

# **The University of Georgia Colony of Theta Tau**



## **Chapter Petition**

Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity  
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Dear Brothers,

It is an honor and a privilege to be the voice of the University of Georgia's Colony of Theta Tau. Starting something from the ground is never a simple task, but we have worked diligently since our Colony installation in February 2015 to ensure that all aspects of professionalism, brotherhood, and service are reflected by our members.

While our engineering college is still new, interest in our organization has been high, and we have organized and been involved in many college activities; such as club orientations, college-wide social events, and new-student events. Since our installation we have rushed two pledge classes, one in fall of 2015 with 11 initiates and one in spring of 2016 with 17. The addition of these members has brought our current total to 52. As for our involvement on the national level, 3 members attended the National Leadership Conference at GA Tech in 2015. 6 members, myself included, had the chance to attend the Southeast Regional Conference in Nashville, TN at Vanderbilt University this past February. At the regional conference we were able to interact with older chapters and gain much needed insight on issues our colony was struggling with.

On a more personal note, it has been an honor to be a part of this amazing group of people who I consider family. I can say that they truly reflect what it means to be a brother of Theta Tau, through their selflessness, determination, and devotion to the group and to each other. I see a bright future for our group, and believe that there are many great opportunities ahead of us. As regent, being able to oversee our growth and development has been an amazing opportunity, and I am so proud and excited for my brothers and peers.

So without further ado, I present the University of Georgia Colony of Theta Tau's chapter petition.

In H&T,  
Jordan Marks

Regent of University of Georgia Colony of Theta Tau

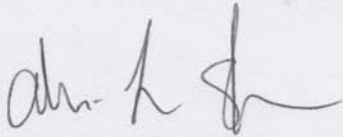
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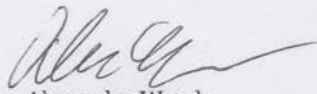
## Signature of Members

We the member of the University of Georgia, Colony of Theta Tau do hereby petition the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternitiy for chapter status.

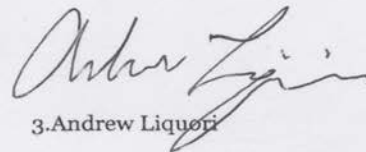
We, undersigned, are all currently enrolled in the School of Engineering at the University of Georgia and have no affiliation with any organization considered to be competitive with Theta Tau. We have met all the membership requirement, and the University of Georgia Colony of Theta Tau has met all of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



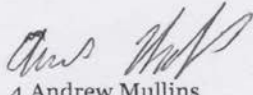
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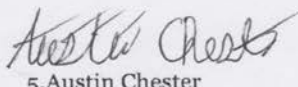
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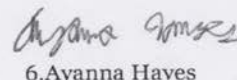
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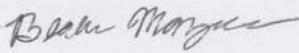
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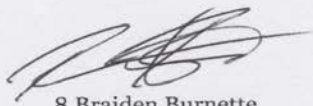
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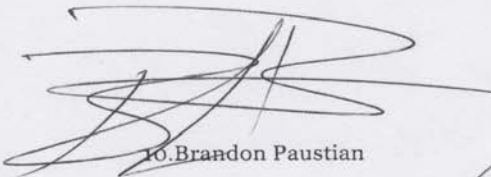
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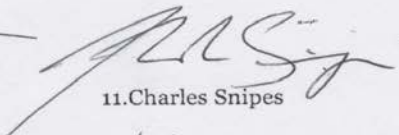
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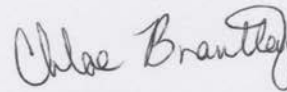
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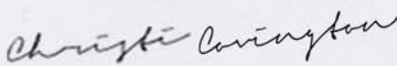
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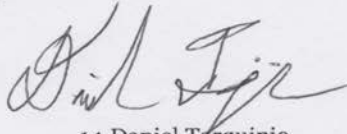
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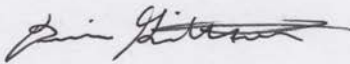
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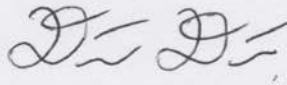
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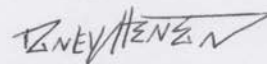
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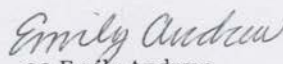
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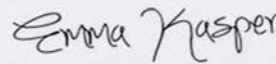
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20.Emily Andrew



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23. Geza Austin Martiny

*Imran Doraney*  
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*John Weekley*  
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*Jordan Marks*  
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*Jordan Red*  
27. Jordan Red

*Joseph Sirmans*  
28. Joseph Sirmans

*Katie Summey*  
29. Katie Summey

*Kaylee Tillery*  
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*Keon Mashayekh*  
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*Kleigh Strawder*  
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*Lauren Duckworth*  
33. Lauren Duckworth

*Mary Clare DeRuff*  
34. Mary Clare DeRuff

*Meredith Johnson*  
35. Meredith Johnson

*Myles Craig*  
36. Myles Craig

*Nick Wade*  
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*Rashad Fuller*  
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*Ryan Devine*  
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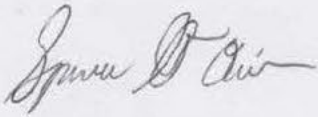
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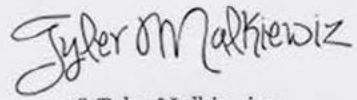
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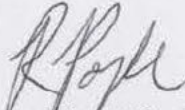
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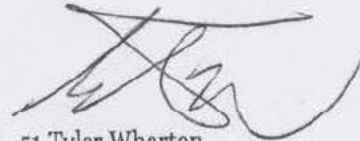
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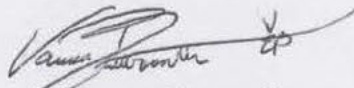
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50.Robert Tyler Pope







51.Tyler Wharton



52.Vanessa Butterworth

## Member Profiles

	
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**Name:** Keon Mashayekh  
**Position:** Corresponding Secretary  
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**Name:** Kleigh Strawder  
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**Position:** Brother  
**Major:** Mechanical Engineering  
**Hometown:** Milton, Georgia  
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**EA:** TAG, IM Sports  
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**Name:** Nick Wade  
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**Major:** Civil Engineering  
**Hometown:** Lincolnton, Georgia  
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**Name:** Rashad Fuller  
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**Major:** Civil Engineering  
**Hometown:** Dacula, Georgia  
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**Major:** Biomedical Engineering  
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**Position:** Brother  
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**Name:** Seth Edwards  
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**Name:** Shakera F. Bader  
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**Major:** Mechanical Engineering  
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**EA:** ASME, MSA  
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**Name:** Solomon Obure  
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**Major:** Mechanical Engineering  
**Hometown:** Dallas, Georgia  
**Graduation Date:** December 2017  
**GPA:** 2.8  
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**Name:** Spencer Oliver  
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**Name:** Robert Tyler Pope  
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## History of the University of Georgia



The University of Georgia is a flagship university located in Athens, Georgia. The university was founded in 1785 by Abraham Baldwin, and became the first state-chartered university in the United States of America. Because Baldwin was a Yale graduate, much of the University of Georgia's campus looks like Yale. Construction of the University did not begin until 1799 and the first college, Franklin College, opened two years later. The students were all white males for 100 years until a major barrier was broken and the first woman was admitted in 1902. The next barrier was to be broken in 1962 when UGA was officially desegregated and the doors were opened to people from all backgrounds. The University has continued this trend and is now home to wide range of ethnicities as well as having a higher population of female students.

The current US News and World Report rankings have the University of Georgia ranked 20th in public universities in the United States. UGA also consistently ranks high amongst public international and research universities. In 2011, the Terry College of Business insurance and real estate programs were ranked 2nd and 4th in the nation. The School of Environment and Design was named the number one landscape architecture program for undergraduates in the nation. The University of Georgia has had 23 Rhodes Scholars, which is widely considered to be one of the most impressive scholarship programs in the world, and is also known for its high participation in the study abroad program.

## **Colleges**

Now with seventeen schools and colleges, the University of Georgia offers an incredibly vast field of study, with over 140 degree programs. The schools and colleges are as follows: the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, the School of Law, the College of Pharmacy, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, the College of Education, Graduate School, Terry College of Business, the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, the College of Veterinary Medicine, the School of Social Work, the College of Environment and Design, the School of Public and International Affairs, the College of Public Health, Odum School of Ecology, and the College of Engineering.

## **Research**

The Center of Undergraduate Research Opportunities is a program designed to give all undergraduate students the option to participate in faculty mentored research, regardless of major. Many students from UGA present their work at the CURO Symposium every year, and have been featured in the school's newspaper. A majority of professors partake in some form of research, which has helped to place UGA among some of the top research schools in the United States. The University of Georgia has over 300 different products on the market that originated from these research projects as well as faculty lead research. The University is home to the Paul D. Coverdell Center, which is home to approximately 275 scientists researching ways to maximize energy efficiency. With continuous funding from a multitude of organizations, the University of Georgia continues to be one of the top research institutions.

## History of the College of Engineering



The first graduating class in 1868

The University of Georgia offered the state's first engineering program in the 1840's and presented the state's first engineering degree in 1868. The program was very successful but because of "depression-era budget cutting", all of the engineering programs in Georgia were consolidated and moved to a single location in Atlanta, otherwise known as Georgia Tech.

### Today

The new College of Engineering was re-established in 2012 and is one of the fastest growing schools at the university, as well as one of the fastest growing engineering colleges in the nation. Since it was established, enrollment has tripled to over 1700 students. The college offers eight undergraduate degree programs which include Agricultural, Biochemical, Biological, Civil, Compute Systems, Electrical, Environmental, and Mechanical Engineering, as well as a German and Engineering dual degree. There is also a total of seven graduate degree programs offered which include Master of Science in Agricultural, Biological, Biochemical, Environmental, and General Engineering, as well as PhD's in General Engineering and Biological/Agricultural Engineering. Most of the degree programs in the College of Engineering are ABET accredited, which ensures that they meet the standards employers look for when hiring graduates. (ABET accreditation provides assurance that a college or university program meets the quality standards of the profession for which that program prepares graduates.) Mechanical and Electrical Engineering are the only degrees that are not yet accredited, but there will be graduates from both programs within the next couple of months.

**Research**

The College of Engineering gives students the opportunity to participate in research across many areas of study in engineering. Professors in the college are researching teaching techniques, advancing human wellness, developing advanced material, resilient and sustainable systems, etc. that students are encouraged to participate in. The college's research has been highlighted in magazines such as Science Magazine and PNAS Magazine.

**Mission**

The mission statement of the College of Engineering is as follows:  
The College of Engineering is using an interdisciplinary approach for preparing students to engage in critical issues through careers in leadership and professional practice, and addresses the challenges facing society with collaborative research in technologies and concepts that will transform Georgia, our nation and our world.

# Committees

## Professional Development Committee

### Brandon Paustian~Professional Development Chairman

As the Leadership and Professional Development Chair of Theta Tau at the University of Georgia, I was awarded the opportunity to bring forth first hand experiences for our members to enhance their professional development.

During the 2015-2016 academic year, members of Theta Tau were given the opportunity to tour several engineering facilities in the Athens area. These tours were both inclusive with other engineering organizations, as well as exclusive to Theta Tau members and associate members. Our first tour was conducted at Terrapin Beer Company, which is located here in Athens. This tour took place alongside members of AIChE, a chemical engineering organization on campus, and allowed members a behind the scenes look at the manufacturing processes of Terrapin's many different products while strengthening their interdisciplinary professional networks with members outside of Theta Tau. Additionally, members of Theta Tau were given the exclusive opportunity to partake in a "steel toe" tour at Eaton Corporation here in Athens. The Athens plant specializes in manufacturing superchargers for the automobile industry. At the conclusion of the tour members met with the Engineering Manager at Eaton, whom provided meaningful insight into strategies for capitalizing on entry level engineering positions and various other pieces of career advice. Lastly, another tour was held with AIChE at Creature Comforts Brewing Company in Athens. This tour, like Terrapin, allowed members the opportunity to view specialized manufacturing processes while interacting with practicing engineers in a professional environment.

In addition to tours, several other professional development opportunities were held throughout the academic year. Myself and members of my committee reached out to our members who have landed internships, co-ops, or other employment opportunities to be present for a resume building workshop. This allowed several sets of eyes to view and revise resumes and provide positive, meaningful feedback. Additionally, mock interviews were held several times towards the end of the spring semester for members who were looking for summer employment opportunities. Members were also presented with literature from several sources regarding interview etiquette, techniques, and tips which could be used in addition to their mock interview feedback towards enhancing their professional careers.



## **Rush Committee**

### **Austin Chester~Rush Chairman**

Rush was one of the most exciting things we did as a young colony. The idea of growing our small group into a large brotherhood was quite a feat, but it is something that we took head on and at a full speed. The “Rush The Right Way” handbook was the obvious first step to starting our rush process because of the fact that none of the founding fathers had rushed so we were pretty much clueless. From the handbook we learned the best way to get new members was pizza and being friendly, go figure, and that is exactly what we did. We promoted Theta Tau any way we could. These ways included fliers and emails to our engineering listserv, but the most effective way that we reached out to new members was one on one personable contact throughout our thriving engineering program here at UGA.

Our first ever rush event was in August of 2015. It was an info meeting that had a massive turnout. Many of the engineering students who had gotten our emails or seen the fliers jumped on the chance to join a professional group that could satiate their desire to be more involved with people on campus. After the first event the word was spread even more and new faces started appearing at our rush events, as well as the ones who came back for more. We had about a total of 6 events that Fall to give newcomers many chances to meet the brothers and also bond with one another. These events included football games, speed dating and flag football. One of the best events was a board game night because it really gave the brothers a chance to interact with the new people and help bring them in for good. All in all, these events were super effective and from it our small colony gained 12 new members as a result.

The rush we did the following semester in the Spring of 2016 was by far easier and more effective. Because of all the work that we did the previous semester we already had a good list of names that we had acquired through the previous rush as well as various orientation and other recruiting means. This rush also had a clear and concise schedule that was thoroughly planned out and a lot more organized. Because we had seen what had worked in the past we duplicated the effective events, eliminated the not so effective events and added a few into the mix based off the recommendations from the previous pledge class. An example of these upgrade was the info session. We added food, all the brothers and combined the info session with the board game night to keep potential new member well informed while making sure they were happy to be there. The new and improved rush system resulted in a new record pledge class for us totaling in at 19 new members.

The rush process was not only important because it added new member to our group but it was also a motivating factor in the solidification of the current brotherhood. Every member of the colony worked together to help grow our fraternity and because of that we all grew closer as a whole. While we did not rush ourselves, the act of rushing future members helped to ensure the future of our fraternity



Pizza and Game Night- Rush Event Fall 2015



Flag Football- Rush Event Fall 2015

## **Academic Committee**

### **Ryan Snowden~Academic Chairman**

The UGA Theta Tau academic committee serves to provide an environment where brothers can study and learn together. The committee's goal is to guide and maintain brothers' academic interests so as to hold at high value knowledge of the engineering profession across all courses and present engineering disciplines. To achieve this, we hold study nights several times each semester where brothers can work together on homework problems or help prepare each other for upcoming exams. This practice adds an element of team-building to studying as well as provides members with insight into the different courses required by various engineering degrees. The study nights also build groups among the brothers that tend to stick together to provide constant study aid throughout the year, even beyond the planned study nights. Our ultimate goal is simply to help brothers do well in school and further enjoy their time as engineers.

## **Athletic Committee**

### **Drew Fincher~Athletic Chairman**

Our colony was involved in intramural sports for the first time in Spring 2016. A coed softball team was created and coached by myself. Our softball team only lost one game during the regular season and received a playoff bid. The team was defeated in the semifinals and had a record of six wins and two losses over the course of the season. This experience was great for our growing colony. It gave us a chance to practice together, compete as a team and in turn grow stronger as a unit.

Brothers of the team were: Austin Chester, Chloe Brantley, Christi Covington, Dillon Diehl, Drew Fincher, Emily Andrew, Imran Doraney, John Weekley, Jordan Marks, Katie Summey, Lauren Duckworth, Meredith Johnson, Rodrigo Rivera, Spencer Oliver, Devin Gillette, and Jordan Red.



Theta Tau Softball Team- Spring 2016

## **Pledge Committee**

### **Dillon Diehl~Pledge Instructor**

In our Spring pledge class, we initiated 17 new members into our colony. Over the course of 12 weeks we held 11 mandatory meetings where we had 100% attendance except in the case that one of the pledges had class or a test at the time of the meeting. In these meeting myself and 5 other brothers on my new member committee taught the new members about the history and values of Theta Tau following the outline in the pledge instructor manual. We also had the new members participate in activities to build leadership and stronger bonds among their pledge class. We held some meetings open to all brothers for them to get a chance to get to know the new members better and vice versa. On top of that we asked that the new members take time outside of meetings to hang out with brothers one on one and get to know them better, and later based off of this we had the new members list their top 5 big brother picks and we started Lineages within the fraternity. At the end we also held a camping trip as a reward for them and for them to become closer with one another as a pledge class. In the end our colony acquired 17 more of the brightest engineers from UGA who all want to see Theta Tau at UGA thrive and grow.



Fall 2015 Pledge Class



Spring 2016 Pledge Class



Fall 2016 Pledge Class

## **Social Committee**

### **John Weekly~Social Chairman**

During my time as the social chairman of Theta Tau, I tried to focus the fraternity upon brotherhood bonding. The social committee scheduled many social nights for the brothers to go to throughout the semester. At these events, many new brothers were able to bond with other members of the fraternity and build friendships with more people. Our colony has grown tremendously throughout the last year, in terms of involvement and brotherhood. I believe that the social events that were scheduled had an impact on this and I continuously encourage more people to get involved so that Theta Tau at UGA can thrive.



UGA Football Game Tailgate – Fall 2015



Braves Date Night- Fall 2016

## **Fundraising Committee**

### **Tyler Wharton ~ Fundraising Chairman**

Fundraising in our colony has kept our name consistently in the minds of students throughout the College of Engineering. Our first semester (Fall 2015) we sold home-made scarves and made a killing! Folks love having hand sewn goods and these scarves were no exception. In the Spring, we sold bacon-pancakes made hibachi-style, right in front of the customer. This was so successful, we had a graduate lab enlist us to make these for them several times throughout the semester. This year, we have several activities planned; from selling coffee and bagels/donuts, selling ice pops during football games, to hosting a “let out the stress” event for the masses. Fundraising has been a huge success and we will no doubt see it continue!



Ice Pop Sale- Fall 2016



## **Community Service Committee**

### **Jordan Marks~Community Service Chairman**

UGA's Colony of Theta Tau is comprised of members who like to be of service to their peers and their community. Many members undertake personal service roles on campus, around Athens, and in their hometowns. As a group this past spring of 2016, we were able to provide a much needed service to the Friends of Refugees, a Greater-Atlanta organization that provides a community garden for the surrounding families to tend and grow their own produce. We constructed a viewing deck that was attached to a previously standing structure so that the garden could hold events for the community. This upcoming semester we have many events planned, such as a 'Goods Drive' which will benefit victims of domestic abuse in our local area, as well as a trail beautification project that will take place on our campus. It is apparent in their willingness to be of service that our members are proactive, and dedicated.



Friends of Refugees Deck Project- Spring 2016



Driftmier Trail Clean Up- Fall 2016



May 8, 2016

Dear Brothers,

I am pleased to support the petition for chapter status of the University of Georgia Colony of Theta Tau. My first interaction with the group was on February 21, 2015. I remember them as being a small group of student's that were excited to learn about Theta Tau and to develop into a successful chapter. My last visit to Athens was on October 3<sup>rd</sup> of last year. The growth of this group was beyond impressive. Their passion for Theta Tau is at an all-time high. They hit the ground running and I am sure that they will continue to do so.

During my visit I was able to get a feel for the strengths of the members and colony as a whole. They have worked hard to foster a sense of brotherhood amongst their members and the hard work has paid off. They strongly embody the three pillars of Theta Tau. They brought numerous members to regional conference and are excited about national convention this summer. They are eager to meet and learn from chapter inside and outside of our region.

The members of this colony are tight knit and all seem to be focused on the same goal. I believe that they have built a strong foundation for a long and successful existence as a chapter in our fraternity. I would be proud to call each of them my brother. It is my pleasure to recommend that you approve The University of Georgia colony's petition for chapter status.

In H & T

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Southeast Regional Director

September 13, 2016

Mr. Michael T. Abraham, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Abraham and Brothers of Theta Tau:

With pride and pleasure, I am offering my highest recommendation for the University of Georgia Colony of Theta Tau to receive chapter status. Serving as the coordinator of non-academic student affairs for the UGA College of Engineering when the colony formed, I witnessed the evolution of this group. I have been impressed with the leadership, membership growth, commitment to public service, and loyalty to the engineering profession since its inception. Their petition is worthy and approval will be well-deserved.

The passion exemplified by this organization is impressive and is evident in every aspect of their involvement in the college. Members enthusiastically engage in various activities that help raise needed awareness, not just for the colony, but for the UGA College of Engineering and the engineering profession as a whole. In addition, the leadership has recognized that they must assume fiduciary responsibility if they are to thrive, so they have engaged in several fundraising efforts since their founding that have included special events, selling food and merchandise, and more. Further, I was touched by the work they did this past year on a refugee camp in north Georgia over the course of several weekends. Their volunteer efforts improved the living facilities and quality of life for those less fortunate.

Hard work and dedication are obvious traits of the UGA Theta Tau Colony. Most impressive is the unity this organization possesses and the mutual respect members have for one another. They share a similar vision of brotherhood and the pursuit of excellence which embodies the core values and guiding principles of Theta Tau. I am proud to offer my highest recommendation for the UGA Theta Tau Colony to become a chapter.

Sincerely,

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October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is being written in support of the The University of Georgia Colony of Theta Tau. The Colony was installed in February 2015, and since then time they have made tremendous progress and currently have 52 members. I am an Assistant Professor in the College of Engineering and have agreed to serve as the advisor for this outstanding group of students. I have met some of the chapter members, and I can honestly say that they are motivated, excited, and hard-working students that will make a positive impact on the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity. My role will be to provide advisement and guidance on matters such as fundraising, chapter activities, and recruiting. I will also be instrumental in helping the officers of Theta Tau interpret the constitution, bylaws, organizational policies, and position statements. In addition, I will provide assistance on matters such as how UGA policies and procedures may affect the potential activities of the Colony. I will be supportive of their efforts and will meet with the officers bi-weekly to discuss their upcoming activities and events and to exchange ideas about long-term plans and goals.

I sincerely believe that the organization will be successful in the years to come and I have no reservations concerning the chapter petition. Please contact me via email at: [raverett@uga.edu](mailto:raverett@uga.edu) or via phone: 706-542-0863 if there are any questions.

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