

# SJSU SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY

## Chapter Petition to Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity

May 12th, 2022



Stuart Kardian  
Grand Regent  
Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity  
2131 W. Republic Road #528  
Springfield, MO 65807

Dear Mr. Kardian,

The San José State University Candidate Chapter hopes that this letter finds you well! The members of our candidate chapter have worked hard to prepare this petition to become a Theta Tau chapter. It has been my greatest honor to serve as the current Regent of our candidate chapter, working with individuals who encourage growth within themselves, each other, and the candidate chapter as a whole. Since our establishment in the year 2018, there has been an endless pursuit to embody the three pillars of Theta Tau. This has resulted in our members growing together into a dedicated and tight-knit community, reaching out to brothers from chartered chapters including Epsilon Delta and Omega Gamma who served as our role models.

Throughout the years, I have personally witnessed the growth and development of our candidate chapter, continuous in proving to be resilient amid the COVID-19 pandemic by adapting fully virtual and hybrid recruitment formats. Driven by the pillars, the brothers uphold a strong sense of brotherhood, strive for professional growth, and involve themselves within the community of San José. Our members continue to serve as role models within the Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering and at San José State as a whole. We are a recognized organization on campus and have the continuous support of our advisor and faculty including the Dean of Engineering, Sheryl Ehrman.

We hope to continue to establish our presence within San José and the heart of Silicon Valley as a Chapter to further the growth of the national fraternity. As my brothers and I dedicate ourselves to this fraternity, we firmly believe that a chapter status will further aid the representation of Theta Tau within successful engineers. Establishing a chapter at the college known to “power” Silicon Valley, the home of numerous start-ups and the top global technology companies, will greatly benefit the recognition of the national fraternity as our brothers begin to work in industry. Our membership as a chapter today can catapult the interest in joining Theta Tau for future generations of engineers that will make a lasting impact in the advancement of technology, alongside the community. Granted the ability to network with the brothers as a chartered chapter will allow us to truly fulfill the quintessence of the three pillars of our fraternity as we further the recruitment of new members, succor those that stand in need, and foster professional engineering by hosting events throughout our community as we transition back to in-person modality.

It is my grandest pleasure to present the Candidate Chapter of San José State University’s petition for chapter status. We humbly request to have your support in chartering our candidate chapter, so that we may solidify a chapter of Theta Tau here at San José State University. I firmly believe that our brothers will be able to continue to uphold the strong bonds of fraternal fellowship and lifetime friendships, and further the reputation of Theta Tau as the leading engineering fraternity in Silicon Valley and the greater Bay Area community.

In H&T,



Eloisa Kaye Difuntorum  
Candidate Chapter Regent  
San José State University

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We, the members of San José State University Candidate Chapter, do hereby petition the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity for chapter status. We are all current and active engineers at San José State University and we have no affiliation with any organization considered to be competitive with Theta Tau. We have met all of the membership requirements, and the San José State University Candidate Chapter has met all requirements necessary to become a chapter.



Mark Muendelein



Eloisa Kaye Difuntorum



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Patricia Dela Cruz



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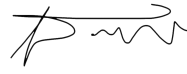
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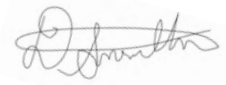
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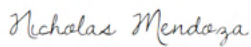
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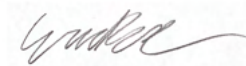
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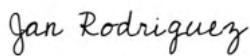
William Nguyen



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Derek Huang



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Andrew Sophal Each

Neel Thakkar

Evelyn Chan

Caitlyn Chau

Sunny Chen

Devonna Dang

Frank Ka

Anthony Lal

Allen Ma

Sahil Patel

Vincent Saw

Hitayshi Shah

Christopher Tom

San Vu

Alex Wong

Ally Zhu

Karan Gandhi

Akshin Gopal

Anwar Mujeeb

Julian Obusan

Trevor Pedron

Tiffany Phan

Russell Semsem

Mick Vaughn

William Xuan

Quinmann Young

James Yu

## Advisor Biography



Alerie Flandez is a proud immigrant from the Philippines who grew up in South San José. After graduating from the East Side Union High School District, she pursued a Bachelor's degree in English and Psychology as well as her Single-Subject Teaching Credential in English from San José State University. She has over 15 years experience in public education as a teacher and instructional support for various intervention programs focused on bridging the achievement gap in Grades 7-14. She also holds a Master's degree in Education, with a concentration in Counseling and a professional Certificate in Trauma-Informed Care and Restorative Justice Practices from San Diego State University. She is currently an Academic Advisor at San José State University in the Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering where she spends most of her time helping students feel welcomed and prepared for their collegiate endeavors. She actively advises the San José State University Candidate Chapter of Theta Tau with university policies and the college's code of conduct.

## Member Profile Information

### Alumni:

#### Fall 2018 Class

##### #1 - Mark Muendelein, *Fall 2018*

- Positions Held: Regent
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 3.20
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Mechanical Design Engineer @ Xcell Biosciences
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: mark.muendelein@gmail.com



##### #2 - Jameson Au, *Fall 2018*

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: Milpitas, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 3.18
- Graduation Date: May 2020
- Current Profession: Civil Engineering Officer @ US Air Force
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: Jameson.Au.97@gmail.com



##### #3 - Erin Stephanie Bui, *Fall 2018*

- Positions Held: New Member Educator
- Hometown: Milpitas, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 3.30
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Test Engineer @ Joby Aviation
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: erinstephaniebui@gmail.com



#### #4 - Domingo Castro, *Fall 2018*

- Positions Held: New Member Educator
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 3.50
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Research & Development Engineer @ Align Technology
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: domingo.castro760@gmail.com



#### #5 - Patricia Allana Dela Cruz, *Fall 2018*

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: Alviso, CA
- Major: Materials Engineering
- GPA: 3.30
- Graduation Date: May 2021
- Current Profession: Failure Analysis Engineer @ EAG Laboratories
- Organizational Memberships: Society of Plastics Engineers
- E-mail: iyatandelacruz@gmail.com



#### #6 - Brianna Felix, *Fall 2018*

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: Santa Clara, CA
- Major: Biomedical Engineering
- GPA: 3.20
- Graduation Date: May 2020
- Current Profession: Quality Engineer @ Boehringer Ingelheim
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: blynfelix@gmail.com





### #7 - Isaiah Gosiengfiao, *Fall 2018*

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: Tracy, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 3.20
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Mechanical Engineer II @ Applied Materials
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: gosiengfiaoisaiah@gmail.com



### #8 - Darpan Goyal, *Fall 2018*

- Positions Held: Vice-Regent, Regent
- Hometown: Indore, India
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.72
- Graduation Date: May 2020
- Current Profession: Software Engineer @ PayPal
- Organizational Memberships: Alpha Kappa Psi
- E-mail: darpangoyal@rocketmail.com



### #9 - James Jimenez-Gordon, *Fall 2018*

- Positions Held: Treasurer
- Hometown: San Lorenzo, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 3.34
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Project Engineer @ International Seismic Application Technology
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: jdjimenezgordon@ucdavis.edu



**#10 - Aris Koumis, Fall 2018**

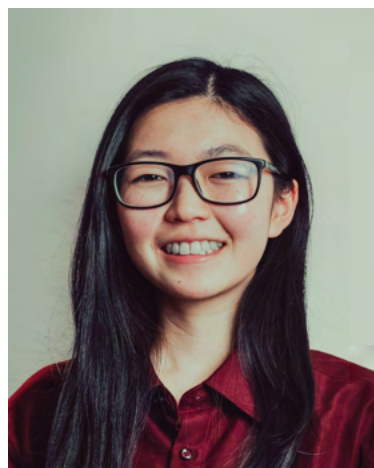
- Positions Held: Recording Secretary
- Hometown: Sacramento, CA
- Major: Computer Engineering
- GPA: 3.65
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Software Engineer @ Google
- Organizational Memberships: National Iranian American Council
- E-mail: ariskoumis@gmail.com

**#11 - Ada La, Fall 2018**

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: Fremont, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.72
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Software Developer @ IBM
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: adala345@gmail.com

**#12 - Sarah Lau, Fall 2018**

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Computer Engineering
- GPA: 2.97
- Graduation Date: May 2020
- Current Profession: Software Lead Engineer @ Yield Engineering Systems
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: sarahx168@gmail.com



### #13 - Cameron Lofy, *Fall 2018*

- Positions Held: Fundraising Chair, Recruitment Chair
- Hometown: Stockton, CA
- Major: Computer Engineering
- GPA: 3.31
- Graduation Date: May 2020
- Current Profession: Computer Engineer at X2nSat
- Organizational Memberships: SJSU Comedy Club
- E-mail: cameronlofy@gmail.com



### #14 - Gordon Ly, *Fall 2018*

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: Millbrae, CA
- Major: Packaging Engineering
- GPA: 2.50
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Structural Designer @ Spectrum Lithograph
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: gordonjwly@gmail.com



### #15 - Austin McNiff, *Fall 2018*

- Positions Held: Professional Chair
- Hometown: Bakersfield, CA
- Major: Computer Engineering
- GPA: 3.3
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: None
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: amxdoit@gmail.com



**#16 - Serena Pascual, Fall 2018**

- Positions Held: Petition Chair
- Hometown: San Francisco, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.30
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Software Engineer @ Google
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: serena.a.pascual@gmail.com

**#17 - Andrew Phan, Fall 2018**

- Positions Held: Professional Chair
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Packaging Engineering
- GPA: 3.09
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Packaging Design Engineer @ Transpak
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: Drewphan97@gmail.com

**#18 - Anthony Pun, Fall 2018**

- Positions Held: Warden
- Hometown: Los Altos, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.10
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Software Development Engineer @ Amazon
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: apun97@yahoo.com



**#19 - Jeson Retumalta, Fall 2018**

- Positions Held: Historian
- Hometown: San Leandro, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 3.00
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Plumbing Designer @ Interface Engineering
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: jesonemilretumalta@gmail.com

**#20 - Aby Samuel, Fall 2018**

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: San Leandro, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 2.69
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Manufacturing @ Tesla
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: abysamuel1412@gmail.com

**#21 - Francisco Sanchez, Fall 2018**

- Positions Held: Corresponding Secretary
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Aerospace Engineering
- GPA: 2.00
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Manufacturing Technician @ Intel
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: franciscoemail13@gmail.com





**#22 - Maan Vardhan Singh, Fall 2018**

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: Delhi, India
- Major: Software Engineering
- GPA: 3.9
- Graduation Date: December 2020
- Current Profession: Software Engineer @ SAP
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: maan.vs97@gmail.com

**#23 - Sophia Tan, Fall 2018**

- Positions Held: Community Service Chair
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Software Engineering
- GPA: 2.84
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Application Workflow Analyst @Accenture
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: sophia.tan.ad@gmail.com

**#24 - Erin Yang, Fall 2018**

- Positions Held: Brotherhood Chair
- Hometown: San Ramon, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.30
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Backend Developer @ IBM
- Organizational Memberships: Software and Computer Engineering Society
- E-mail: erinyang2@gmail.com



### #25 - Emerson Ye, *Fall 2018*

- Positions Held: Scribe
- Hometown: Cupertino, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.53
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Software Engineer @ Google
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: emersonye@gmail.com



### Spring 2019 Class

### #26 - Jeanelle Bentajado, *Spring 2019*

- Positions Held: Fundraising Chair
- Hometown: Santa Clara, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 3.6
- Graduation Date: May 2021
- Current Profession: GPS Engineer @ Applied Materials
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: jbentajado98@gmail.com



### #27 - Waylon Chan, *Spring 2019*

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 3.18
- Graduation Date: May 2020
- Current Profession: OTA Engineer @ Cisco
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: pkerriot@gmail.com



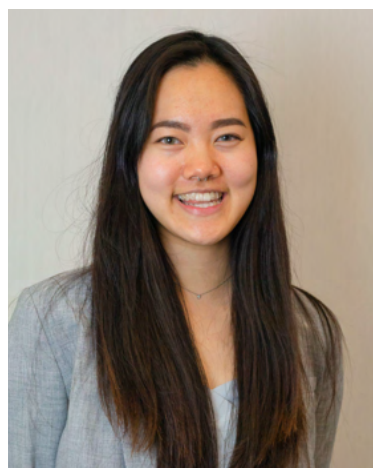
### #28 - Raul Gonzalez, *Spring 2019*

- Positions Held: Brotherhood Chair
- Hometown: San Fernando, CA
- Major: Aerospace Engineering
- GPA: 2.7
- Graduation Date: May 2021
- Current Profession: None
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: raulgonzalez63@gmail.com



### #30 - Esther Kuan, *Spring 2019*

- Positions Held: Professional Chair
- Hometown: Taipei, Taiwan
- Major: Packaging Engineering
- GPA: 3.5
- Graduation Date: May 2019
- Current Profession: Technical Project Manager @ Osmo
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: estuuuh@gmail.com



### #31 - Gaurav Kuppa, *Spring 2019*

- Positions Held: Recruitment Chair
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Computer Engineering
- GPA: 3.5
- Graduation Date: December 2020
- Current Profession: MS @ UPenn, Software Engineer Intern @ Coinbase
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: gaurav.kuppa@gmail.com



### #34 - Priscilla Ng, *Spring 2019*

- Positions Held: Community Service Chair
- Hometown: San Francisco, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.84
- Graduation Date: December 2019
- Current Profession: Software Engineer @ Microsoft
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: priscillasrng@gmail.com



### #35 - Nicholas Ong, *Spring 2019*

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: Castro Valley, CA
- Major: Industrial & Systems Engineering
- GPA: 3.16
- Graduation Date: May 2020
- Current Profession: Manufacturing/Mechanical Engineer @ KNT Manufacturing
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: ong.nick.w@gmail.com



### #37 - Jonathan Wong, *Spring 2019*

- Positions Held: Vice-Regent
- Hometown: Tracy, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.5
- Graduation Date: May 2020
- Current Profession: Software Engineer @ LinkedIn
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: chi.jonathanwong@gmail.com



## Fall 2019 Class

### **#41 - Smruthi Danda, Fall 2019**

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: San Ramon, CA
- Major: Computer Engineering
- GPA: 3.3
- Graduation Date: December 2020
- Current Profession: Software Engineer @ Microchip
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: danda.smruthi@gmail.com



### **#42 - Jake Espinoza, Fall 2019**

- Positions Held: Professional Chair
- Hometown: Santa Rosa, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 3.56
- Graduation Date: May 2021
- Current Profession: Mechanical Engineer @ Design Fox
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: jt.espinoza9@gmail.com



### **#48 - Cuong Ly, Fall 2019**

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Computer Engineering
- GPA: 2.8
- Graduation Date: December 2021
- Current Profession: None
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: cuonglyy@gmail.com





**#49 - Manjari Maheshwari, Fall 2019**

- Positions Held: Public Relations Chair
- Hometown: Fremont, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.79
- Graduation Date: May 2021
- Current Profession: UI/UX Designer @ Monarch Tractor
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: manjarim029@gmail.com

**#51 - William Nguyen, Fall 2019**

- Positions Held: Webmaster
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Software Engineering
- GPA: 3.74
- Graduation Date: May 2021
- Current Profession: Software Engineer @ Cisco
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: williamnguyen214@gmail.com

**#53 - Hamsika Pongubala, Fall 2019**

- Positions Held: Professional Chair, Academic Chair
- Hometown: Chicago, IL
- Major: Computer Engineering
- GPA: 3.9
- Graduation Date: May 2021
- Current Profession: Software Engineer @ Amazon
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: hamsi.ruby@gmail.com



#### #54 - Jan Rodriguez, *Fall 2019*

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: Culver City, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.8
- Graduation Date: December 2020
- Current Profession: Site Reliability Engineer @ Cisco
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: rodriguez.janrichard@gmail.com



#### #56 - Kendrick Tran, *Fall 2019*

- Positions Held: Corresponding Secretary, Brotherhood Chair
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Civil Engineering
- GPA: 3.4
- Graduation Date: May 2021
- Current Profession: Junior Engineer @ Cal Water Service
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: kendricktran731@gmail.com



#### #57 - Donie Ypon, *Fall 2019*

- Positions Held: New Member Educator
- Hometown: Union City, CA
- Major: Computer Engineering
- GPA: 3.79
- Graduation Date: May 2021
- Current Profession: Software Engineer @ GAP
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: donieypon99@gmail.com



## Spring 2020 Class

### **#61 - Hayden Farriester, Spring 2020**

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: Modesto, CA
- Major: Electrical Engineering
- GPA: 3.28
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Current Profession: Signal Integrity Hardware Engineer @ Cisco
- Organizational Memberships: IEEE, FSAE
- E-mail: hayden.farriester@gmail.com



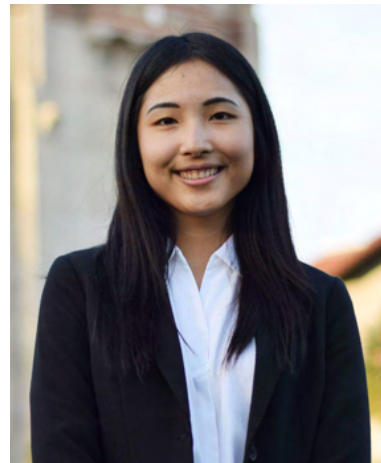
### **#64 - Jialin Li, Spring 2020**

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: San Francisco, CA
- Major: Electrical Engineering
- GPA: 3.4
- Graduation Date: May 2021
- Current Profession: Electrical Engineer @ Tesla
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: jaydennli20@gmail.com



### **#65 - Isabelle Low, Spring 2020**

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Software Engineering
- GPA: 3.8
- Graduation Date: May 2020
- Current Profession: SWE @ GRIN
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: isabelleslow@gmail.com



Spring 2021 Class**#74 - Anthony Lal, Spring 2021**

- Positions Held: Risk Management
- Hometown: San Bruno, CA
- Major: Engineering Technology-Computer Network Systems
- GPA: 3.9
- Graduation Date: December 2021
- Current Profession: IT Specialist @ California Public Utilities Commission
- Organizational Memberships: None
- E-mail: anthony071893@gmail.com



## Current Members

### Spring 2019 Class

#### #29 - Elizabeth Huang, *Spring 2019*

- Positions Held: Historian
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Electrical Engineering
- GPA: 3.4
- Graduation Date: May 2022
- Campus Activities: Lead Organizer & Founder of #KeepSJSUHybrid, IEEE, IEEE-HKN
- E-mail: lingtranhuang@gmail.com



#### #32 - Kevin Lam, *Spring 2019*

- Positions Held: Scribe
- Hometown: Elk Grove, CA
- Major: Civil Engineering
- GPA: 3.51
- Graduation Date: December 2022
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: lamk2125@gmail.com



#### #33 - Kevin Lin , *Spring 2019*

- Positions Held: Treasurer, Recruitment Chair, Regent
- Hometown: Alhambra, CA
- Major: Civil Engineering
- GPA: 3.45
- Graduation Date: May 2022
- Campus Activities: Akbayan
- E-mail: kevin.lin01@sjsu.edu





### #36 - Brandon Van, *Spring 2019*

- Positions Held: New Member Educator
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Aerospace Engineering
- GPA: 2.7
- Graduation Date: May 2022
- Campus Activities: Formula Racing - Aerodynamic Designer
- E-mail: bvan555@gmail.com



### Fall 2019 Class

### #38 - Sivam Agarwalla, *Fall 2019*

- Positions Held: Professional Chair
- Hometown: Cupertino, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.7
- Graduation Date: May 2022
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: sivam.agarwalla@gmail.com



### #39 - Jose Altube Briseno, *Fall 2019*

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Electrical Engineering
- GPA: 3.81
- Graduation Date: May 2022
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: jose.altubebriseno@sjsu.edu



**#40 - Casey Chen, *Fall 2019***

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: Pomona, CA
- Major: Industrial Systems Engineering
- GPA: 2.2
- Graduation Date: December 2023
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: casey.chen@sjsu.edu

**#43 - Julia Gosiengfiao, *Fall 2019***

- Positions Held: Fundraising Chair
- Hometown: Tracy, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 3.57
- Graduation Date: May 2022
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: julia.gosiengfiao@gmail.com

**#44 - Jonathan Leodones, *Fall 2019***

- Positions Held: New Member Educator, Recruitment Chair, Public Relations Chair
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 2.6
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: jonathan.leodones@sjsu.edu



**#45 - Darren Lim, *Fall 2019***

- Positions Held: Vice-Regent, Fundraising Chair
- Hometown: Millbrae, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 3.64
- Graduation Date: May 2022
- Campus Activities: Epic Fellowship, Akbayan
- E-mail: dlim008@gmail.com

**#46 - Gini Lo, *Fall 2019***

- Positions Held: Scribe
- Hometown: Fremont, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.4
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: gini.chilling.lo@gmail.com

**#47 - Guillermo Luna, *Fall 2019***

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
- Major: Computer Engineering
- GPA: 3.43
- Graduation Date: December 2022
- Campus Activities: Mesa Engineering Program, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Engineers Without Borders, Software-Computer Engineer
- E-mail: guillermo.luna@sjsu.edu



**#50 - Nicholas Mendoza, Fall 2019**

- Positions Held: New Member Educator, Recruitment Chair
- Hometown: Fairfield, CA
- Major: Software Engineering
- GPA: 3.3
- Graduation Date: May 2022
- Campus Activities: Akbayan
- E-mail: nikkomdoza@gmail.com

**#52 - Eric Park, Fall 2019**

- Positions Held: Recruitment Chair
- Hometown: Pleasanton, CA
- Major: Software Engineering
- GPA: 3.48
- Graduation Date: May 2022
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: eric.park@sjsu.edu

**#55 - Amol Sanghavi, Fall 2019**

- Positions Held: Regent, Community Service Chair
- Hometown: San Ramon, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineer
- GPA: 3.1
- Graduation Date: May 2022
- Campus Activities: Club Ultimate Frisbee
- E-mail: amol.sanghavi@gmail.com





### Spring 2020 Class

#### **#58 - Jayden Chan, *Spring 2020***

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: San Francisco, CA
- Major: Aerospace Engineering
- GPA: 3.35
- Graduation Date: May 2022
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: jaydenchan6@gmail.com



#### **#59 - Ian Crane, *Spring 2020***

- Positions Held: Treasurer
- Hometown: Pleasanton, CA
- Major: Electrical Engineering
- GPA: 3.24
- Graduation Date: May 2022
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: ianmcrane1@gmail.com



#### **#60 - Eloisa Kaye Difuntorum, *Spring 2020***

- Positions Held: Regent, Recruitment Chair, New Member Educator, Community Service Chair
- Hometown: Milpitas, CA
- Major: Electrical Engineering
- GPA: 4.0
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu, Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineers - General Officer, CoE Engineering Student Success Center - Lead Peer Advisor, Electrical Engineering Department - Instructional Student Assistant, Society of Women Engineers, Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers
- E-mail: eloisakayed@gmail.com





### #62 - Parker Grube, *Spring 2020*

- Positions Held: Community Service Chair, Fundraising Chair, New Member Educator
- Hometown: Pleasant Hill, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 3.2
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: parkergrube@gmail.com



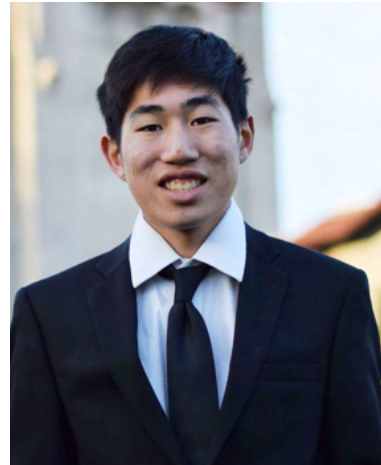
### #63 - Derek Huang, *Spring 2020*

- Positions Held: Brotherhood Chair, Corresponding Secretary
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Civil Engineering
- GPA: 3.47
- Graduation Date: May 2022
- Campus Activities: Chi Epsilon - President, Institute of Transportation Engineers - Vice President, American Society of Civil Engineers - Event Coordinator, Alpha Phi Omega
- E-mail: Dchuang14@gmail.com



### #66 - Alex Ong, *Spring 2020*

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: Hillsborough, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.82
- Graduation Date: December 2022
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: ongalex888@gmail.com



**#67 - Andrew Sophal Each, *Spring 2020***

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 2.93
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: andrew.each@gmail.com

**#68 - Neel Thakkar, *Spring 2020***

- Positions Held: Professional Chair
- Hometown: Milpitas, CA
- Major: Software Engineering
- GPA: 3.3
- Graduation Date: Spring 2022
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: neelt11@gmail.com

**Spring 2021 Class****#69 - Evelyn Chan, *Spring 2021***

- Positions Held: Fundraising Chair
- Hometown: San Francisco, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 3.13
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: Society of Women Engineers - Treasurer, Women in Business, American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- E-mail: evelyn.chan@sjsu.edu



### #70 - Caitlyn Chau, *Spring 2021*

- Positions Held: Professional Chair
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.9
- Graduation Date: May 2022
- Campus Activities: Society of Women Engineers - President, MESA Engineering Program
- E-mail: caitlynchau2@gmail.com



### #71 - Sunny Chen, *Spring 2021*

- Positions Held: Historian
- Hometown: Hayward, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.8
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: Akbayan, Society of Women Engineers - Mentorship Chair
- E-mail: sunny.m.chen3@gmail.com



### #72 - Devonna Dang, *Spring 2021*

- Positions Held: Public Relations Chair
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.63
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: dang.devonna@gmail.com



**#73 - Frank Ka, *Spring 2021***

- Positions Held: Brotherhood Chair
- Hometown: San Francisco, CA
- Major: Civil Engineering
- GPA: 3.2
- Graduation Date: May 2024
- Campus Activities: Student Union Bowling Center Attendant
- E-mail: frka0526@gmail.com

**#75 - Allen Ma, *Spring 2021***

- Positions Held: Treasurer
- Hometown: Oakland, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 2.9
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: allenma22@gmail.com

**#76 - Sahil Patel, *Spring 2021***

- Positions Held: Vice-Regent, Webmaster
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.7
- Graduation Date: December 2022
- Campus Activities: Intramural Basketball and Volleyball
- E-mail: patelsahil395@gmail.com





### #77 - Vincent Saw, *Spring 2021*

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: Danville, CA
- Major: Computer Engineering
- GPA: 3.92
- Graduation Date: December 2023
- Campus Activities: Formula SAE ICE & EV - Lead Software Engineer
- E-mail: vsaw30@gmail.com



### #78 - Hitayshi Shah, *Spring 2021*

- Positions Held: Community Service Chair
- Hometown: Fremont, CA
- Major: Software Engineering
- GPA: 3.6
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: hitayshi27@gmail.com



### #79 - Christopher Tom, *Spring 2021*

- Positions Held: Scribe, Academic Chair, New Member Educator
- Hometown: Danville, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.68
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: Software and Computer Engineering Society - Public Relations Chair
- E-mail: christophertom2000@gmail.com





**#80 - San Vu, *Spring 2021***

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: San Francisco, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.67
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: Society of Women Engineers - Internal Vice President
- E-mail: sanxvu@gmail.com

**#81 - Alexander Wong, *Spring 2021***

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: Daly City, CA
- Major: Civil Engineering
- GPA: 3.35
- Graduation Date: May 2022
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: alex.wong01@sjsu.edu

**#82 - Ally Zhu, *Spring 2021***

- Positions Held: Corresponding Secretary
- Hometown: Palo Alto, CA
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- GPA: 3.12
- Graduation Date: May 2022
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: allyzhu92@gmail.com



Fall 2021 Class**#83 - Karan Gandhi, Fall 2021**

- Positions Held: Recruitment Chair
- Hometown: Fremont, CA
- Major: Software Engineering
- GPA: 3.8
- Graduation Date: May 2024
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: karangandhi.n@gmail.com

**#84 - Akshin Gopal, Fall 2021**

- Positions Held: Recruitment Chair
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Software Engineering
- GPA: 3.3
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: akshingopal@gmail.com

**#85 - Anwar Mujeeb, Fall 2021**

- Positions Held: Webmaster
- Hometown: Santa Clara, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 4.0
- Graduation Date: Spring 2025
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: anwar.mujeebp@gmail.com



**#86 - Julian Obusan, *Fall 2021***

- Positions Held: Brotherhood Chair
- Hometown: Valencia, CA
- Major: Civil Engineering
- GPA: 3.04
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: julianobusan@gmail.com

**#87 - Trevor Pedron, *Fall 2021***

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: Patterson, CA
- Major: Aerospace Engineering
- GPA: 3.06
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: pedrontrevor@gmail.com

**#88 - Tiffany Phan, *Fall 2021***

- Positions Held: Public Relations Chair
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.9
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: phanntiffany@gmail.com



**#89 - Russell Semsem, *Fall 2021***

- Positions Held: Community Service Chair
- Hometown: Santa Clara, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 4.0
- Graduation Date: May 2025
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: semsemrussell@gmail.com

**#90 - Mick Vaughn, *Fall 2021***

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: Hilton Head Island, SC
- Major: Biomedical Engineering
- GPA: 3.2
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: john.vaughn@sjsu.edu

**#91 - William Xuan, *Fall 2021***

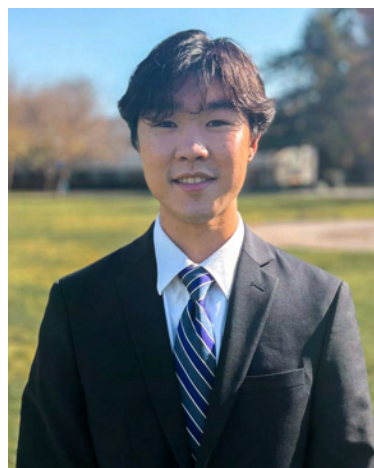
- Positions Held: Academic Chair
- Hometown: Santa Clara, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 4.0
- Graduation Date: May 2025
- Campus Activities: None
- E-mail: xuanwilliam8@gmail.com





**#92 - Quinmann Young, *Fall 2021***

- Positions Held: New Member Educator
- Hometown: Danville, CA
- Major: Aerospace Engineering
- GPA: 3.6
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: Students for the Exploration and Development of Space - President
- E-mail: quinmann.young@sjsu.edu

**#93 - James Yu, *Fall 2021***

- Positions Held: Member
- Hometown: San José, CA
- Major: Computer Science
- GPA: 3.6
- Graduation Date: May 2023
- Campus Activities: Vietnamese Student Association
- E-mail: jamesyu200141@gmail.com





## History of San José State University

San José State University was founded in 1857 as Minns' Evening Normal School, and is the oldest public school of higher education in the state. The university now offers more than 145 areas of study with an additional 108 concentrations.



*Minns' Evening Normal School, 1857*

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### 1857-1879

As California expands with the Gold Rush and a divided nation fights the Civil War, SJSU begins to make its mark as Minns' Evening Normal School, training teachers first at its location in San Francisco and then in San José. While inventors Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Edison move the world forward with communication and light, the Normal School graduates its first students.

**1857** - Minns' Evening Normal School is established in San Francisco. Principal George W. Minns presides over the first graduates of the Normal School. He believes that a good teacher should try "to elevate his whole school to a high standard of moral excellence."

**1862** - Minns' Evening Normal School becomes a California State Normal School and has 54 graduates -- all women -- of a three-year program.

**1872** - Charles Edwin Markham, author of "The Man with the Hoe," graduates. The poem became internationally famous and Markham became the school's best-known 19th century graduate. Published in 1899, the poem is written in response to a painting by French artist Jean-Francois Millet and speaks of a world moving into a new century and a time of rapid change.

## 1880-1899

Following the Civil War, the United States Supreme Court rules in favor of segregated schools -- "separate but equal" is legal. Meanwhile, the Normal School expands with the opening of the Los Angeles branch campus to accommodate California's growing population and the need for more trained teachers.

**1887** - Manual Training is added to the Normal School curriculum. Students learn to use lathes, saws, planes and other tools as part of their teacher education. At the end of the term, "manual training students exhibit the results of their craftsmanship, which include fancy tables, easels, footstools, and boxes."

**1882** - With the rise of wheat production in the north and citrus groves in the south, California's economy begins to improve. The population of Los Angeles quadrupled between 1880 and 1890, creating the need for a new Normal School. San José State Normal School opens a branch in Los Angeles that will become UCLA in 1927.

**1892** - Under Principal Charles Childs, the first Normal School graduate to become principal, the San José State Normal School undergoes a number of significant changes. In addition to further advances in the manual training program, a new system of grading is adopted and, in response to the decreasing number of male students and the demand for athletics, the first football team is organized.

## 1900-1919

Albert Einstein develops his Special Theory of Relativity and the Wright brothers fly the first airplane. During a tumultuous time at SJSU, President Morris E. Dailey leads the campus through a major earthquake, a flu epidemic and the beginning of World War I. After his sudden death in 1919, the faculty vote to name the new assembly hall after him to honor his achievements.

**1906** - At 5:13 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 1906, one of California's most devastating earthquakes hits the region. With the heaviest damage along Second Street, north of San Fernando Street, the campus's main building is unsafe. Classes continue in temporary buildings called "shacks," and some are held outside.

**1913** - Cooking and sewing classes are offered in the domestic science department. A 1916 fire destroys an estimated \$17,000 of equipment used by the domestic science and manual training programs.

**1918** - San José State Normal school experiences a decline in enrollments due to World War I. The faculty raises money for wounded sailors and soldiers, and for overseas relief. Although victory is widely celebrated, higher wages in wartime industries attract thousands of would-be teachers, impacting education in California and throughout the nation.

## 1920-1939

The Normal School changes its name -- twice. It becomes San José State Teachers College in 1921 and San José State College in 1934. Women get the right to vote and airmail delivery is expanded to include routes between New

York and San Francisco. The nation struggles during the Great Depression, Adolf Hitler comes to power and World War II begins.

**1925** - In addition to women's athletic teams in basketball, volleyball, baseball, track, tennis and swimming, students are instructed in general physical education and may participate in intramural sports. Archery and fencing are among the activities taught in gym classes. A high fence surrounds the women's gym to protect the modesty of female athletes.

**1929** - California Poet Laureate Henry Meade Bland teaches outside San José State Teachers College. Best known as an authority on English, Bland frequents California's literary circles and is a close friend of Jack London.

**1933** - In addition to expanding the curricula beyond teacher preparation, President MacQuarrie decides to encourage intercollegiate athletic competition. After hiring Dudley De Groot as football coach, San José State Teachers College soon earns a national reputation in football. Ground is broken for Spartan Stadium on S. Seventh Street, one mile from campus.

## 1940-1959

San José State experiences an explosion in enrollment, celebrates its centennial and feeds the comic talent of the Smothers Brothers. NATO is formed and the Cold War begins. While the United States fights the Korean War, Watson and Crick discover the double helix and television thrives.

**1941** - The talented members of the Women's Swimming club pose during the annual swim extravaganza. The production runs for two nights in the college pool, presented by the Women's Physical Education department.

**1941** - SJSC football team is in Honolulu during Pearl Harbor bombing, December 7. They assist city police in enforcing a blackout and guarding the city water supply. Wartime enrollment plummets from 4,053 to 2,960. The faculty is also reduced, as many teachers enter military service or wartime employment. 4,200 students and alumni serve in World War II; 182 give their lives.

**1942** - By 10 votes, the student government decides that "Spartans," not the "Golds," will be the official university mascot. Go Spartans!

**1955** - Obtaining accreditation by the Association of American Universities in 1942 paves the way for national fraternities and sororities after World War II. The 1950s and early 1960s are times of considerable stability and prosperity for Greek organizations. Most occupy homes in the surrounding area and membership in Greek organizations is a sizable component of campus involvement.

## 1960-1979

The nation feels the effects of the Civil Rights Movement, the Vietnam War and the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Apollo lands on the moon and the personal computer becomes

available. San José State College becomes California State University, San José in 1972, and then San José State University in 1974. SJSU gets its first female president -- Gail Fullerton.

**1961** - The 1960s are an era of student upheaval and protest and a time of national campus unrest. President Clark welcomes the lively debate and idea exchange of the 1960s, and supports the students' concerns with justice, equality and morality. In addition to peaceful protests and marches, violence and unrest overshadow campus life.

**1962** - San José State College judo club wins the first of many national collegiate judo association championships, with Coach "Yosh" Uchida. A club sport, rather than an NCAA sport, San José State judo becomes an example of SJSU's competitive prowess -- with 34 championship titles in 37 national competitions by 1998.

**1966** - National Science Foundation provides \$150,000 for a marine laboratory at Moss Landing. Moss Landing Marine Laboratories (MLML) gains a reputation for excellence in marine science research and education, and is the second oldest marine lab on Monterey Bay. A consortium of seven California State University campuses, led by San José State, operates MLML.

**1968** - In October 1968, two San José State students, Tommie Smith and John Carlos, stage a protest by raising their fists in the Black Power salute during the ceremonies conferring medals at the Olympic Games in Mexico City. Their silent protest for human rights is seen around the world and reviled by many but supported by SJSU President Clark.

**1970** - In February 1970, as part of the first Earth Day, students purchase and subsequently bury a new automobile to build environmental awareness. SJSU graduate Gaylord Nelson '39 Political Science, '60 Honorary Master of Arts, founds Earth Day. Nelson would later serve as governor and senator from Wisconsin. Inspired by the teach-ins dealing with the Vietnam War, Earth Day was an instant success, drawing 20 million participants the first year (1970).

**1974** - The Steinbeck Research Center opens officially in March 1974. Initially located in Library Central, it is eventually moved to King Library and named the Martha Heasley Cox Center for Steinbeck Studies. As of 2006, the center houses over 40,000 items, including letters, manuscripts, first editions, films, memorabilia, original art and secondary works.

## 1980-1999

A hole in the ozone is found over Antarctica and the Internet expands with the World Wide Web. With the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the Cold War ends. The Spartans excel in athletics and the campus becomes a model for diversity.

**1980** - Spartan football beats ninth-ranked, undefeated Baylor in Waco, Texas (30-22). Eleven future NFL players are on the field, including Gerald Willhite -- first-round draft choice of the Denver Broncos -- who scores three touchdowns. Sports Illustrated covers the game with two pictures.

**1987** - SJSU wins the NCAA women's golf championships with coach Mark Gale. The Spartans take the title again in 1989 and 1992, and tie for the national championship in 1991 and 1996. San José State University is the first university to capture the NCAA championship three times.

**1993** - San José State University celebrates diversity. The campus reaches cultural pluralism, with no ethnic majority. SJSU continues to be a multicultural model for other universities.

**1997** - Scenes with Robin Williams from Disney's "Flubber" are filmed at SJSU in Washington Square Hall.

## 2000-Present

San José State is Silicon Valley's largest institution of higher learning with more than 30,000 students, and 2,400 faculty and staff members. SJSU's 154-acre downtown campus anchors the nation's 10th largest city.

**2003** - Innovative partnership with the city of San José results in the opening of a new \$176-million library, jointly designed, constructed and managed by the city and university. The library boasts great features on every floor.

**2005** - The Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies is located in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. It is the only research and study center in North America devoted to Beethoven. Founded in 1983, the center is supported by SJSU and the American Beethoven Society. The center also owns a lock of Beethoven's hair.

**2006** - San José State University receives a \$10 million donation from business leaders and SJSU alumni Donald and Sally Lucas. The gift is used to support the Graduate School of Business in the College of Business.

**2007** - A yearlong sesquicentennial celebration in 2007 includes an historical exhibit, sesquicentennial concert, Founders' Week activities and the premiere of an hour-long video on the university. A banner year for fundraising, SJSU renames two colleges, the Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering and the Connie Lurie College of Education, in honor of generous gifts from Davidson and Lurie.

**2008** - The César E. Chávez Monument: Arch of Dignity, Equality and Justice, designed by Judith F. Baca, is constructed and dedicated.

**2016** - Mary A. Papazian formally invested as the 29th president of San José State.

**2020** - Campus closes due to COVID-19 Pandemic and all classes became virtual.

**2021** - Campus opens again, and classes become hybrid.

**2022** - Mary A. Papazian steps down as president and Stephen Perez becomes Interim President.



## History of the Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering

San José State University is noted to be among the fifty best engineering schools in the world. Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, San José State University is uniquely positioned at the center of one of the most influential and innovative regions in the world for engineers.

The Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering was founded in 1946. The college received its name after a grant of \$15 million by Charles W. Davidson, a civil engineer who was passionate about creating affordable housing for low income families in the City of San José. Initially, the programs in the Davidson College of Engineering aimed to support students in construction, manufacturing, and food processing. Today, the college provides fourteen undergraduate majors, seventeen master's degrees, ten academic minors, and six academic certificates from thirteen engineering disciplines. The Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering offers eight undergraduate degree programs that are professionally accredited by ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology). These degrees include Computer Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Computer Science, Industrial and Systems Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, and Electrical Engineering.



*SJSU College Of Engineering Building*

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A plethora of notable scientists, engineers, and entrepreneurs have risen from the Davidson College of Engineering. Some of these alumni include Daniel W. Bradley, who co-discovered Hepatitis C, and Dian Fossey, who is an ethologist and gorilla expert. In addition, Ray Dolby, who was the founder of Dolby Laboratories studied for two years at San José State University. Jan Koum, the co-founder and CEO of WhatsApp, and managing director at Facebook also attended San José State for a period of time. Lastly, another notable individual who attended San José State was Gordon Moore, a scientist who authored Moore's Law, as well as Roger Wakimoto, an atmospheric scientist who is currently the director of NCAR and NSF.

Today, the Davidson College of Engineering has become a diverse and vibrant community that supports around 7,000 local and international students in all disciplines of engineering. With hands-on learning environments, opportunities to conduct research, and interdisciplinary projects with industry professionals, the Davidson College of Engineering continues to foster innovation amongst its students and produce outstanding engineers.

## History of the Prospective Chapter

In Spring of 2018, Mark Muendelein met a handful of brothers from the Epsilon Delta chapter of Theta Tau chartered at University of California, San Diego. Muendelein is a Mechanical Engineering major at San José State University and member of the professional business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi. It was the same Spring he met the Theta Tau brothers that he finished his term as the Vice President of Alumni Relations with Alpha Kappa Psi. By the end of the semester, he had realized that his community and his career were destined for two different directions. In an attempt to bridge this gap he saw, Muendelein decided to enlist the help of friends, peers, colleagues, and mentors to begin a chapter of Theta Tau at San José State University.

During the following summer, he reached out to various members of his community to communicate the vision that he had for a professional engineering organization on campus. Muendelein took this as an opportunity to also gauge the interest of these potential founding fathers. One of the people whom he reached out to was Karli Ching from the Omega Gamma chapter at University of California, Davis. Ching proceeded to put Muendelein in contact with Vinay Reddy, a founding father of the Omega Gamma chapter. In turn, Reddy connected Muendelein with Rhett Livengood, a brother from a chapter in Iowa who helped charter the chapter of Theta Tau at UC Berkeley.

After a couple online meetings together, Reddy set-up a trip for Muendelein to attend the National Conference that was held in San Diego that year. Upon attending this conference, Muendelein became acquainted with more active brothers from UC Davis, UC San Diego, CSU Long Beach, UC Santa Barbara, and UC Berkeley, along with Alexander Ma and Jarrett Gentile—both founding members of the Omega Gamma chapter.

Toward the end of this summer after having spoken with a slew of connections, Muendelein held at his apartment the first general meeting of what would later become the organization Silicon Valley Engineers of San José State University. Fifteen people were in attendance that night. The first couple meetings were set to strategize publicity plans and member selection criteria, as well as establish leadership roles within the organization and who would fill them.



One of the early Chapter Meetings for Silicon Valley Engineers

As the Fall semester progressed, word about this interest group for Theta Tau spread. Students on campus learned of Silicon Valley Engineers through the professional, community service, and brotherhood events that the organization hosted. In addition, the other founding fathers whom Muendelein had mobilized were continuing to reach out to their respective networks. It was not long before membership grew to its current size of thirty.



Silicon Valley Engineers visiting San Francisco with Charter Brothers from Davis and Berkeley

Over the course of Fall 2018, Silicon Valley Engineers have established two community service groups: one that is currently helping with the 3D scanning of iconic structures around San José, and another group that is installing irrigation and solar panels for the campus garden. Silicon Valley Engineers have hosted two professional events consisting of a resume workshop and a toastmasters challenge. Three brotherhood events have been held which include a movie night, pumpkin carving contest, and a tie-dye shirt making event.



Pumpkin carving competition in the spirit of Halloween





Patronizing Ghirardelli Square with Charter Brothers from Davis and Berkeley

In December 2018, the Silicon Valley Engineers turned in their petition and soon became a candidate chapter of Theta Tau beginning Spring of 2019. The Spring 2019 class was the first class of the candidate chapter and they touched upon diverse engineering skills from working with carbon fiber, CAD and woodwork to coding the official SJSU Theta Tau website from scratch as potential new members. The Spring 2019 class also hosted a guest speaking event with Ali Guarneros Luna from NASA, inspiring us to reach for the stars no matter the challenges that come with starting something experimentally new!



Spring 2019 Class with their Carbon Fiber Letters

In Fall 2019, the candidate chapter initiated their second and largest class. The Fall 2019 class incorporated all three pillars of Theta Tau—Service, Profession, & Brotherhood—into successfully organized events. Through these

events, the candidate chapter planted new trees in their local community, gained professional insight on career development from Computer Science Professor Ben Reed, and bonded over competitive activities on Halloween night. While incorporating their engineering skills to their projects, they worked with CAD, 3D printing, and coding LED lights.

In the following semester, the candidate chapter introduced their Spring 2020 class. Although their semester was cut short due to the pandemic, this class stood tall with perseverance to finish their personal technical projects and code a revamped version of the SJSU Theta Tau official website. Some even took the time to virtually volunteer for the San José's Tech Challenge. Technical projects were passion projects in relation to each initiate's career development with some including thorough research for pedestrian safety improvements, building a radio transmission, and designing a distortion pedal for their guitar. Despite the hardships presented by the current pandemic, the Gamma Class showed us that we can still do our best to embody kindness, continue to learn, and give back to the community.

As the pandemic continued, the candidate chapter decided not to have a Fall 2020 class. Instead, they used this semester to adjust to the transition of going completely virtual and to plan for a virtual pledging process. Then in Spring 2021, a new class was introduced. The Spring 2021 class was the first class to be completely online and they embodied all three pillars of Theta Tau. Despite the fact that everything was virtual, this class was one to have the strongest bond, successfully completing a technical and community service project together. They worked with CAD, coding LED lights, and react native to create an app used during tabling. In addition, they organized an event to expose middle school students to the different fields in engineering through a panel and a fun Tinkercad workshop.

During the Fall 2021 semester, San José State began to transition back in person with hybrid classes. As a result, the Fall 2021 class was the first in-person class during the pandemic. To improve check-in during tabling and events, they created an NFC reader project for attendees to easily scan their phone and log their attendance in a matter of seconds. They also held a mental health awareness workshop with over 25+ SJSU students, starting the event with a professional speaker who held a presentation + q/a, followed by rounds of intimate conversations and outdoor activities for students to connect and destress. After the Fall 2021 class was initiated and SJSU went into winter break, the candidate chapter had their first winter retreat in Lake Tahoe. The trip included a day at the Boreal Ski Resort and was filled with endless amounts of fun memories.

As the candidate chapter is currently leading the new Spring 2022 class, their executive board has prioritized revamping their infrastructure and methods of communication. Their leadership team has been devoted to transparency, allowing space for more open feedback/criticism and nourishing a safe, supportive community. There has been tremendous growth in the productivity of meetings, collaboration amongst officers, and the motivation to finally become an official chapter has never been so high.

Over the years, our fraternity has focused on building a strong foundation for our future. Our three pillars are vital to our candidate chapter's success and we are committed to ensuring that we maintain our strong brotherhood between members in our fraternity, devote our time and resources to giving back via our community service pillar, and ensure that our brother's are prepared for success with our professionalism pillar. We have a special group of brothers in our fraternity that are striving for success and are looking to make an impact with their skills and talents in the field of engineering. We are confident that as we move forward, our candidate chapter will be at the forefront of student organizations at our school and will represent the Theta Tau name with character and pride.



## Professional Development

**April 19, 2019** - Intel Company Tour

**September 9, 2019** - Professional Career Talk from Professor Bed Reed, San José State University

**September 15, 2019** - Career Fair Workshop

**October 14, 2019** - E-mail Etiquette Workshop

**February 3, 2020** - Career Fair Office Hours

**February 10, 2020** - Email Etiquette Workshop

**April 20, 2020** - Toastmaster Tournament

**November 6, 2020** - Wonsulting Virtual Event & Panel on Zoom

**September 15, 2020** - Career Fair Prep Workshop

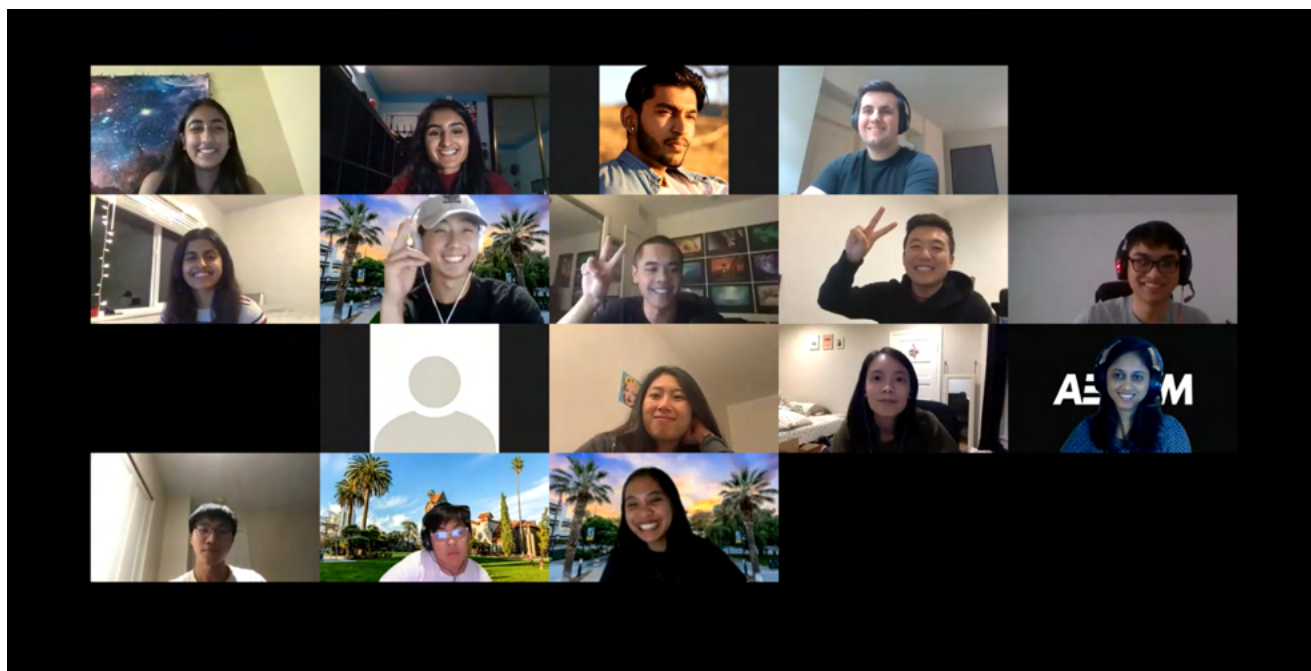
**November 20, 2020** - I'DSPEAK Interviewing Panel with SJSU Delta Sigma Phi

**November 21, 2020** - Theta Tau Alumni Panel w/ CSUF, UCM, UCSD, UCLA, hosted by SJSU

**September 21, 2021** - Career Fair Workshop

**November 29, 2021** - Interview Workshop

**March 18, 2022** - Mock Interview Workshop



*Wonsulting Virtual Panel*



*Wonsulting Panelists*



*Mock Interview Workshop*

## Community Service

**October 6, 2019** - Rock and Roll Marathon, Downtown San José

**October 26, 2019** - Tree Planting, San José

**November 9, 2019** - Alum Rock Clean-Up

**March 11, 2020** - Soup Kitchen Volunteer Event at Martha's Kitchen, San José

**June 6, 2020** - Fundraiser For Organizations Tackling Systemic Racism

**September 2, 2020** - CA Wildfire Relief Collaboration with ATD

**November 10, 2020** - Letters to COVID-19 Patients

**September 23, 2021** - Supporting Small Businesses at Vegan Bistro Donuts & Café, San José

**October 30, 2021** - Spooktacular Creek and Trail Cleanup at Coyote Creek, San José

**November 22, 2022** - Tree Decoration at Christmas in the Park, San José

**March 5, 2022** - Coyote Creek Cleanup, San José

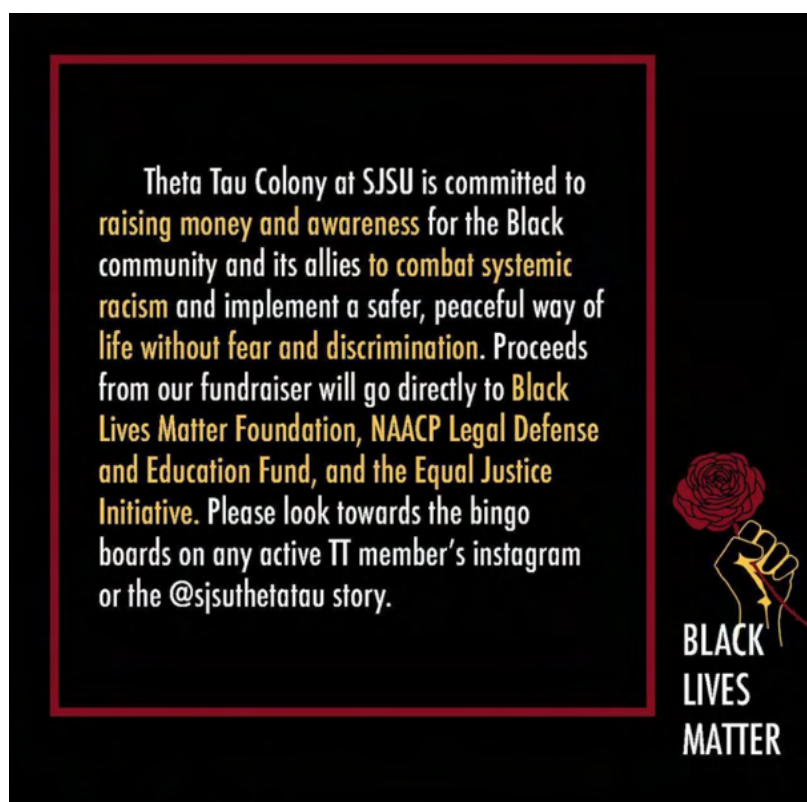
**April 29, 2022** - Sorting Food at Second Harvest of Silicon Valley





*Tree Planting**Alum Rock Clean-Up**Rock and Roll Marathon*





*Fundraiser For Organizations Tackling Systemic Racism*



*Soup Kitchen Volunteer Event*



*CA Wildfire Relief Fundraiser*



*Spooktacular Creek Cleanup*





*Christmas Tree Decorating*



*Second Harvest of Silicon Valley*

## Brotherhood

**February 28, 2019** - Comedy Club Comedy Show at SJSU

**March 2, 2019** - Karaoke Night at Camino Karaoke, Santa Clara

**March 12, 2019** - Movie Night at Oakridge Century 20

**March 19, 2019** - Bowling Night at SJSU

**March 22, 2019** - Brothers Night Out

**April 5, 2019** - Rock Climbing with Brothers

**May 4, 2019** - White Water Rafting at American River, Sacramento

**November 20, 2022** - Ornament Making

**November 22, 2022** - Christmas in the Park Tree Decorating

**November 26, 2019** - Christmas in the Park, Downtown San José

**October 10, 2020** - Among Us Game Night

**October 30, 2020** - Halloween Movie Night

**November 17, 2020** - Speed Dating on Zoom

**January 16, 2021** - Winter Movie Night

**March 14, 2021** - Among Us Game Night on Zoom

**March 20, 2021** - Tetris Game Night on Zoom

**March 27, 2021** - Roblox Arsenal Game Night

**April 10, 2021** - Codenames Game Night

**September 25, 2021** - Sammy G's Pizza Night

**August 21, 2021** - Antojitos Taco Night

**October 9, 2021** - Karaoke Night at Music Tunnel KTV Cafe

**October 29, 2021** - Society of Women Engineers X Theta Tau Halloween Social

**November 20, 2021** - Ornament Making Potluck

**January 21-23, 2022** - Winter Retreat

**February 13, 2022** - Super Bowl Potluck

**March 25, 2022** - Batman Movie Screening at Eastridge Theater

**March 31, 2022** - Field Day at Cataldi Park, San José



*Halloween Game Night*





*Society of Women Engineers X Theta Tau Halloween Social*



*Winter Retreat*





*Superbowl Potluck*



*Batman Movie Screening*



*Spring Break Field Day*

## Photo Credits

Historian Fall 2018 - Spring 2019: Jeson Retumalta

Additional photographers: Ada La (Spring 2019)

Historian Fall 2019 - Spring 2021: Elizabeth Huang

Additional photographers: Ada La (Fall 2019)

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## Financial Analysis and Management

### Balance Sheet

Attached below is our balance sheet for our Candidate Chapter dating as far back as we have available records. In the first table, we listed our total financial outlook and in the second table we listed our financial statement for our most recent full semester (Fall 2021).

### Total Finance Outlook

Semester	Income	Expenses	Balance
Fall 2021	5,800.00	5,756.35	5,409.74
Spring 2021	3,180.78	2,268.03	5,366.09
Fall 2020	2,356.25	1,398.35	4,453.34
Spring 2020	1,912.46	1,312.46	3,495.44

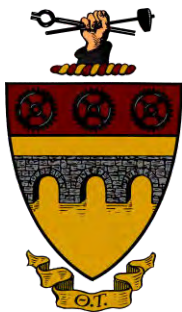
### Fall 2022 Finance Breakdown

Committee	Budget	Actual
Professional Development	100	0
Community Service	100	75.42
Brotherhood	500	287.49
Website	100	20
Recruitment	750	645.80
Fundraising	100	+ 930.94

### Financial Management

In order to maintain our financial stability, we delegate the responsibility of managing our finances to our treasurer who has the ability to authorize use of our funds by committees, track the dues and income that we receive, and place necessary budgetary restrictions on the funds that we hold. Our current process consists of holding a certain amount of money in our school's savings account which we can think of as a "rainy day fund" and the rest is in the personal account of our treasurer. We understand the risks associated with having funds with the treasurer and we are working alongside our National Officer Representatives to transfer our funds to a bank. This way, the financial status of the fraternity is more transparent, and there is more oversight over the funds. The larger oversight will prevent potential fraudulent behavior and can be a good safety mechanism for our money. This past semester, we charged our active members \$107 in dues. Of this amount, \$47.50 were sent for National Dues and \$52.50 were kept for chapter use.





## THETA TAU

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### PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

December 2021

Dear Brothers of Theta Tau,

It is my honor to recommend the Theta Tau Candidate Chapter of San José State University (SJSU) for membership into our Fraternity of Theta Tau.

As a member of Omicron chapter at the University of Iowa, current Theta Tau National and California Alumni Chapter, and a key alumnus in reinstating the Theta Tau chapter at University of California, Berkeley, I am intimately familiar with the processes of what it takes to prepare this candidate chapter to obtain the necessary criteria for membership into the national fraternity. In addition, I have personally overseen this process with the reinstatement of Epsilon chapter at the University of California, Berkeley.

Through many discussions and interactions over the past 3 years, I have discovered that SJSU candidate chapter demonstrates all the attributes that any chapter should exhibit and more. They continue to enhance our Fraternity by their determination to thrive for success. They have displayed exceptional professionalism in the way they interact with each other and other brothers of Theta Tau. Since their initiation as a candidate chapter, they have already greatly contributed to their community. Most importantly, one of the most essential aspects that I see in this group is true brotherhood, within their own group and towards brothers of other chapters. The members have always tried to attend Theta Tau events and bond with other chapters, such as at regional conferences, the national Leadership Academy, and the National Convention.

As Theta Tau continues their westward expansion in the United States, SJSU is in the middle of Silicon Valley and building a strong chapter will help expand Theta Tau to other colleges, I believe. Also, we have thousands of Theta Tau alumni that have moved to Silicon Valley from East/South/North/Midwest states, so it allows them to interact with Theta Tau actives where they now live.

I fully endorse the acceptance of the SJSU candidate chapter, mentioned above, as a full member of Theta Tau, and as an active alumnus, will continue to challenge their accomplishments so that current students, leaders of today, and hopefully, brothers of tomorrow, they will always set their sights on high.

In H&T,

Rhett Livengood  
Omicron #959



THETA TAU

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

Upsilon Delta

The University of California, Los Angeles

February 2022

Dear Brothers,

I would like to extend to you my recommendation for the San Jose State University Candidate Chapter of Theta Tau for chapter status.

I make this recommendation based on my relationship and continuous interactions with the brothers of the SJSU Candidate Chapter. They have done well to grow and improve in all aspects that we look for in chapters of Theta Tau, which asserts that they are ready for chapter status. It can be seen from early interactions that each of the members exhibit brotherhood qualities and a passion for Theta Tau. The SJSU Candidate Chapter has also made an effort to attend events with other candidate chapters as well as other chapters. They have even hosted events with chapters outside their region, which is how our brothers at Upsilon Delta chapter were able to meet them.

The candidate chapter's presence on campus and in the San Jose community is a positive one. Their influence on the engineering student body cannot be understated, and they bring with them a strong potential to uphold Theta Tau's name. Their impact can be seen through their 6 brotherhood events, 3 community service events, and 2 professionalism events from just the past semester. I am confident that they will continue to strive to exceed expectations and to continue to do more for their community.

I am continually impressed by the SJSU Candidate Chapter's devotion to Theta Tau and all for which it stands. In the short time that they have been a candidate chapter, they have proven that they have the necessary tools and drive required to be a chapter of Theta Tau. There is no doubt I have that they would make an excellent chapter and a worthy addition to our Fraternity.

I wholeheartedly recommend that the San Jose State University Candidate Chapter of Theta Tau be approved for chapter status, and I look forward to their installation.

In H&T,

Tao Lu  
YΔ 101 X!

April 4, 2022

Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity  
175 SW 7<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 1615  
Miami, FL 33130

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for the candidate chapter of Theta Tau at San José State University, who have applied for recognition as an official chapter.

I originally met the chapter founder, Mark Muendelein, in 2018, and later Sarah Lau and Serena Pascual in early 2019. These students proactively reached out to other local established chapters to learn from their experience. They also took on a service project to help facilitate student focus groups to discuss diversity, equity and inclusion in our college. These focus groups took place in Spring 2019, and helped to inform our efforts to improve climate within engineering. Specifically, we have shared information we learned from these focus groups with every department, and used these anonymized student experiences to discuss challenges and opportunities for improvement.

Our college has numerous student organizations, but this is the only co-ed fraternity, and as such it provides a unique opportunity for our students. I believe Theta Tau has made positive impact, and I strongly support their application to be an official chapter! Please do not hesitate to ask if I can provide any additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,



Sheryl H. Ehrman, Don Beall Dean  
[Sheryl.ehrman@sjsu.edu](mailto:Sheryl.ehrman@sjsu.edu), +1 408 924 3881

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend the Candidate Chapter of Theta Tau at San Jose State University to be recognized as a candidate chapter to a chapter of the National Theta Tau Organization.

Theta Tau works together tirelessly to improve themselves each semester and their efforts are evident. The way in which the members interact with each other has created a very supportive and encouraging atmosphere which has, no doubt, helped them within their academic, professional, and personal growth.

In particular, I have had multiple interactions with Eloisa Difuntorum who is the current Regent of Theta Tau at SJSU. She is organized, passionate, and knowledgeable. This is evidenced by her capacity to set long-term goals such as a transition manual for successful and sustainable leadership transitions.

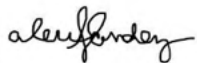
This organization is always on top of all requirements and policies set by the Office of Student Involvement. While they are always one of the first to turn in documents and reports, have their website up to date, and have perfect attendance at leadership events, they have gone above and beyond what is expected of them. They adapted to a virtual and then hybrid system and kept on hosting events and gaining interest. The Candidate Chapter continuously demonstrates their adaptability and their presence within the College of Engineering and San Jose State community.

They have proved their activities are aligned with the organization's three pillars, which include:

- Professionalism: SJSU Theta Tau Alumni Career Panel, Career Fair Workshop, Mock Interviews
- Community Service: Letters to COVID-19 Patients, Tree Planting, Coyote Creek Cleanup
- Brotherhood: Batman Movie Screening, Field Day, Game Nights, Karaoke Nights

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 408-924-3982.

Sincerely,



Alerie Flandez