

# Colony of Theta Tau



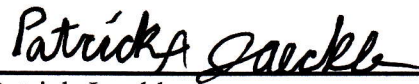
Baylor University  
Waco, TX

*We, the members of the Professional Engineering Fraternity Theta Tau, as a colony at Baylor University, do hereby petition the Theta Tau colony at Baylor University for chapter status.*

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



Andrew Hunt



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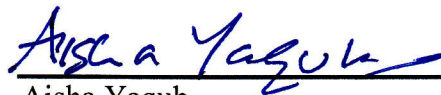
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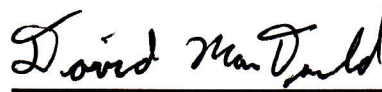
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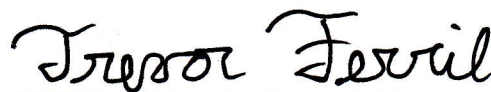
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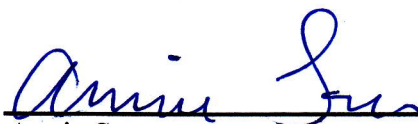
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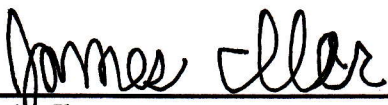
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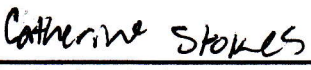
  
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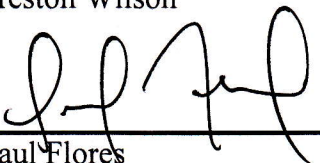
  
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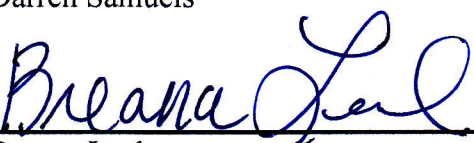
  
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24 February 2017

Mr. Michael T. Abraham, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Abraham:

Greetings from the Colony of Theta Tau Engineering Fraternity at Baylor University. The members of the Theta Tau colony have worked hard over the past months in preparing this petition for Theta Tau Chapter status.

In a past semester, you were present for the formation of Beta Theta Tau. Since then, we have achieved organizational status at Baylor University and have the support of many professors on campus. We have also had the privilege of being approved, by you, to become a colony.

The members of the Theta Tau colony have all expressed interest in Theta Tau and in becoming a part of the National Fraternity. I am grateful for everyone's help in completing this petition, and I appreciate everyone's support.

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

Sincerely,  
Andrew Hunt, Regent  
Colony of Theta Tau at Baylor University



# Theta Tau Colony at Baylor University

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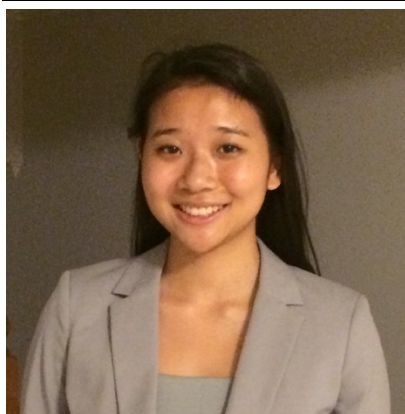
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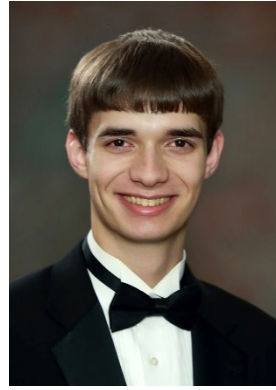
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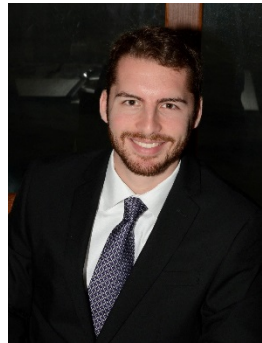
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# History of Baylor University

In 1841, 35 delegates to the Union Baptist Association meeting accepted the suggestion of Reverend William Milton Tryon and District Judge R.E.B. Baylor to establish a Baptist university in Texas.



The Texas Baptist Education Society then petitioned the Congress of the Republic of Texas to charter a Baptist university in the fall of 1844. Republic President Anson Jones signed the Act of Congress on Feb. 1, 1845, officially establishing Baylor University. **Reverend James Huckins**, the first Baptist missionary to Texas, was Baylor's first full-time fundraiser and the third founding father of the university. Although these three men are credited as being the founders of Baylor University, there are many others who worked to see our university established in Texas.

After the University was chartered on February 1, 1845, four communities made bids to be the location: Travis, Huntsville, Shannon's Prairie and Independence. Independence was selected, and classes for preparatory students began in May 1846 with college courses offered the following June. In 1886, Baylor and Waco University consolidated to form Baylor University at Waco.

From humble beginnings in Independence, Texas, the campus has grown to approximately 1,000 acres in Waco, Texas, annually educating more than 15,000 men and women to pursue their individual life callings.

These are exciting times in the life of the University - a period in which our institution is striving to remain both a relevant institution of higher learning for the coming years and to continue to fulfill our original mission laid down by our founders: to be a Christian University "fully susceptible of enlargement and development to meet the needs of all ages to come." In a world where faith is often the casualty of a serious pursuit of academic achievement, Baylor is a special place.

The ability and willingness of Baylor to adapt and change to achieve continual progress can be traced throughout its history. It has endured and survived hardships, from financial difficulties,

to the Great Depression, to world wars. It made a historic and critical decision to move from Independence to Waco, its current home. It divested its medical and dental schools at a time when that proved to be the most prudent decision for the success of each program. It even had the foresight and fortitude to change its very charter to insulate the institution from denominational struggles.

Had Baylor and its leaders throughout history not faced these decisions and challenges with foresight and a commitment to progress, it would not be the leading university that it is today. The University's *Pro Futuris* vision will continue to help Baylor adapt and grow with the world around it, while ever strengthening its original mission and heritage.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching classifies Baylor as a research university with "high research activity." Baylor has an international reputation for educational excellence built upon the faculty's commitment to teaching, scholarship and interdisciplinary research that produces outstanding graduates.

Baylor University is a private Christian university and a nationally ranked liberal arts institution. Our rank of alumni includes missionaries and pastors, heads of Fortune 500 companies, governors of Texas and professional athletes. Chartered in 1845 by the Republic of Texas through the efforts of Baptist pioneers, Baylor is the oldest continually operating university in the state.

# Baylor Engineering

**1978** - The University approves the formation of the Institute of Engineering Science which will offer an engineering degree within the College of Arts and Sciences.

**1979** - The Institute of Engineering Science becomes operational with its first director.

**1980** - The Computer Science program in the Department of Mathematics combines with the Engineering Science program in the Institute of Engineering Science to form the Department of Engineering and Computer Science.

**1982** - The Baylor Computer Science program gains national recognition by winning the International Scholastic Programming Contest.

**1985** - The Master of Science degree in computer science is offered for the first time at Baylor, and the Baylor Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science is one of only 50 programs to be accredited by the Computer Science Accreditation Commission, Inc. (CSAC) of the Computer Science Accreditation Board (CSAB), the national accrediting agency for computer science programs.

**1988** - The Department of Engineering and Computer Science moves into the newly constructed Rogers Engineering and Computer Science Building, which is built specifically to support the engineering and computer science programs.

**1989** - The Baylor Engineering Program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), the national accrediting agency for engineering programs.



**1995** - The School of Engineering and Computer Science is formed with two departments, the Department of Computer Science and the Department of Engineering.

**2000** - The Department of Engineering requested and EAC/ABET granted separate accreditation of the department's three baccalaureate majors: Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Engineering.

**2003** - The School of Engineering and Computer Science partners with Campus Living & Learning on the University's first residential community, the Engineering & Computer Science Living-Learning Center (ECS-LLC).

**2004** - The Board of Regents approves the first master's program in engineering.

**2006** - The Departments of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Mechanical Engineering are established.

**2010** - The Board of Regents approves the first Ph.D degree offered in the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

**2013** - Students move into the Teal Residential College for engineering and computer science students, located in the East Village Residential Community.

From Baylor website 02/03/17



# Theta Tau Colony at Baylor University

## Colony History

When Drew Bresnahan, a junior Electrical and Computer Engineering major, reached the end of his third year of undergraduate studies, he felt that some component of social and professional connection was missing in the engineering program at Baylor. He began to research Theta Tau after a suggestion from his father, a long time Theta Tau alumnus and Tau Beta chapter founder. Within weeks of deciding to pursue the founding of Theta Tau at his university, Drew had contacted Mr. Michael Abraham and began the process of learning about Theta Tau and sharing the idea with his close friends and peers.

After many attempts to advertise his idea to students and garner faculty support, Drew collected 13 other engineering colleagues to become the founding class of the local fraternity, Beta Theta Tau, under the direction and supervision of Mr. Abraham. At this first organizational meeting with Mr. Abraham, the students adopted the prescribed bylaws and appointed temporary officers. Beta Theta Tau began to contact professors and administrative faculty to find an advisor for their organization. The new local fraternity worked to solidify the organization according to regulations of Baylor, began recruiting new interested members, set goals for future events, took group pictures, and made headway on the plan to become a colony and full chapter of Theta Tau.

Although the local fraternity was established and began operating very near the end of the academic year in 2015, the members were able to and continue to make great progress on gaining recognition from Baylor and the Theta Tau central office. Invitations for industry professionals to come speak at Baylor have been extended and accepted, and effort has been made to become more involved with the pre-existing events hosted by the Baylor Engineering and Computer Science departments. After approval of colony status and the change in leadership roles, the Theta Tau colony is now categorized as being composed of energetic members who are excited to bring a Theta Tau chapter to their University.

Since our colony status, we as a colony have been planting seeds by touring local engineering plants like L3 communications, as well as hosting multiple professional speakers along with a variety of engaging brotherhood events. We have had video game tournaments, fantasy sports matchup, custom and semi-annual events, and so many more fun get-togethers. Recently, we have acquired seven new members and with 31 currently active, involved and motivated members, our current goal is to become an official chapter.

## Service

### **Steppin' Out**

Each semester, the major Baylor student organizations “step out” into the surrounding Waco community for a day of service. Painting houses, tearing down old fences, and landscaping gardens and yards are some of the fun and productive ways our fraternity has helped our Waco neighbors. This event is the main recurring service project Theta Tau undertakes each semester. It’s a full day of brotherhood and service!

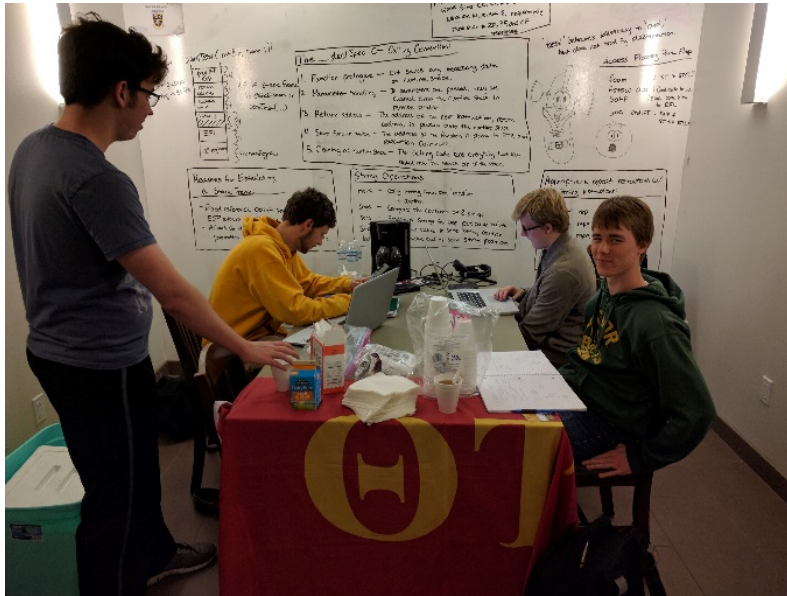


### **Distinguished Scholar's Day**

Each semester, high-performing high school students are invited to Baylor's Engineering and Computer Science School as special guests for a day of red-carpet tours and talks with professors. Theta Tau assists setting up logistics for the day as well as hosts a table to let interested students know that when they make the right decision to study engineering at Baylor, a fraternity of like-minded brothers is waiting to welcome them into the family.

## Finals Coffee Supply

Finals week can be a stressful time, and students need their energy (read: caffeine). Baylor Theta Tau helps support our fellow students by holding a coffee supply table in the lobby of the Teal Residential College, the major dormitory for underclassmen engineering and computer science students.

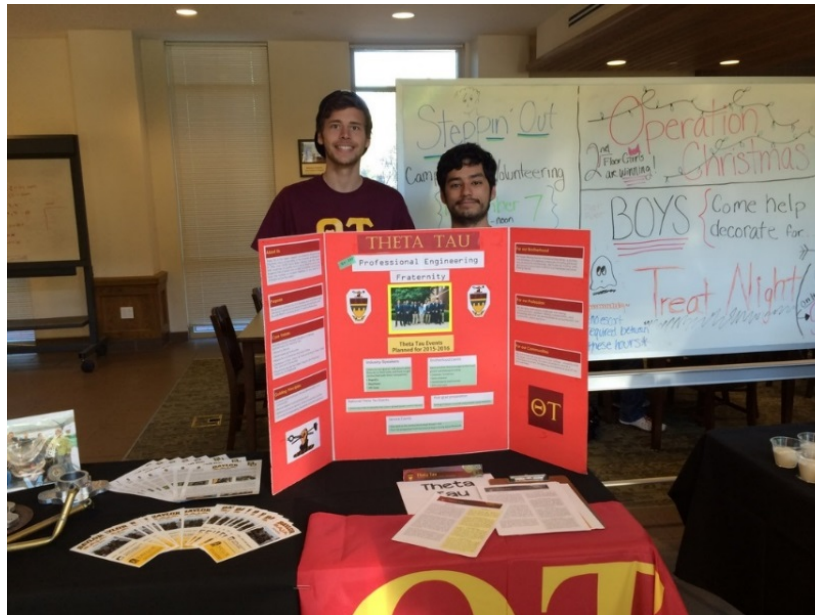


## ECS Movie Night

Baylor ECS hosts an annual movie night where any student, staff, or faculty members and their families are invited to come and enjoy a movie on the Rogers building front lawn. Theta Tau helps plan the logistics of the event, as well as helps cook popcorn and other snacks during the event. We also look forward to watching the movie, too!

## Baylor Spring Premiere

Spring premiere is Baylor's main campus-wide visit day for all prospective freshman. Theta Tau knows the importance of making our reputation known even before students become freshman at Baylor, so we help with the logistics planning around the Rogers Engineering building as well as host an information table about our fraternity so incoming freshman can learn about the opportunities that await them – not only within Theta Tau, but also in Baylor ECS in general.



## E-Week Amazing Race

The second annual E-week (or ECS week, as it's called at Baylor) contains an "Amazing Race" event, which Theta Tau volunteers to support. Our members are stationed around various locations on campus to help the racers proceed through the correct steps of the race.



## Professional

### **L-3 Communications Tour**

After 11 months of strategic planning and determination, the colony of Theta Tau and some of its available members were able to tour the local L-3 Communications plant in Waco, TX. Initiated by our very own professional development chairman, Everett Wilson, we were granted access to walk onto the L-3 plant base. We were escorted from hangar to hangar after a short introduction and briefing. Our escorts described the company's values, goals and briefly described some of their assets. The accompanying members of the colony of Theta Tau were able to gain a deeper appreciation and understanding from the professional workplace at L-3 after the impressive tour fully concluded.

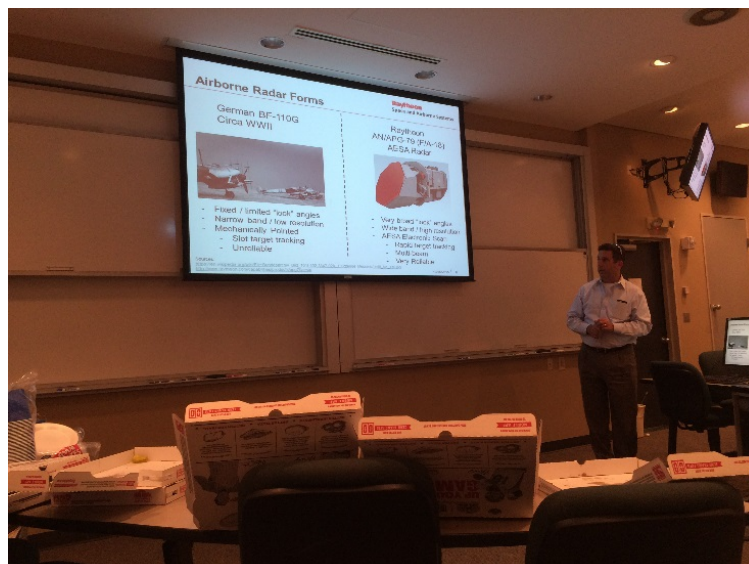


## National Instruments Conference

National Instruments, a company based and located primarily in Austin, TX, sent multiple representatives to Baylor University to speak on behalf of their organization in late September 2016. National Instruments' keynote speaker, Daniel Jepson, spoke on the topic of professional development, preparedness for the technical field after graduation and daily life in the business. Mr. Jepson's associates also weighed in on topics such as computing for a purpose and how recent graduates can succeed outstandingly in the corporate world. Theta Tau and WICS (Women in Computer Science) co-hosted this event and provided pizza, chips and drinks for all 55+ attendees.

## SAS Informational Session

Baylor University's colony of Theta Tau hosted an info session during early October in the fall of 2016 on the topic of SAS and its enterprise. An SAS representative spoke on the company's advantages such as advanced analytics, multivariate analyses, business intelligence, data management, and predictive analytics. The colony of Theta Tau provided free food and drinks, as well as a well-fit room and proper introduction both before and during the event itself.



## **David Henry Patent-Law Q&A**

Early in the semester of the 2016 year, we were privileged to ask and have answered multiple questions regarding options after graduation. The gentleman who answered the engineering students' questions was a Patent-Law professor, Mr. David Henry, who currently teaches at the Law school here at Baylor University. Mr. Henry presented multiple overwhelming, yet comforting statistics to the audience that reasoned that engineering graduates have many options (including law school) after graduation.

## Brotherhood

### Restaurant Runs

Whether it's at our favorite burger joint in Waco or simply a weekend excursion to try something new, we always enjoy dining and conversing with each other's company. These casual weekly events serve as time to discuss unofficial fraternity business as well as plan for the future of our fraternity.

### Barbecue Cookouts

The brothers always enjoy food and friends, so reoccurring barbecue cookouts are a great way to foster bonding and friendship between the members. This ubiquitous event also serves well as a casual way to get to know new prospective members during the non-rushing part of the semester.





## **Crawfish Boil**

What better way to celebrate the fresh warm weather of springtime than by hosting a crawfish boil for the brothers and all our friends? We clean, season, and boil the crawfish ourselves, and have a great time solving cooking problems as we go! This annual event is sure to excite members new and old for great tasting seafood, fun field games, and brotherhood abounding.



## **Pumpkin Carving Contest**

In the spooky spirit of Halloween, the fraternity brothers gather to carve their frightening Jack-O-Lanterns at dusk. The finished pumpkin art pieces are put on display around the campus after they are completed, enhancing the seasonal vibe. This annual event is a great way for us to bond, share stories, and have some fun before the finals season of the semester each fall.



## Smash Brothers Tournament

Playing video games is many an engineer's favorite pastime, so Baylor's Theta Tau colony holds fun Super Smash Bros competitions whenever we can. This gets the camaraderie flowing and the house exploding with excitement as we cheer our friends on to victory. We were blessed enough that one of our newest members was able to agree to open up her house to us so that we had a plan we could call 'home' for the night. Members celebrated this event with a potluck as we brought homemade cookies, baked goods, store bought goods, juices and pizza. It was a night to remember! Something the colony of Theta Tau at Baylor has already rescheduled for future semesters.



## Football Tailgate

Throughout and before the football season began, each of members spent their energy and time building new Theta Tau wooden letters. They also spent their afternoons helping setting up football game tailgates and enjoying the company of their engineering and non-engineering peers.







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February 2, 2017

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Dear Mr. Abraham:

I am excited to write to you regarding my learning that the members of the colony of Theta Tau at Baylor University are aspiring to become a full chapter of Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity this spring 2017. As an active member and supporter of our Theta Tau fraternity for over 25 years, I continue to live by the core values and believe strongly in the fraternity's mission. I am also confident that this outstanding group of students exemplify the same values, principles, and goals that have led them to petition to become a chapter of Theta Tau.

Since Drew Bresnahan initiated the process of creating an engineering fraternity at Baylor with the hopes of affiliating with Theta Tau, I have followed the progress of this organization from inception to achieving formal Theta Tau colony status to having grown as a colony with increasing numbers, brotherhood, and impact within the university, community, and the broader Theta Tau national fraternity. They have demonstrated great leadership and made a significant impact in many ways including; organizing industry guest lectures, participating in community and school service projects, and hosting social events to invite new members and for the benefit and brotherhood of existing members. The colony has grown from 12 to 35 members in its first year of operation, and continues to grow its impact on the Baylor School of Engineering and Computer Science.

I know several of the student leaders personally and can say that they have the highest character, passion, and leadership abilities that will enable success as a Theta Tau chapter. I believe that they will represent Theta Tau very well and enable the growth of Theta Tau at one of the top universities in the country.

I am pleased to recommend the acceptance of this colony of Theta Tau in their petition to become a chapter of Theta Tau at Baylor University.

In H&T,  
Steve Bresnahan

Director, PepsiCo Global R&D  
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# THETA TAU

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

Colony Director

Dear Brothers,

I am pleased to support this petition for chapter status from the Baylor Colony of Theta Tau from Baylor University of Waco, Texas! I initially met the members of this colony during their colony installation as my first ceremony as a national officer then again during my recent visit to the colony in January of 2017. They've continued to reach out to ensure their prosperous transition from colony to chapter and I have no doubt that they will be a successful chapter of Theta Tau!

When meeting and talking to these brothers, I was given a sense of dedication and commitment by their strength of numbers, activities and pride that these students show. When witnessing them interact, they have a true sense of brotherhood; they enjoy each others company and help each other when needed. They have excelled in developing a group that embodies the three pillars of Theta Tau: Professionalism, Brotherhood, and Service. That is clear from the activities listed in their petition. 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 those expectations. They are enthusiastic, excited, and have a lot of high expectations set for themselves once they finally reach chapter status. They continuously have high participation in all meetings and activities, always have several members interested in running for office and never have a lack of new leaders ready and willing to take on new rolls. They have a solid flow from class to class that shows a sturdy transition and I have no doubt that the younger students will be able to take over the chapter when they older students graduate.

I believe this colony has what it takes to be a great chapter of Theta Tau, and therefore, I enthusiastically show my support. This is a great opportunity for the students at Baylor University and it is my pleasure to recommend that you approve this petition for Baylor to be the next chapter of Theta Tau.

In H and T,

Kristen Bobuk, XΔ '13

ΘT Co-Colony Director



February 20, 2017

Michael T. Abraham, Executive Director  
Theta Tau Central Office  
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Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Abraham:

I have recently spoken with Drew Bresnahan regarding the activities of our new colony of Theta Tau fraternity at Baylor University that is seeking chapter status with Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity. As I wrote in my previous letter, the core values, purposes, and guiding principles of Theta Tau are clearly consistent with the mission of Baylor University and likewise support the goals of our school.

Drew has informed me that the fraternity has made impressive progress in the following ways

- inducted over 20 more new members
- Organized a tour to L-3 Platform Integration
- Participated in Steppin' Out, the university-wide semi-annual philanthropy event
- Hosted multiple social/brotherhood events like a Halloween pumpkin carving contest, barbecue-with-the-brothers, bowling night, a mixer with SWE (Society of Women Engineers), and more
- Made good progress in developing the character of the brotherhood by which we shall be known through our school, community, and the workplaces of our future engineers.

Drew remains a valued member of the Baylor ECS family and consistently demonstrates the character traits that we attempt to instill in our graduates. I hope that you will agree that our colony of Theta Tau fraternity has demonstrated that it is a very successful colony and has earned the distinction of becoming a Theta Tau chapter. It will be a high honor for us.

Sincerely,

Buford Randall Jean, Ph.D., P.E.  
Professor and Graduate Program Director, ECE/ECS



# BAYLOR

UNIVERSITY

February 17, 2017

Michael T. Abraham  
Executive Director  
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Mr. Abraham,

I am writing to share my recommendation for recognition and establishment of the Baylor University Colony of Theta Tau as an official chapter of the Theta Tau fraternity. The organization's presence at Baylor over the last year has been a benefit to the campus and specifically our Engineering and Computer Science students, and the members of the organization have exhibited a strong commitment to the values of the national organization as well as to the values and expectations of Baylor University.

Throughout the past year, the organization's membership levels have grown and their activities and programs have been successful. Based on their engagement so far, I am confident that through the leadership of the current and future membership, Theta Tau will continue to grow and thrive here at Baylor.

Thank you for your support of collegiate organizational involvement through your organization, and please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions regarding the chartering process.

Sincerely,

Tyler Sellers  
Assistant Director of Student Organizations  
Baylor University