

USD Colony of Theta Tau




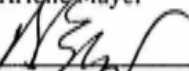
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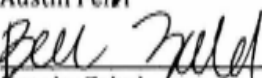
We, the members of the USD Colony of Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity at the University of San Diego do hereby petition the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity for chapter status.

We, the undersigned, are all currently enrolled in the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering at the University of San Diego and have no affiliation with any organization considered to be competitive with Theta Tau.


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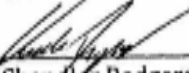

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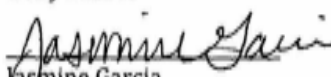

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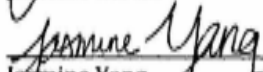

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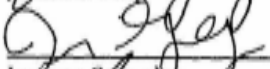

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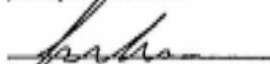

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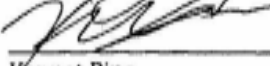

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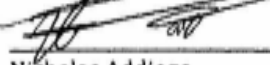

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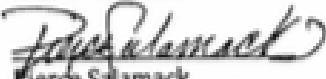

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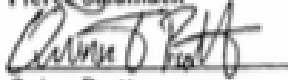

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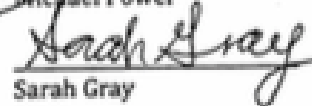
Jessica Lowery



Mason Powers



Michael Power



Sarah Gray

Dear Mr. Abraham,

On behalf of the USD Colony of Theta Tau I am pleased to write to you this letter requesting chapter status for our colony. We believe we have fully established ourselves as a colony here at the University of San Diego and are ready to take the next step to become a recognized chapter of the National Fraternity.

Over the last year and a half, our colony has successfully accomplished nearly all of the items suggested in the blue book. We have had 4 pledge classes - all of which have brought more and more dedicated members to the fraternity. Additionally, we have had a slew of social, professional, and service events in this time frame. We have hosted game nights, beach days, and field days all of which have been a hit amongst members. We were also able to host an Engineering BBQ for the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering at which, we brought together the campus engineering community. Professionally, we have had two plant tours - one of a power plant and the other of Solar Turbines, as well as multiple guest speakers discussing a variety of professional topics. Our philanthropic endeavors are, however, what we are most proud of. We have completed multiple park clean ups, servicing the local state parks putting our skills in engineering toward projects such as replacing or repairing park benches. Further, we have hosted a lego robotics workshop for a local underprivileged elementary school to promote STEM majors to the youth. And adding to that we recently have joined with another elementary school to serve as mentors for their science olympiad program.

The faculty and staff of the Shiley-Marcos school of Engineering have been more than welcoming to the fraternity, thus far, here at USD and have gone so far as to call us on for assistance in several of their endeavors such as the engineering barbeque and science olympiad program described above amongst others. On multiple occasions, faculty have thanked me directly for all the hard work the colony has done for the school of engineering, showing us that they not only approve of our fraternity's involvement on campus, but greatly support us.

Because of the above mentioned reasons, I firmly believe that the USD Colony of Theta Tau is ready to become a recognized chapter. We truly are a passionate and devoted group of engineers that align well with the purpose of Theta Tau. We believe we have developed a high standard of professional interest among our members and hope to maintain this as well as our strong bond of fraternal fellowship as a recognized chapter of the Theta Tau Fraternity.

Sincerely,



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USD Colony of Theta Tau Regent

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History of the University of San Diego

The original chapter of the University of San Diego was written on a brisk early winter afternoon in December of 1949, when local dignitaries joined Bishop Charles Francis Buddy and Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill for a groundbreaking ceremony atop a wind-swept mesa overlooking the burgeoning San Diego cityscape. Mother Hill had a special reason for wanting the campus, which would come to be known as Alcalá Park, to be unrivaled in its exquisite beauty and intricate design.

"There are three things that are significant in education: beauty, truth and goodness," she said. "But the only one that attracts people on sight is beauty. If beauty attracts people, they will come and find the truth and have goodness communicated to them by the kind of people here."

The Society of the Sacred Heart concurred with Mother Hill's sentiments, and volunteered to provide a \$4 million endowment for the College for Women. The original furnishings included ornate crystal chandeliers, beautiful tapestries... and of course, library books.

In more modest surroundings, the College for Men and the School of Law began classes in 1954, eventually moving into Thomas Moore Hall, now known as Warren Hall. Other buildings were soon constructed, including the centerpiece of the university, the blue-domed Immaculata Church, which was consecrated in 1959. In 1972, the colleges merged and formed what is now the University of San Diego. Committed to the Catholic faith, the school's leaders also embraced the spirit of ecumenism and academic freedom. Currently, more than 30 percent of the undergraduates attending USD profess to faiths other than Catholicism.

Today, the University of San Diego is a nationally ranked Catholic institution with more than 800 faculty members and 7,800 undergraduate, graduate and law students. Governed by an independent Board of Trustees, the university has eight academic divisions: the College of Arts and Sciences, the schools of Business Administration, Engineering, Law, Leadership and Education Sciences, Nursing and Health Sciences, Peace and the Division of Professional and Continuing Education. USD's values-based education offers students bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs.

The USD Engineering department was founded in 1987 with just a handful of students and two faculty. During the last quarter century, the program has steadily grown in size and stature. Today, there are approximately 21 full-time faculty and 505 students.

In 2012, the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering was founded with a generous gift by San Diego philanthropist Darlene Marcos Shiley. Her extraordinary gift transformed the department into a USD School of Engineering with upgraded facilities and studio space, new faculty and student scholarship support. We are tremendously grateful to Mrs. Shiley for helping us develop talented engineers who can contribute to our local and global growth and vitality. **Chell A. Roberts** is the founding dean of the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering at the University of San Diego.

The Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering offers a supportive, well-rounded education that inspires students to innovate, create, and ultimately, make a difference by practicing real-world engineering. The school develops thinkers and leaders who have solid technical, communication and problem-solving skills balanced with broad perspective to make things happen locally and globally.

University of San Diego Engineering

The official Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering at the University of San Diego was founded in 2012, however there have been accredited engineering graduates from USD since 1992. The school offers engineering courses in three areas - electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and industrial and systems engineering. Each major contains classes in the engineering common core, in which everyone must take a class from each area of engineering. Our engineers are extremely well rounded thanks to this engineering common core as well as the school being currently ranked number 14 in engineering schools among nondoctoral-granting engineering programs in the nation, and we are continuing to improve.



Our class size continues to grow every year, reaching around 67 total graduates last year. Although small in size, the students at Shiley-Marcos are incredibly involved with at least 8 engineering clubs on campus ranging from Engineers with Engineering Brigades to Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. As a school, we wish to continue to involve ourselves with Theta Tau and grow our engineering community.

USD Colony of Theta Tau

The development of the USD Colony of Theta Tau has increased opportunities of students of the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering at the University of San Diego. The Shiley-Marcos School was only recently established in 2013. For this reason, the number of engineering students at the University of San Diego has increased over the last 4 years. With so many engineer students, the establishment of various engineer clubs has risen – multiple clubs for each engineering discipline. The USD Colony of Theta Tau, however is very distinct from all these other clubs. While most clubs focus solely on charitable causes or professional development, in accordance with Theta Tau's pillars, USD Colony of Theta Tau focuses on service, profession and brotherhood. Although USD Colony of Theta Tau has only been in practice for about 1.5 years, we have held many events that fall into the categories of the three pillars.

Under the service pillar, we have had several events that provided brothers the opportunity to give back to our local and national community. We have twice volunteered for a local park – spending a couple Saturday mornings in the park, digging holes and planting trees throughout the park. The park rangers were very grateful for our services and have requested that the event become a biannual event, pictured below from our most recent park visit.



We have also been able to organize science days for local middle schools, write letters to troops overseas, participate in charity walks together and work with the school to put on the annual engineer picnic during Engineer Week. Although we consider these service events, our colony brothers really love having the experience to give back while in college and spending brotherly time together... almost like a brotherhood event.

USD Colony of Theta Tau has also worked to better our professional skills and networking. We have held several workshops for our colony brothers. These workshops provided tips and guidance for resumes, job/internship searching, and LinkedIn networking. In addition, our professional committee looked over our final resumes after the resume workshop and provided any final suggestions to alterations. We also had a tour of the NRG plant in San Diego - several members were able to attend. Some of the members are pictured below!



Finally, USD Colony of Theta Tau has made sure not to leave out brotherhood! In addition to the many brothers who socialize in their own time together and/or live together, we have made sure to have many colony-wide events. We hold banquets each semester, filled with food, formal attire and dancing. We also held an event in celebration of Fall and Halloween with pumpkin decorating and a costume contest. Below are our costume contest winners, dressed as the Scooby Doo characters.



This recent semester, we also participated in a Battle Royal, in which brothers were divided into two teams and competed in several field games for an afternoon.

As can be expected, brotherhood does not only come from the brotherhood events. We have created a strong brotherhood as our colony participates in service, professional, brotherhood and in our strong desire to achieve Chapterhood! Each of our committees has worked extremely hard to uphold Theta Tau's standards and is excited for what lies ahead.

Advisor Ernie Kim



Our advisor Dr. Ernie Kim has supported, helped and attended many of our events. He showed his support for the fraternity from the start when he attended the initial Colony initiation dinner. He acts as one of the mediators between the brothers in the fraternity and the engineering administration at the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering. He let's the brothers of USD's Colony of Theta Tau know about any help the school needs and different opportunities to stay involved in the engineer community.

Dr. Kim is an electrical engineering professor and graduated with a BSEE from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and continued to get his PhD in electrical engineering at New Mexico State University. Dr. Kim has worked at the Naval Ocean Systems Center at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station in Hawaii, worked to develop fiber optic transmitters and receivers for an advanced local area network. His most recent work aside from being a professor at the University of San Diego includes working as an engineer design consultant for various companies include a toy manufacturer. Other notable achievements include working as a Principal RF engineer, Principal Microwave engineer, and a Manager of Electro-Optics at IPITEK.

Dr. Kim is an easy professor to be able to look up to and seek guidance from, whether it be academic or career.

December 5, 2016

Michael T. Abraham, Executive Director
Theta Tau Central Office
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Dear Mr. Abraham,

My job as associate dean includes being skeptical of, and then supporting student initiatives. That's how I approached Theta Tau when Kelsey Goelz and Kylie Even approached me about creating a colony at USD. I hoped that an engineering organization that transcended disciplines would help to create a sense of community throughout the school, but I was prepared accept that their vision might fizzle when the leadership handed the organization to the next group of students.

I'm delighted at the result. In the 18 months since I wrote the last letter of support, Theta Tau has become an integral part of the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering. I strongly endorse their application to become a full chapter in your organization. I'm sure that in the other materials they are providing to you they will be demonstrating the breadth of their activities. I'm impressed by the scope of what they've done, but I'd like to highlight two especially noteworthy places where Theta Tau has stepped up.

Last fall, one of the professors in USD's Economics Department sent me a message asking whether there were any students that might be interested in serving as Science Olympiad mentors for a disadvantaged middle school not too far from campus. In the past, I've been spectacularly unsuccessful at getting people to make these kinds of commitments. But, I asked Theta Tau, and the response was immediate. Several people had done Science Olympiad in high school and volunteered instantly. They've been working with the school ever since and have been making us look great on campus, and off. I expect this will be an ongoing activity for the colony chapter.

Several times during the past year I've had requests to provide tours of engineering to groups coming to campus. Before Theta Tau, I'd usually roam the halls to try to find someone available that could help show the people our facilities. With Theta Tau, I've been able to shoot email off to Shannon or one of the other officers, and have been rewarded with several volunteers who are able to serve as exceptional ambassadors for the field of engineering, the Shiley-Marcos School, and USD. They've been uniformly enthusiastic, our young visitors relate to them, and they make the program look good.

One of the best aspect of these events, and other Theta Tau activities, is that the group is largely self-organizing. The school has had to do essentially nothing to help them organize. Besides making my life easier, I think this is a clear sign that Theta Tau is achieving the implied goal of helping students become more self-reliant, and helping to develop the professional skills that will make them more successful when they graduate.

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A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to make closing remarks at the Tau Beta Pi national convention when it was held in San Diego. In my comments, I urged the students to reflect on the people who helped them to get where they are and to make a commitment to pay it forward by reaching out a hand to future engineers when they have the opportunity. I don't think that advice would be necessary with the USD Theta Tau members. From what I've seen, these students are already doing that. I'm tremendously proud of what they've added to our school and look forward to being able to work with, and rely on them in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Olson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Rick Olson, PhD

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Associate Professor of Industrial & Systems Engineering

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November 10, 2016

Michael T Abraham, Executive Director

Theta Tau Central Office

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Dear Mr. Abraham,

It is with great pleasure that I support the University of San Diego Colony of Theta Tau as they petition to become a recognized chapter of the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity. This is a group of incredibly intelligent and diligent students that have shown me, over the last year and a half, that they are dedicated to, and have what it takes to become a successful Theta Tau Chapter.

Over the last year and a half this group has completed three successful recruitment efforts with another in progress currently, thoroughly integrating the different fields of engineering represented within the engineering school. They have established a cohesive governing system that has been in place for a year now and evolves as needed. Additionally, they have been very involved both with the Shiley Marcos School of Engineering as well as the local Community, hosting various events that highlight engineering, our school, and Theta Tau. For these reasons, I believe establishing an official Theta Tau chapter would be a great addition to The Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering. In doing so this group will continue to create a great sense of community among the engineering students, as well as aid them to even greater success in the future.

Sincerely,



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November 5, 2016

Brothers,

I am pleased to recommend the University of San Diego Colony's petition for chapter status.

I had the honor of attending the USD's Colony Certification in September 2015. One year later in September 2016, I met with approximately 25 student members and the executive board during an official colony visit. At this meeting, I was thoroughly impressed by the progress that the USD Colony had made in terms of growth, activities, and organizational development.

The USD Colony demonstrates a balanced program, with activities for brotherhood, professional development, and service. The USD Colony leadership has demonstrated initiative to improve the operations of their colony, including development of a judicial committee and improvement of officer transitions.

The USD Colony has established a positive presence on campus and within the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering. I look forward to welcoming the USD Colony as the newest Chapter of Theta Tau in California.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

In H and T,



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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is T.J. Hodges and I am the student body President at the University of San Diego. I am writing to recommend that Theta Tau establish a chapter at U.S.D. in light of all of the positive work that the current Theta Tau colony has done on campus and in our local community.

As our University increasingly invests time and energy into supporting our Linda Vista community, our Theta Tau colony serves as a perfect model of students supporting our local schools. The leadership of the Theta Tau colony at U.S.D has been outstanding in their efforts to develop and foster a community of excellent engineers. Through programming and community outreach they have used the knowledge and skills of all members to give back to their community and promote STEM to students of all ages. In their time as a colony at U.S.D. they have organized a science fair, an introduction to STEM pathways program, and a robotics competition at one local elementary school, and a Science Olympiad program at another.

Additionally, as the engineering school at USD continues to grow, the Theta Tau colony has provided an excellent outlet for professional development. Networking is crucial in today's professional world and the leadership of the Theta Tau colony has organized events and efforts such as an engineering barbeque to create powerful networking scenarios for our engineering students.

Every student leader and member of the Theta Tau colony at U.S.D. is an excellent student and will make a great professional. I am confident that adding these high-profile U.S.D. students to the strong body of Theta Tau members around the nation will advance the mission of Theta Tau to develop and maintain a high standard of professional interest among its members. The quality of work being done by our colony members currently will certainly add to the strong profile of the fraternity in the near and distant future.

I would be happy to answer any questions and discuss further on this topic, please email me at aspresident@sandiego.edu or call at (602)-770-8149.

Sincerely,

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Letter of Recommendation

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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Epsilon Delta chapter, I am writing a letter of recommendation for the University of San Diego colony chapter to advance in the installation process. It is an honor to extend my vouch as a seasoned active member in Theta Tau and bear witness to the colony's achievements. As a neighboring chapter, our active body has seen the colony grow and embody the three pillars of Theta Tau: philanthropy, professionalism, and brotherhood. I can attest that they have created their own events of service, such as hosting a science fair for local middle schools in May 2016. This endeavor helped create a STEM influence within their community. I have also personally seen and bonded with multiple of their members at regional service events, such as, Habitat for Humanity this past Spring. They also help promote brotherhood by coming out to our events. They've been welcoming to us and responsive to our invitations throughout the year. During rush week, a week in which pledge recruitment takes place, they have come to show support and participated in interacting with the prospective pledges. They have made their presence and support apparent past the local events. As I seen them cover the same distances to reach interchapter events and regionals as we do. Having attended three regionals myself, I have met with members from the colony each time. It's been a pleasure having them as mentees and as prospective brothers. I look forward to seeing them complete the installation process.

In H & T,

Melissa Gomez

Corresponding Secretary

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