

Santa Clara University Theta Tau



July 3, 2019

Mr. Michael T. Abraham, Executive Director
Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity
175 SW 7th Street, Suite 1615
Miami, FL 33130

Dear Brothers,

It is my utmost pleasure to present the Santa Clara University Colony of Theta Tau's petition for chapter status. Over the past two years, our colony has grown and developed into an organization that embodies the three pillars of Theta Tau. We have developed into a group of closely-knit engineers, united in our commitment to Theta Tau, the greater community, and most of all each other.

Our journey as a colony has been filled with a myriad of both successes and hardships. The trials and tribulations to test our mettle were overcome and, with persistence, met with success—success derivative of our passion and dedication to the fraternity. I have seen first hand our colony evolve from a small group of like-minded, passionate engineers to professionally competent, conscientious brothers.

Similar to our goals as a colony, our goals moving forward are to continue to be an engine for personal and professional growth while strengthening the bonds between our brothers. We aim to continue to foster a positive culture that encourages the growth of our members, both as engineering professionals and as individuals, and to continue to develop Theta Tau's presence at Santa Clara University.

Our colony has had the privilege of being able to attend regional conferences and network with other members of the national fraternity, helping shape our colony into one fit for chapter status. Many of the brothers that attended these conferences learned what it means to be a brother of Theta Tau and brought back advice and newfound inspiration to continue forward.

It is with great confidence that I submit our petition to be recognized as a chapter of Theta Tau. I have the utmost faith that our brothers will be able to continue to uphold the strong bonds of fraternal fellowship we have developed and further the reputation of Theta Tau as the leading engineering fraternity.

Sincerely,



Timothy Lim
Regent
Santa Clara University Colony of Theta Tau

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Signatures of Members

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

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

Zachary Daniel Bellay



Connor Thomas Tisch



Glen Alexey Chandler



Robert Culkin



Timothy Raphael Lim



Rosemary Jo Cole



Tiffany Lee



Ardella Phoa



Chelsea Ann Villanueva



Samantha Song



Samantha Tomiko Lee



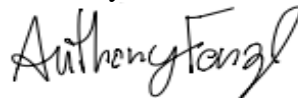
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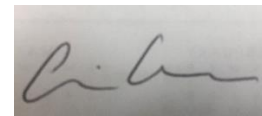
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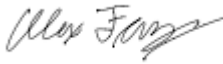
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Aiyushi Kumar



Alex Fang



Brenden Michael Farrer



Omar Garcia



Nairu Garcia-Acevedo



Emily Holden



Matthew Holmes



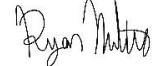
Alexandria Kissas



David Krakauer



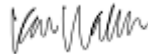
Ryan Matus



Samuel Nichols



Kailyn Wallace



Matthew Zhang



Member Profiles

1. Zachary Daniel Bellay

- Positions Held: Regent, Corresponding Secretary, Webmaster
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Hometown: Bellevue, WA
- Graduation Date: June 2019
- GPA: 3.20
- E-Mail: zbellay@scu.edu



7. Connor Thomas Tisch

- Positions Held: Service Chair
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- Hometown: San Rafael, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2019
- GPA: 3.50
- Campus Activities: Improv Club
- E-Mail: connortisch@gmail.com



8. Glen Alexey Chandler

- Positions Held: Rush Chair, Pledge Instructor
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Hometown: Alviso, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2019
- GPA: 3.30
- E-Mail: glenchandler0@gmail.com



16. Robert Culkin

- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Hometown: San Diego, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2019
- GPA: 3.68
- Campus Activities: SCU Sailing Team
- E-Mail: rculkin@scu.edu



19. Timothy Raphael Lim

- Positions Held: Regent, Treasurer, Rush Chair
- Major: Electrical Engineering
- Hometown: Manila, Philippines
- Graduation Date: June 2020
- GPA: 3.69
- Campus Activities: IEEE
- E-Mail: trblim@gmail.com



22. Rosemary Jo Cole

- Positions Held: Rush Chair, Corresponding Secretary
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- Hometown: Seattle, WA
- Graduation Date: June 2019
- GPA: 3.50
- Campus Activities: School of Engineering Tour Guide
- E-Mail: rosemary.cole14@gmail.com



23. Tiffany Lee

- Positions Held: Vice Regent
- Major: Web Design & Engineering
- Hometown: Daly City, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2020
- GPA: 3.00
- Campus Activities: Japanese Student Association, Asian-Pacific Islander Student Union
- E-Mail: tiffanylee97@gmail.com



25. Ardella Phoa

- Positions Held: Regent
- Major: Bioengineering
- Hometown: Walnut, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2020
- GPA: 3.56
- E-Mail: aphoa@scu.edu



26. Chelsea Ann Villanueva

- Positions Held: Recording Secretary
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Hometown: Seattle, WA
- Graduation Date: June 2020
- GPA: 3.82
- Campus Activities: Engineering School Tour Guide, Desk Assistant, Solar Regatta
- E-Mail: vill.chelsea@gmail.com



27. Samantha Song

- Positions Held: Assistant Pledge Instructor
- Major: Web Design & Engineering
- Hometown: Bellevue, WA
- Graduation Date: June 2019
- GPA: 3.49
- E-Mail: ssong@scu.edu



29. Samantha Tomiko Lee

- Positions Held: Marketing Chair
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2019
- GPA: 3.59
- E-Mail: santomlee@gmail.com



30. Abigail Grace Aguirre

- Positions Held: Fundraising Chair
- Major: Electrical Engineering
- Hometown: Forest Grove, OR
- Graduation Date: June 2020
- GPA: 3.20
- Campus Activities: IEEE, The Freedom Project, Intramural Soccer, Intramural Basketball
- E-Mail: abbyaguirre5@gmail.com



33. Anisha Yerramilli

- Positions Held: Service Chair
- Major: Computer Science
- Hometown: Sacramento, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2020
- GPA: 3.45
- Campus Activities: Intramural Volleyball
- E-Mail: ayanisha11@gmail.com



34. Anthony Gianni Fenzl

- Positions Held: Professional Development Chair, Pledge Instructor
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Hometown: Gahanna, Ohio
- Graduation Date: June 2020
- GPA: 3.74
- Campus Activities: ACM, UIF
- E-Mail: afenzl@scu.edu



35. Carolina Avelar

- Major: Civil Engineering
- Hometown: Santa Rosa, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2020
- GPA: 2.90
- Campus Activities: Division 1 Cross-Country/Track
- E-Mail: c1avelar@scu.edu



36. Charles Yicheng Ju

- Positions Held: Historian, Project Manager, Marketing Chair
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering, Electrical Engineering
- Hometown: Toronto, Canada
- Graduation Date: June 2021
- GPA: 3.70
- Campus Activities: Maker Club, IEEE, Maker Challenge
- E-Mail: charlesju1225@gmail.com



39. Horatio Xiao

- Positions Held: Fundraising Chair, Rush Chair
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Hometown: Seattle, WA
- Graduation Date: June 2021
- GPA: 3.02
- Campus Activities: Peer Advising
- E-Mail: xiaohoratio99@gmail.com



40. Jennifer Daneille Miranti

- Positions Held: Vice Regent
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- Hometown: Arcadia, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2021
- GPA: 2.80
- Campus Activities: SWE, Maker Club
- E-Mail: jenniferdmiranti@gmail.com



41. Jesus Guadalupe Hernandez Roman

- Positions Held: Risk Management Chair
- Major: Computer Science
- Hometown: San Jose, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2020
- GPA: 2.89
- Campus Activities: LEAD Scholars
- E-Mail: mm.stick96@gmail.com



42. Lavelle Wayne Simmons

- Positions Held: Rush Chair
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- Hometown: Denver, CO
- Graduation Date: June 2020
- GPA: 3.73
- Campus Activities: NSBE, SCU Residence Life, Tau Beta Pi
- E-Mail: simmons.lavelle391@gmail.com



43. Melanie Jane Abercrombie

- Positions Held: Risk Management Chair
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Hometown: Fresno, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2021
- GPA: 3.20
- Campus Activities: Christian Life Community
- E-Mail: melaniejabcrombie@gmail.com



44. Ruby Karimjee

- Positions Held: Recording Secretary, E-Board Liaison
- Major: Bioengineering
- Hometown: Santa Clara, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2021
- GPA: 3.20
- Campus Activities: Net Impact, University Innovation Fellowship, SCAAP, Biomedical Engineering Society, Bioinnovation Club
- E-Mail: r4rababi@gmail.com



45. Robert Scott Vincent Percell

- Positions Held: Corresponding Secretary
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- Hometown: Monterey, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2021
- GPA: 3.34
- Campus Activities: Robotics Systems Laboratory, AIAA, SCU Orchestra
- E-Mail: rsvpercell@gmail.com



46. Aiyushi Kumar

- Positions Held: Brotherhood Chair, Assistant Pledge Instructor
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Hometown: Redmond, WA
- Graduation Date: June 2022
- GPA: 3.01
- Campus Activities: Leadership Council
- E-Mail: aiyushikumar@gmail.com



47. Alex Fang

- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Hometown: Millbrae, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2022
- GPA: 2.70
- Campus Activities: Chinese Student Association, ACM, LEAD Scholars
- E-Mail: alexfang524@gmail.com



48. Brenden Michael Farrer

- Positions Held: Fundraising Chair
- Major: Engineering Physics
- Hometown: San Jose, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2021
- GPA: 3.75
- Campus Activities: Society of Physics Students, Barkada of SCU
- E-Mail: brendenfarrer@gmail.com



49. Omar Garcia

- Positions Held: Brotherhood Chair
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Hometown: Soledad, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2021
- GPA: 3.51
- Campus Activities: Robotics Systems Laboratory, SCU Jazz Combo, AIAA
- E-Mail: ogscu1179@gmail.com



50. Nairu Garcia-Acevedo

- Major: Electrical Engineering
- Hometown: San Jose, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2021
- GPA: 3.30
- Campus Activities: School of Engineering Tour Guide, SWE, SHPE, IEEE
- E-Mail: nngarciaacevedo@scu.edu



51. Emily Holden

- Positions Held: Academic Chair
- Major: Electrical Engineering
- Hometown: Sunnyvale, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2021
- GPA: 3.24
- Campus Activities: SWE, IEEE, Maker Club, Desk Assistant, Big Broncos/Little Broncos, SCU Shadow Program, Loyola Leadership Council
- E-Mail: eholden@scu.edu



52. Matthew Holmes

- Positions Held: Pledge Instructor, Marketing Chair
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- Hometown: Phoenix, AZ
- Graduation Date: June 2021
- GPA: 3.33
- Campus Activities: Christian Leadership Community, Desk Assistant
- E-Mail: mrholmes@scu.edu



53. Alexandria Kissas

- Major: Physics, Computer Science
- Hometown: Burlington, WA
- Graduation Date: June 2021
- GPA: 3.63
- Campus Activities: SCU Orchestra, Society of Physics Students, Women in Physics, University Honors Program-Honors Advisory Council
- E-Mail: akissas@scu.edu



54. David Krakauer

- Positions Held: Historian
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Hometown: Phoenix, AZ
- Graduation Date: June 2022
- GPA: 3.58
- Campus Activities:
- E-Mail: dkrakauer@scu.edu



55. Ryan Matus

- Positions Held: Rush Chair, Webmaster
- Major: Computer Science
- Hometown: Chicago, IL
- Graduation Date: June 2021
- GPA: 3.52
- Campus Activities:
- E-Mail: ryan.m.matus@gmail.com



56. Samuel Nichols

- Major: Bioengineering
- Hometown: Castle Rock, CO
- Graduation Date: June 2020
- GPA: 3.22
- E-Mail: sampearl.n@gmail.com



57. Kailyn Wallace

- Positions Held: Treasurer
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Hometown: Sacramento, CA
- Graduation Date: June 2022
- GPA: 3.78
- Campus Activities: ACM-W, SWE
- E-Mail: kailynkwallace@gmail.com



58. Matthew Zhang

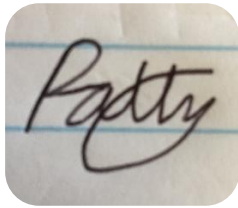
- Positions Held: Pledge Instructor
- Major: Computer Science & Mathematics
- Hometown: Reno, NV
- Graduation Date: June 2021
- GPA: 3.60
- Campus Activities: ACM
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Alumni Profiles

2. Patrick Wu

- Positions Held: Corresponding Secretary, Professional Development Chair, Pledge Instructor
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Graduation Date: June 2018



3. Brent Takeshi Hosoume

- Positions Held: Brotherhood Chair, Rush Chair
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- Graduation Date: June 2019



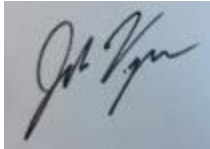
4. Brianna Nicole Mashima Goo

- Positions Held: Vice Regent, Regent, Rush Chair
- Major: Bioengineering
- Graduation Date: June 2019



5. Jacob Vargas

- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Graduation Date: June 2019



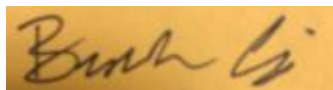
6. Michael Manish Mehta

- Positions Held: Treasurer, Academic Chair
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- Graduation Date: June 2019



9. Brandon Jay Craig

- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Graduation Date: June 2019



10. Taylor Hirakawa Mau

- Positions Held: Marketing Chair
- Major: Electrical Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering
- Graduation Date: June 2018

Taylor Mau



11. Carl Ahlers

- Major: Psychology
- Graduation Date: June 2019



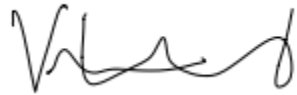
12. Maile Naito

- Positions Held: Historian
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Graduation Date: June 2018



13. Vickie Nuri Whang

- Positions Held: Recording Secretary, Pledge Instructor
- Major: Computer Science
- Graduation Date: June 2019



14. Osama Shoubber

- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Graduation Date: June 2019



15. Dante Dalla Gasperina

- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Graduation Date: June 2019



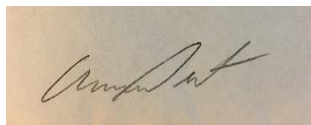
17. Julia Lanoha

- Positions Held: Fundraising Chair
- Major: Bioengineering
- Graduation Date: June 2019



18. Alexander David Seto

- Positions Held: Academic Chair, Recording Secretary
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering, Mathematics
- Graduation Date: June 2018



21. Payton René Bradsky

- Positions Held: Professional Development Chair
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Graduation Date: June 2019



24. Grant Michael Mishler

- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- Graduation Date: June 2018



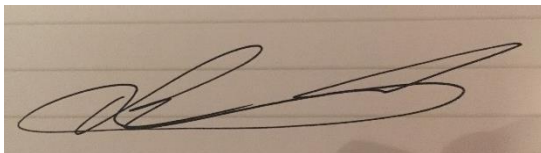
28. Arshi Jujara

- Positions Held: Webmaster, Project Chair
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Graduation Date: June 2019



31. Farzad Jason Bagheri

- Major: Computer Science
- Graduation Date: June 2018



32. Daniel Barkhorn

- Major: Mathematics, Computer Science
- Graduation Date: June 2019



37. Ciara Murphy

- Positions Held: Service Chair
- Major: Civil Engineering
- Graduation Date: June 2019



39. Connor Alton Carraher

- Positions Held: Service Chair
- Major: Computer Science & Engineering
- Graduation Date: June 2019



History of Santa Clara University

Founded in 1851, Santa Clara University is California’s oldest operating institution of higher learning. Since its inception, SCU has grown and evolved in ways unimagined by its founders. However, even after 167 years of operation it remains faithful to its Jesuit tradition and core values.

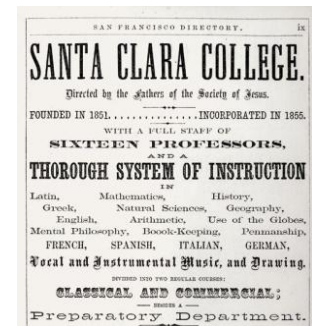


The Mission

Established in 1777 by Father Junipero Serra, the Mission Santa Clara de Asís was the 8th of the 21 original California missions. The Santa Clara University campus was built with the Mission as its physical and spiritual center, where it remains to this day.

The College

The university had modest beginnings as an all-boys preparatory school named “Santa Clara College.” John Nobili, S.J., the founder and first president of Santa Clara College (1851 – 1856), described its goals in terms typical of his era: *“to cultivate the heart, to form and cherish good habits, and to eradicate bad ones.”* Santa Clara began offering college courses in 1853 and had over 275 students enrolled at the preparatory and collegiate levels by 1875.



The University

With the addition of the law and engineering schools, the College became “The University of Santa Clara” in 1912. The Leavey School of Business opened in 1926, and within a decade, it became one of the first business schools in the country to receive national accreditation.

Breaking the Mold

In 1961, Santa Clara University admitted 75 female undergraduates, becoming the first Catholic coeducational university in California.



Today

In 1985, “Santa Clara University” was adopted as the official school name. Today, SCU has over 9,000 students enrolled at the undergraduate and graduate level from all over the world.

<https://scu.edu/aboutscu/history/>

History of the School of Engineering

At Santa Clara University, we are **Engineering with a Mission**. In keeping with our Jesuit tradition, we impart to our students the knowledge, skills, and vision necessary to make a difference in the world. Our mix of rigorous academics, hands-on learning, and values-based education offered by a cadre of dedicated, accessible faculty members provides the perfect environment for personal and professional growth.

Since 1912, the School of Engineering has served the community and the world. New initiatives in bioengineering and nanotechnology join established programs in civil, computer, electrical, and mechanical engineering, applied mathematics and engineering management.

A new focus on sustainability and energy engineering at SCU has brought international acclaim, exciting new industry and government relationships, and unparalleled opportunities to advance the field of sustainable energy engineering as a result of our outstanding showing in two Solar Decathlon competitions. The passion our students, faculty, and industry collaborators bring to this field have brought us to the cusp of a new age in engineering at SCU and as we look ahead to our next 100 years, we are excited by the promise that lies ahead.

The mission of Santa Clara University's School of Engineering has always been to prepare our students for professional excellence, responsible citizenship, and service to society. Our dynamic programs in civil, computer, mechanical, and electrical engineering, applied mathematics, and engineering management have long provided the theoretical and practical instruction necessary for professional excellence.

Recently, recognizing the burgeoning fields of bioengineering, nanotechnology, and sustainability, the School of Engineering has initiated programs and research in these areas as well.

Combining expert instruction and a commitment to personal attention with a pedagogy that begins from an ethical perspective leads to a class of engineers who are not only technically outstanding, but who are excellent citizens, as well.

In today's global society, with more and more manufacturing jobs being outsourced to China, and India leading the charge in development, it is vitally important to our students' success and to the success of our nation that we not only provide an excellent technical education for our students, but that we encourage our engineers' creativity and assist them in seeing their ideas through to fruition. In the School of Engineering, we believe that entrepreneurs are not just born, they are developed and nurtured, and we are committed to being an active partner in that process.

At SCU, we are “engineering with a mission”—a mission to serve our students, our valley, and our world. Our mix of rigorous academics, project-based learning, and values-based education nurtures students of competence, conscience and compassion into the leaders of tomorrow--leaders who are well-equipped to face the engineering and ethical challenges of the future.

<https://scu.edu/engineering/>

History of the Prospective Chapter

Theta Tau is the most well-established professional engineering fraternity in the United States and is a source of cultivation and community for engineers on college campuses nationally. One of the core foundations of Santa Clara University (SCU) is to create a community of well-rounded and globally conscious individuals, including those within the engineering school. However, for a long time, many engineering students felt the need for an organization to establish a shared community. While many technical organizations like ASME, IEEE, AIAA, and others existed to provide technical experience, there was no organization present that would provide a professional and social community for fellow engineers to bond through.

On April 16th, 2016, Zachary Bellay and Brianna Goo, agreed that a need for such a community was present and decided to act upon it. After sending an email to the Central Office of Theta Tau inquiring how to start a Theta Tau colony at Santa Clara University Zach and Brie, our founding Regent and Vice Regent, set out to find other passionate engineers who were excited to create a stronger community within the School of Engineering. The nineteen students they gathered seeking an engineering community would eventually become our founding class. After seeking out the mentorship of faculty, Dr. Jessica Anderson Kuczenski, the director of General Engineering at SCU, demonstrated an interest in assisting our new colony as the faculty advisor. With her vast experience in the engineering industry and at Santa Clara University working with student organizations, Dr. Anderson provided a unique perspective for us in our developmental growth and has frequently been instrumental as a source of advice and direction.

On May 24th, 2016, our founding class had their first meeting with a national officer to discuss the future of the organization and their first steps to establishing an official colony. After this, they officially established our colony on February 4th, 2017 and began the adventure of our development within Santa Clara University. Their next goal was to establish a rush process and gather more members. In the Spring of 2017, they held their first rush event. Our founding class was hoping to gather a few more members who would spread the word about Theta Tau and help it grow on campus. They were amazed when over 90 people showed up at their first rush. From these rushees they selected the 14 individuals who would become our alpha class. These new members were excited to provide their own unique skills to aid the development of the budding colony.

Over the next three years, our colony would add a total of three pledge classes and develop into a strong organization of 36 active members and 21 alumni. We continued to keep the same values Zach and Brie had sought alongside their founding brothers but had developed into a self-sufficient organization and developed a unique culture on campus. We provide a community to campus that incorporates the three pillars of Professional Development, Service, and Brotherhood with Santa Clara's values of educating the whole person into globally conscious and service-

oriented individuals who combine their education with their spirituality and compassion to impact the world around them. Over these years, we have put on numerous events such as professional speaker workshops, beach and park clean-ups and lock-ins with the rest of our colony. All of these events were put on to foster elements from the three pillars of Theta Tau, whilst further developing a tight-knit community. Today, our Brothers of the Santa Clara University Colony of Theta Tau strive to work together in order to become the best engineers they can be and make an impact on their communities.

Our next step is to permanently cement our presence within the SCU and National Theta Tau communities and become an official chapter. Throughout these past years we've developed from a small group of students seeking a common community into an impactful professionally and personally oriented organization within our campus. There have been many hurdles in our development, but we have surpassed them all to become the organization we are today. We feel that the time is appropriate to take the next leap into becoming an official chapter and the challenges that will bring.



February 4, 2017: Colony Initiation



April 6, 2018: Theta Tau 2018 Western Regionals Conference



April 6, 2019: Theta Tau 2019 Western Regional Conference

Professional Development

May 26, 2017: Google Sunnyvale Campus Tour

October 16, 2017: Cover Letter Workshop

November 5, 2017: Resume Workshop

January 28, 2018: Career Fair Preparation

April 23, 2018: Speaker in Industry: Eric Monsef

May 22, 2018: Improvisation Workshop

October 16, 2018: Engineering Your Major

- Explained different engineering majors to aid incoming students with major selection

October 24, 2018: Internpalooza

February 20, 2019: Engineering Executives: A Female Perspective

- Panel of women executives spoke about their experiences as women in engineering



October 8, 2017: Internpalooza

Service

January 17, 2017: Martha's Kitchen Food Distribution

April 27, 2017: Relay for Life 2017

- Raised \$1600

May 20, 2017: Guadalupe River Park Cleanup

October 6, 2018: Tree Planting with Our City Forest

February 23, 2019: Francis Beach Clean Up

March 1, 2019: Santa Clara Central Park Clean Up

April 28, 2019: Relay for Life 2019



April 4, 2018: Relay for Life 2018



May 5, 2019: STEM Demonstration at Generic Middle School



November 27, 2018: Second Harvest Food Bank Food Repackaging

Brotherhood

February 25, 2017: November 12, 2017: Beach Day

May 8, 2017: Saturday Night Trivia

October 27, 2017: Halloween Costume Run

November 3, 2017: Lock-In

May 19, 2018: First Annual SCU Theta Tau Formal Banquet

October 30, 2018: Family Bake Sale

November 19, 2018: Lock-In

February 8, 2019: SCU Games

- Friendly competition between classes

April 19-21, 2019: Lake Tahoe Retreat

May 12, 2019: Second Annual SCU Theta Tau Formal Banquet



September 23, 2017: Annual BBQ



April 20-22, 2018: Lake Tahoe Retreat



Panther Beach Day

Letters of Recommendation



February 22, 2019

It is with great pleasure that I am supporting the SCU Theta Tau transition from Colony to an official Chapter. I serve as the faculty advisor for our Theta Tau Colony at Santa Clara University. During my time as advisor, I have had positive interactions with many members of Theta Tau, especially among the leadership, and fully support their transition efforts.

In particular, I've had multiple interactions with Ardella Phoa who is the current Regent of Theta Tau. She is organized, passionate, and knowledgeable and has greatly benefitted the Colony. Together with her leadership team, Theta Tau holds several events for the Colony every quarter and has ensured that the three tenets of professionalism, service, and brotherhood are represented across the various event types. They have worked hard at recruiting by targeting courses with large numbers of first-year students, bringing representatives with refined pitches and designed flyers to hand out. These methods have been effective for raising awareness of Theta Tau and for growing their membership. Additionally, I have anecdotal evidence from multiple members of Theta Tau that they enjoy the events and feel connected to their Colony.

Overall, the leadership team of Theta Tau, under Regent Ardella Phoa, are hardworking, intelligent, and motivated. I have no doubt they will continue to provide its members with valuable events which effectively implement the tenets of professionalism, service, and brotherhood. I am happy to support the Colony in its efforts to transition to an official Chapter. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at (408) 551-3337 and I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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June 12, 2019

Dear Theta Tau,

I have had the pleasure of working with the Santa Clara University Theta Tau colony since the spring quarter of 2017 when they first arrived on campus, through my role as the Director of Undergraduate Programs. As one of the pieces of my role, I work with and support our engineering focused organizations. I wholeheartedly support the transition of the SCU colony to a chapter of Theta Tau, as I have observed their embodiment of the guiding principles and goals of the national organization, namely their dedication to the professional development of their members and the positive impacts they make daily to the School of Engineering and the greater community.

When Theta Tau first began on campus, the founding members of the colony quickly sought me out to discuss how they could add to the engineering community at Santa Clara University. They had a variety of ideas about how they could enhance our student experience on campus socially, professionally and through service. I quickly got a sense that these students deeply cared for their fellow students and really wanted to make an impact through this new organization. Over the last two years, the colony has been an amazing contributor to our communities in just those ways. Their members have eagerly assisted the School of Engineering with many of our activities, including volunteering for admissions events with prospective students, participating in calling campaigns with newly admitted engineering students and providing session assistance for our annual Senior Design Capstone Conference.

Theta Tau has planned and implemented a variety of events for all our Engineering students, such as adding activities to our National Engineers Week calendar, co-hosting a panel with the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) on female engineering perspectives in industry and academia, and a major exploration event for our undeclared engineers. They have also provided valuable outreach programs in the broader Santa Clara County communities to inspire and motivate younger students to explore STEM careers and opportunities. They have connected with several high school and middle schools to conduct STEM activities with students, and they have assisted the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) with their annual Engineers4Tomorrow outreach events on campus. Theta Tau has quickly made their mark on the SCU Engineering community and beyond, and their desire to further serve these communities continues to grow.

I've also observed first-hand the benefit that the colony has provided to its first few membership cohorts. Theta Tau has provided much by way of social and professional activities, as well as community building with all members. They have provided workshops for developing resumes and LinkedIn profiles, composing professional e-mails, public speaking and interview skills, and building social and professional networks. Their upper division members provide mentorship to younger members, helping them to search and secure internship opportunities and bringing them into the fellowship of the colony. This development has been most impactful for Theta Tau members, as their members have grown to become movers and shakers in the School of Engineering and the broader university community, taking on many high level leadership positions in student organizations and campus departments and being actively sought out to participate in various student advisory committees. In just a couple years, membership in the colony has become highly sought after because of the fellowship they provide and the reputation they have built at SCU.

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I have been amazed at the impact that Theta Tau has had in just over two years of its beginnings on campus. We have a pretty active student organization community in the School of Engineering, so the bar is already high, and what they have done in so short a time has exceeded that bar. They have filled a need in the School of Engineering, while also providing valuable development and fellowship for their members. We are all fortunate to have the colony on our campus, and we are excited to see how they will continue to develop and contribute as a future student chapter of Theta Tau.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shane Wibeto".

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PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

13 September 2019

Dear Brothers,

It is my pleasure to fully support this petition for chapter status from the Santa Clara University Colony of Theta Tau. They were one of my colonies while I was colony director from 2018-2019 and I performed their official visit back in May this year.

I met most of the colony members during my visit. Before we started our meeting, I told them this was a chance to ask questions and take advantage of having a national officer in town. They certainly did just that. The conversation was engaging and there was an obvious will to learn. It was clear the members cared not only about the success of the colony as a whole, but also about the success of the individuals within it. They mentioned they were cautious about taking on too many members as they wanted to be sure to keep a family feeling within the group. They showed me they understand Theta Tau is not a club, but a brotherhood.

The Santa Clara Colony has also been active in the community. For example, they have been busy around SCU's campus helping incoming students choose their major through their "Engineering Your Major" session and participating in Relay for Life. Around their local community, they've participated in multiple beach clean-ups and have spoken to middle school students about the fun that is engineering. And, with the boom in California Theta Tau chapters and colonies, they have been able to take advantage of not only going to the Western Regional Conferences, but also having local get-togethers with the groups in their area, particularly Epsilon Chapter at UC Berkeley. At the time of my visit, San Jose State University had just become a colony and they were excited to have another Theta Tau group so close (approximately 6.5 miles away).

The Santa Clara Colony has impressed me with their balance between pushing to get their charter while also making sure they are ready for it. They have worked hard to create a solid foundation for the future and their hard work was easy for me to see. They love what Theta Tau has to offer and have loved bringing it to their school. I feel confident in saying, as a chapter, they will only continue to grow and become more of an established and well respected organization both at Santa Clara and in their local community. Their members will become even stronger as brothers and more fully embrace what it means to be in this fraternity. The fraternity as a whole will benefit from having Santa Clara become a chapter.

In H&T,

Catherine Holmes, ΩΔ1
Colony Director, 2018-2019

July 14, 2019

To everyone who has made it this far,

While the journey took countless hours of work, it would be foolish to attribute our success to our hard work alone. Many individuals have had a significant impact on our colony, helping us get where we are now—the most significant of which I would like to acknowledge here.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the national officers and Theta Tau alumni that have helped guide and shape our colony into the group we are today. Thank you to the Western Regional Directors during our time as a colony, Frank Ventura, Vincent Chao and Stefan Empleo, for all the help and advice. Your constant availability and timely responses helped make our transitions go as smoothly as could be. Thank you to Alex Ma for reaching out to us and providing direction for our colony in our developmental stages. Thank you to Cathy Holmes for the valuable advice and the help with our colony's endeavors.

Thank you to the Santa Clara University School of Engineering faculty for helping us reach new heights and providing us with numerous opportunities to become an active student organization on campus. I would like to extend a very special thanks to the Director of Undergraduate Programs, Shane Wibeto and our faculty advisor, Dr. Jessica Kuczenski for helping promote our colony's growth.

Lastly, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to the founding class of the SCU Colony of Theta Tau for starting presence of Theta Tau at SCU and laying down a supportive and professional culture which undoubtedly helped develop a strong brotherhood. Your initiative, passion and contagious excitement was what first sparked my interest in this fraternity and set the initial precedent for success.

It is with great pride that I submit our petition to become a chapter. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy Lim". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Timothy Lim
Regent
Santa Clara University Colony of Theta Tau