give presentations on what it's like in the work place. On one instance two marines came to Marshall, where they gave a seminar on leadership and integrity. Another event included Leo Arbaugh from the US Army Corps of Engineers, where he talked to us about the importance of their jobs and what roles somebody would perform if they worked for the Corps.



In addition to bringing in local professionals, our colony has recently got involved with the Career Services department here at Marshall. Every fall they hold an etiquette dinner, where somebody will teach you all the dos and don'ts that will take place over a professional meal. The employees over at Career Services have also set up resume workshop where they help us sharpen our resume and develop something a little more presentable for a real job.

One of our most interesting events was when we toured Eastern Vault Precast Concrete, located in Princeton West Virginia. Here we were shown the facilities and talked a lot about the different types of concrete used on site. Our colony attended a tour of Marathon Oil in November as well. So far this semester we have done a resume workshop and interview practice workshops. We look forward to doing more professional events this semester.



Service Showcase

The Marshall University Colony of Theta Tau is dedicated to helping the tri-state community. We have partnered with organizations such as The Boy Scouts of America to provide them with the opportunity to receive an engineering merit badge and Lily's Place, a recovery center for infants born addicted to drugs, and Huntington Cabell Wayne Animal Shelter to help abandoned and abused animals. These outreach programs prove that the members of the Marshall University Colony of Theta Tau are not afraid to step up to the plate and serve the community.

During the 2013 fall semester, Marshall University hosted a Boy Scout Merit Badge Day. Our Colony participated in the event by helping the local Boy Scouts earn engineering merit badges by guiding the scouts around the engineering lab, demonstrating how the different machines in the lab operated, and providing



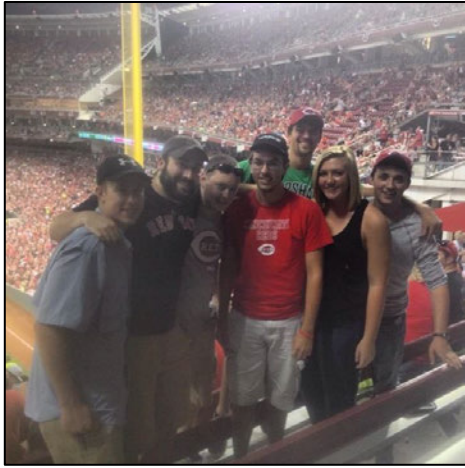
hands-on activities that challenged the scouts' minds and team building skill. We have continued to participate in Merit Badge Day every year and it has been a huge success.

The Marshall University Colony of Theta Tau hosted a "Baby Shower" during the spring semester of 2014 to collect donations for

Lily's Place. This local non-profit organization is always in need of items such as baby clothes, diapers, baby wipes, cleaning supplies, and other materials. The public was encouraged to attend the event and donate an item to Lily's Place. Students, parents, and community members enjoyed the food and games provided by our Colony. Over one hundred donations were collected during the "baby shower." Colony members personally delivered the items to the recovery center the next day. Helping out the tri-state area has allowed us to accomplish our duty to service as well as bond in brotherhood.

A new tradition we started is going to the local animal shelter on one Saturday a month and walking the animals outside. This is the only time during the week that the animals are able to go outside. We plan on holding a Food and Toy drive to gather supplies to donate to the shelter.

Brotherhood Showcase



The Marshall University Colony of Theta Tau, focuses on Brotherhood events as a way to bring brothers closer together. These efforts are made both formally, by scheduling calendared events during meeting, and informally through social media platforms, such as Facebook and GroupMe. Informal events include meeting for dinner, bowling, tailgating, and more.

The colony's favorite official event thus far has been our ugly sweater Christmas get together and gift exchange. Our colony has done this for the past two years consecutively, and it has given our brothers a chance to relax and enjoy good food and fellowship. We conclude this event by having a gift exchange, at which we draw numbers out of a bowl and retrieve the gift with the matching number.



Another successful event was our recent trip over the summer to a Cincinnati Red's game. We concluded at the end of last semester that we needed to keep in touch over long breaks, such as summer break.

Even with most/all of our brothers having a full summer work schedule we were able to pull through with two brother hood events. The Cincinnati Red's game gave our brothers the chance to not only relax after a week of work, but also provided a great opportunity to keep in touch and pitch ideas for the upcoming semester. Overall this event was very



successful in showing us that we should continue keep in touch and schedule events even over college breaks.



As part of our social events, brothers have participated in multiple chapter athletic events. These events included ultimate Frisbee, soccer, football, Ping-Pong, corn

hole, and many more. In the Fall intramural Kickball Champions. These events have generated strong bonds between brothers along with opportunities to generate future Theta Tau intermural teams, in the upcoming semester.

Our Advisor

Our new advisor Dr. Gregory Michaelson recently came to Marshall University.

Dr. Michaelson received a Bachelor of Science degree from Bluefield State College in 2009 (where he was named co-

valedictorian) and a Master of Science degree from West Virginia University in 2010, with an emphasis in structural engineering. Dr. Michaelson then began work towards his Doctor of Philosophy degree from West Virginia University in 2011. In that same year, he was named a recipient of the National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship. His current research interests are focused in the area of structural engineering and include steel bridge design, nonlinear finite element modeling, structural stability, and experimental investigation of structural systems.

Dr. Michaelson has previous fraternity experience with Phi Kappa Gamma and is eager and ready to guide us as we further Theta Tau at Marshall University.



Dear Brothers,

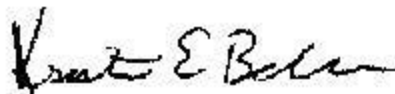
I've had the pleasure of watching these young students of the Marshall University colony of Theta Tau grow into fine young adults, either ready to enter to workforce, or continue to be leaders within their department with at minimum part of their success attributed to their work with this organization. It takes a special student to take on the tasks of growing a colony into a chapter and those included in this petition have exemplified and far exceeded their expectations. Marshall, having a very small engineering school, adds more responsibility to their limited number of students, but those who take on the challenge not only improve the quality of their department, but also themselves. They've grown an organization from nothing and are now requesting to become full brothers of an elite engineering fraternity, an action that has my full support.

The members of Marshall's colony of Theta Tau have developed programs from scratch, taken on assignments from faculty, and connected with alumni to ensure a strong foundation. Since graduating, conversations with faculty inevitably end with compliments of this organization and the students who make it up. They are grateful for all they do, commend the personal and professional growth and comment on always knowing who they can go to when they need to get something done. Unlike other professional engineering organizations, Theta Tau demands much more of it's members than just a membership. These students have proven themselves in all of they eyes that have witnessed their hard work and dedication. These also students epitomize brotherhood: eating together, traveling together, attending sporting events together, events and activities beyond the planned brotherhood outings.

In summation, due to their great attitude, dedication, hard work and excellent potential, I would heartily recommend Marshall University's colony of Theta Tau become a chapter in the engineering fraternity. I am sure that they will not let you down and would be a great asset to the organization as a whole.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance. I can be reached at the contact information above.

Sincerely,



Kristen Bobuk
Alumni, Class of 2013



THETA TAU

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

February 20, 2015

Dear Brothers,

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the petition for chapter status from the Marshall University colony of Theta Tau. I first met with the group per their request for an official visit in October 2014 and have kept in touch with them frequently ever since. Most recently a group came to the spring regional conference this February at Nu Delta.

During my visit as well as speaking with members recently and on the phone I have gotten a good sense of the strength of the members of the colony. What I see is a strong support of the three pillars of our fraternity, Service, Profession, and Brotherhood. They are eager to meet our brothers and learn from them, attending national events and soaking up experiences as best they can.

I believe that this colony has what it takes to be a great addition to Theta Tau, and would be very proud to call each one of its members my brother. Therefore, it is my pleasure to recommend that you approve the Marshall University colony's petition for a charter to become the next chapter of Theta Tau.

In H&T,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shelby Simes".

Shelby Simes, Xi Beta '09
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March 2, 2015

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Dear Mr. Abraham:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter formally supporting the petition for chapter status by the Marshall University Colony of Theta Tau. I first became aware of the Theta Tau Colony at Marshall University when I began as a faculty member in August of 2014. Near the end of last semester, I was approached to serve as a faculty advisor to the group, which I happily accepted.

In the short time that I have gotten to know the Marshall Colony, I have found them to be an engaging group whose focus is the welfare and well-being of their fellow fraternity members. I see a group that studies together, works together, serves the community, and also has fun together. Recently, the Theta Tau colony hosted a Merit Badge Day for local Boy Scouts, and it was a treat to see the Colony work so well together to create a fun, interactive, and educational event promoting engineering.

As a member of a local fraternity during my undergraduate years, I had the opportunity to see what it takes to create a successful Greek organization. The Marshall Colony of Theta Tau has what it takes, and I believe that they will make an excellent addition as a Theta Tau chapter.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at any time.

Regards,

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