

Chapter Petition to Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity

October 17, 2023

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Petition Statement

We, the Theta Tau Candidate Chapter of the California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, do hereby petition Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity for chapter status. The members listed in our petition have either graduated or are all active members that are attending the California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo for an undergraduate engineering degree and have no affiliation with any organization considered to be competitive with Theta Tau.



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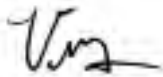
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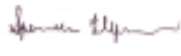
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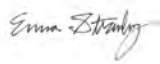
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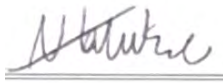
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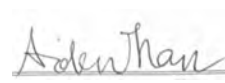
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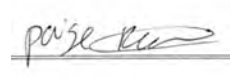
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Dear Brothers of Theta Tau,

The California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo Candidate Chapter of Theta Tau respectfully seeks chapter status from the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity. Our members have persisted through the unprecedented events faced during our time as a Candidate Chapter to not only test our strengths as an organization but also strengthen our bond as brothers. Theta Tau would greatly benefit from having a chapter at Cal Poly for several key reasons.

The California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo is considered an epicenter for innovators and our members strive to represent such a standard of excellence. Cal Poly's College of Engineering ranked the number six public university in the US for engineering by the US News & World Report college rankings. Having access to such a talented group of individuals would undoubtedly improve the quality of Theta Tau's general body. Our experiences to date have laid the groundwork for a culture of excellence that will continue long after the current members have graduated from Cal Poly.

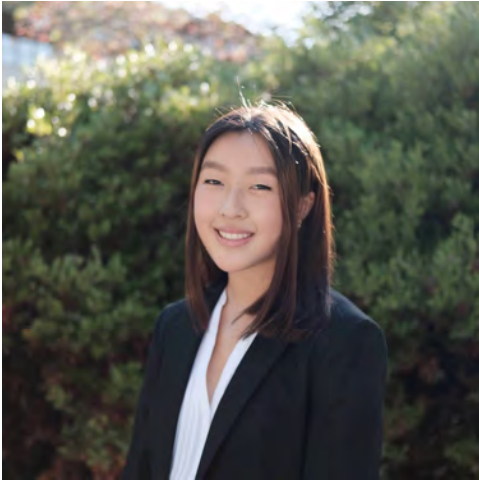
We are a diverse organization of motivated students with a strong passion for engineering and community, while also advocating for personal growth. Our progression as an organization over the last two years has tested our determination and ability to overcome unforeseen obstacles with accountability and efficiency. We have prioritized Theta Tau's pillars of brotherhood, professionalism, and service in times of hardship. We have been able to grow as an organization with the support of university faculty members, brothers of Theta Tau, and Theta Tau national officers. On behalf of the brotherhood of the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo Candidate Chapter of Theta Tau, I respectfully request advancement to chapter status with the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity. Thank you for your time as you consider our petition for chapter status.

Sincerely,



Khanhthy Le
Petition Chair
Theta Tau San Luis Obispo Candidate Chapter

Member Information



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Joined: Spring 2020

Positions Held: Regent (Apr. 2020-Mar. 2021)

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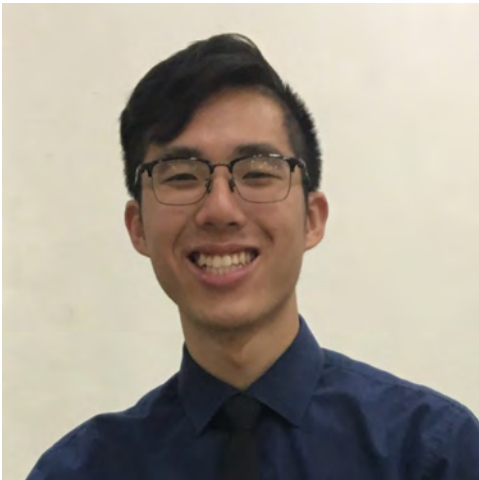
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Graduation Date: June 2023

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Positions Held: Regent (Apr. 2021-Mar. 2022)

Major: Industrial Engineering

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Joined: Spring 2020

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Graduation Date: June 2023

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Positions Held: Treasurer (Apr. 2021-Mar. 2022),

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Graduation Date: June 2023

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Graduation Date: June 2023

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Positions Held: Risk Management (Apr. 2022-Jun. 2022)

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Graduation Date: June 2023

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Positions Held: Profession Chair (Apr. 2020-Mar.
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Major: Computer Science

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Graduation Date: June 2022

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Ambassadors, Color Coded, Data Science Fellow

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Joined: Fall 2020
Positions Held: None
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Graduation Date: June 2024

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Joined: Fall 2021

Positions Held: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair (Apr. 2023-Present)

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Graduation Date: June 2024

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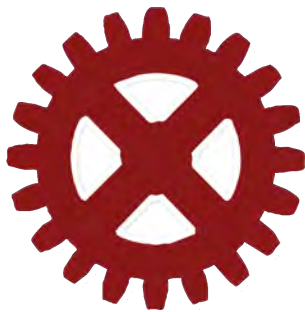
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GPA: 4.0

Graduation Date: June 2024

Extracurriculars: MDC, SWE

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Joined: Fall 2021

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Graduation Date: June 2023

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Major: Electrical Engineering at time of initiation

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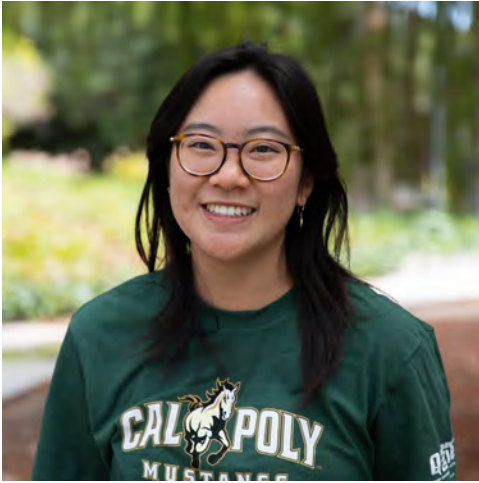
Vanessa Guzman (she/her)
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Major: Industrial Engineering

GPA: 2.3

Graduation Date: June 2025

Extracurriculars: IISE, TOK, SWE, SOC

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Graduation Date: March 2026

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Positions Held: None

Major: Mechanical Engineering

GPA: 2.7

Graduation Date: June 2026

Extracurriculars: None

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Graduation Date: June 2026

Extracurriculars: PROVE

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Major: Architectural Engineering

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Graduation Date: June 2025

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Positions Held: Risk Management (Jun. 2023-Present)

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GPA: 3.18

Graduation Date: June 2025

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Major: Biomedical Engineering

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Graduation Date: June 2026

Extracurriculars: EMPOWER, SWE

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Jodi Yamane (she/her)

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Major: Computer Science

GPA: 3.6

Graduation Date: June 2026

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Major: Biomedical Engineering

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Extracurricular Glossary

Abbreviation	Organization
α K Δ Φ	alpha Kappa Delta Phi (Asian-interest sorority)
AK Ψ	Alpha Kappa Psi (business fraternity)
AO Π	Alpha Omicron Pi (women's fraternity)
A Φ Ω	Alpha Phi Omega (service fraternity)
AIAS	American Institute of Architecture Students
ASCE	American Society of Civil Engineers
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
BEACoN	Believe, Educate & Empower, Advocate, Collaborate, Nurture
BMES	Biomedical Engineering Society
CP ASI	Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc.
CP DRC	Cal Poly Disability Resource Center
IVSLO	Cal Poly InterVarsity
CPSEC	Cal Poly Security Education Club
CIE	Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship
CSA	Chinese Student Association
CPES	Computer Engineering Society
ETOILES	Educational Technologies for Open and Interactive Learning via the Engineering of Small Spacecraft
EMPOWER	Endeavors to Move People Onward With Engineered Results
EWB	Engineers Without Borders
HKN	Eta Kappa Nu (honor society)
ISA	Indian Student Association
IISE	Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers
ITE	Institute of Transportation Engineers
IHC	Inter Housing Council
KA Θ	Kappa Alpha Theta (women's fraternity)
KASA	Korean American Student Association
MDC	Medical Design Club

MUSA	Multiracial Students' Association
NSTP	New Student Transition Program
PCE	Pilipino Cultural Exchange
PROVE	Prototype Vehicles Lab
SPT	San Luis Obispo Propulsion Technologies
SMART	Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation
SCE	Society of Civil Engineers
SHPE	Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
SWE	Society of Women Engineers
SEAOC	Structural Engineers Association of California
SOC	Systems Optimization Club
TOK	Take Out Kidz
TVSA	Thai-Vietnamese Student Association
TQSU	Trans & Queer Student Union
WISH	Women Involved in Software & Hardware

History of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

1901

1901 marked an incredibly special year for the California state education system, with the official inauguration of the California Polytechnic School in San Luis Obispo. This school was stated to be for "... young people of both sexes mental and manual training in the arts and sciences, including agriculture, mechanics, engineering, business methods, domestic economy, and other branches as will fit the students for non-professional walks of life." This eventually became Cal Poly's iconic philosophy: "Learn by Doing".

1902 - 1930

As California Polytechnic State School ("Cal Poly" was not popularized until 1927) grew, they saw the appointment of the first director Leroy Anderson. They saw the university built from the ground up, witnessing the administration building being laid onto the land along with a boys and girls dormitory. Cal Poly started its first day of classes with 20 students embarking on a three-year course of study. Throughout the years, the university continued to grow with the addition of technical courses and extracurriculars such as debate, student government, and athletics. During World War I, many students were either enlisted or participated in war relief programs. Over time new directors were appointed and a variety of new courses in engineering, agriculture, and business were created. Although Cal Poly originally intended to include female students, a legislative act passed in 1930 barred women from attending until the act was repealed seven years later.

1931 - 1955

As Cal Poly continued to grow, in 1931 the university was named the California state headquarters for the Future Farmers of America. In 1933, Julian A. McPhee was appointed president of Cal Poly. 1937 marked a momentous advancement in California's education system as the state repealed the legislation barring female students. However, Cal Poly did not enroll female students until 1956. In the next few years, various noteworthy events occurred at Cal Poly such as a visit from Amelia Earhart, a one-million-dollar donation from Charles and Jerry Voorhis, and the conferment of Cal Poly's first bachelor's degrees in 1942.

Cal Poly experienced many changes during World War II. The school served as state headquarters for the Food Production War Training Program, providing instruction to nearly 120,000 Californian farmers. The university campus also hosted a U.S. Naval Flight Preparatory School, training over 3,600 cadets which lowered civilian enrollment to just 80 students.

With the end of World War II in 1945, Cal Poly's enrollment increased to 819 students, many of whom were veterans studying under the G.I. Bill. In the next few years, Cal Poly experienced significant growth as an educational institution and began offering graduate programs. In 1949,

enrollment climbed to nearly 3,000 students, and the annual tradition of building a float for the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, California began.

1956 - 1985

The year 1956 marked an immensely important time in Cal Poly history, as female students were finally readmitted to the university. The home economics program was also reintroduced, successfully creating programs in dietetics and nutrition, family studies, child development, and textiles research. On October 29, 1960, the Cal Poly community suffered a tragic loss as 16 football players, the team's student manager, and a Cal Poly football booster died after their plane crashed in Toledo, Ohio. A few years later, Cal Poly's Computer Center was established and paved the way for Cal Poly's eventual computer science and computer engineering disciplines. In 1966, Julian A. McPhee retired after 33 years as Cal Poly's president, and the current University Union was named in his honor. Shortly after McPhee's retirement, Robert E. Kennedy was named Cal Poly's next president. The end of the 1960s saw the establishment of the School of Architecture, and the university's enrollment was raised to almost 10,000 students.

The early 1970s introduced some important changes that greatly influenced Cal Poly's future. The university's curriculum was reorganized into seven areas: the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the School of Architecture and Environmental Design, the School of Business and Social Sciences, the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities, the School of Engineering and Technology, the School of Human Development and Education, and the School of Science and Mathematics. Many of these departments laid the groundwork for the colleges at Cal Poly today. In 1972, the university's name was officially changed to the California Polytechnic State University. The next few years were a period of immense growth for the university. The architecture building and the new library were built, and the Clyde P. Fisher Science building was dedicated. Robert E. Kennedy retired as president, and Warren J. Baker was named as the new president. In 1980, the Robert E. Kennedy Library opened, and university enrollment reached over 15,000 students.

1986 - 1999

Due to the increasing number of students, the university curriculum was restructured again into seven different units: the School of Agriculture, the School of Architecture and Environmental Design, the School of Business, the School of Liberal Arts, the School of Engineering, the School of Professional Studies and Education, and the School of Science and Mathematics.

However, in 1992, the academic units were reorganized into the six colleges seen today: the College of Agriculture, the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, the College of Business, the College of Engineering, the College of Liberal Arts, and the College of Science and Mathematics.

In the subsequent years, Cal Poly underwent many changes, including the introduction of a new recreation center in the spring of 1993, followed by the Cal Poly Intercollegiate Athletic Programs advancing to NCAA Division I. In 1995, Cal Poly Aeronautical Engineering graduate Robert Gibson carried a Cal Poly banner into space while aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis. That same year, the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center was completed. Rounding out the end of the millennia, The College of Engineering's Advanced Technology Laboratory opened, becoming the first academic facility on campus to be built without state funds.

2000 - Present

In 2000, the fall quarter enrollment totaled 16,877 students. Later that year, the Paul J. Orfalea family donated \$15 million to the College of Business, and in recognition of this gift, the school was subsequently renamed the Orfalea College of Business. The following year on March 8, 2001, Cal Poly celebrated its 100th birthday. Additionally, the Unocal Corporation donated a pier in Avila Beach for the establishment of marine science education and research center. The pier belongs to the campus to this day and hosts a variety of ocean technology, marine biology, and aquaculture classes.

In 2002, Cal Poly was rated the best public undergraduate university in the west by the U.S. News and World Report for the 10th consecutive year. Furthermore, the College of Engineering ranked ninth nationwide among all engineering programs at non-doctoral schools. Aside from the three major service academies (West Point, Annapolis, and the Air Force Academy), Cal Poly was the highest-rated public institution in the engineering category.

In 2006, the 1960 Cal Poly Mustang football team was inducted into the Cal Poly Athletics Hall of Fame in remembrance of the 18 individuals who perished in the plane crash. Additionally, Mustang Memorial Plaza was officially dedicated at Alex G. Spanos Stadium. Later that year, 1959 graduate John Madden was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. In the fall of 2006, the Bonderson Projects Center opened, followed by Engineering IV in the winter of 2007. In 2010, President Warren J. Baker retired after decades of service and was succeeded by the current President, Jeffrey D. Armstrong. In the fall of 2013, the Warren J. Baker Center for Science and Mathematics was completed and currently stands as the tallest building on campus. Amidst the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cal Poly Recreation Center was converted into an alternative care site for COVID-19 patients with a 500+ person bed capacity to relieve the San Luis Obispo County hospital overcrowding.

History of the College of Engineering

For the 27th consecutive year, Cal Poly has been named the best public masters-level university, as well as the eighth-best undergraduate engineering program in the West according to the U.S. News. The College of Engineering offers 14 ABET-accredited Bachelor's degrees and 11 Master's degrees. Some unique majors at the university include bioresource, agricultural, industrial, manufacturing, materials, and software engineering. In addition, Cal Poly is one of the few universities to offer a Master's degree in fire protection engineering.

As of 2018, According to Cal Poly's 2022 Fall census, the College of Engineering comprises 6,002 undergraduate students, which accounts for 28.6% of the undergraduate student body. The College of Engineering has awarded the most Bachelor's Degrees among the Cal Poly colleges in the 2021-2022 academic year, with the number of degrees awarded being 1,234 of the 4,957 total degrees awarded (24.9%).

Cal Poly's 2020-2021 Graduate Status Report notes that 85% of 5,901 CENG graduates are working full-time post-grad, with 98% of graduates finding jobs related to their major. The starting median salary of College of Engineering alumni is \$78,900 and top employers include Amazon, Apple, Microsoft, Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, and Workday. There are a total of 247 faculty members in the College of Engineering who dedicate time to students and work tirelessly to expand their knowledge in the disciplines of engineering. Cal Poly's campus includes over 80 state-of-the-art laboratories that offer vast opportunities for hands-on learning and research.

Notable alumni who played a significant role in contributing to the growth of science and technology include Michael Alsbury and Peter Siebold, who were commercial astronauts and Virgin Galactic test pilots. Other astronauts who studied at Cal Poly include Greg Chamitoff, Frederick W. Sturckow, Robert L. Gibson, and Burt Rutan who took part in designing both the SpaceShipOne and Rutan Voyager. Mark Lucovsky, who was a software architect, was also part of the team that designed Windows NT. Kyle Wiens was the co-founder of iFixit, a company that provides free repair manuals for various technological devices. Joel Flory co-founded the popular photo-sharing platform, VSCO. Notable alumni include Alison Murray, who was a biochemist and Antarctic researcher, and Kristen Maitland, who was an optical scientist and a member of the Society of Photographic Instrumentation Engineers.

History of the Cal Poly SLO Candidate Chapter

The Cal Poly SLO Candidate Chapter has taken great strides in transitioning its operations from fully virtual to fully in-person since its progression from an interest group to a candidate chapter in the Fall of 2021. With the interest group forming in May 2020 to an unprecedented advancement towards Candidate Chapter status in November 2020, growth is the only mindset that the chapter holds.

The SLO Candidate Chapter strives to host at least three events for each of the professional development, service, and brotherhood pillars per quarter. The evolution of the fraternity to accommodate university and local health regulations has shown to be a challenge, but nevertheless an opportunity to gain experience and adapt. The majority of events hosted by the candidate chapter have been through a virtual setting, but that does not mean that they are insignificant. Some notable events pertaining to the growth of this candidate chapter have been highlighted in this petition and there are only more to come.

Recruitment and New Member Education

Fall 2021 Recruitment



Fall 2021 Recruitment was the candidate chapter's largest event, with 75+ potential new members in attendance daily over a span of five days. The recruitment week was the first public, in-person event hosted by the candidate chapter and active members were able to interact with those interested in learning more about Cal Poly's first and only coeducational professional engineering fraternity. The Brotherhood Barbecue concluded our recruitment week where active

members were able to socialize and answer any questions that potential new members had, as well as hear personal testimonies on their experience in the fraternity.

Fall 2021 Beta Class Big/Little Reveal



The candidate chapter was able to offer 11 bids during Fall 2021 recruitment, with all bids being accepted. The big-little reveal event occurred at a local park where new members were revealed who their new mentor would be. The event would later become a tradition for revealing mentorship pairings within the organization. The event itself served its purpose to allow new members to get closer to the active house in addition to the surprise element.

Cal Poly Open House 2022

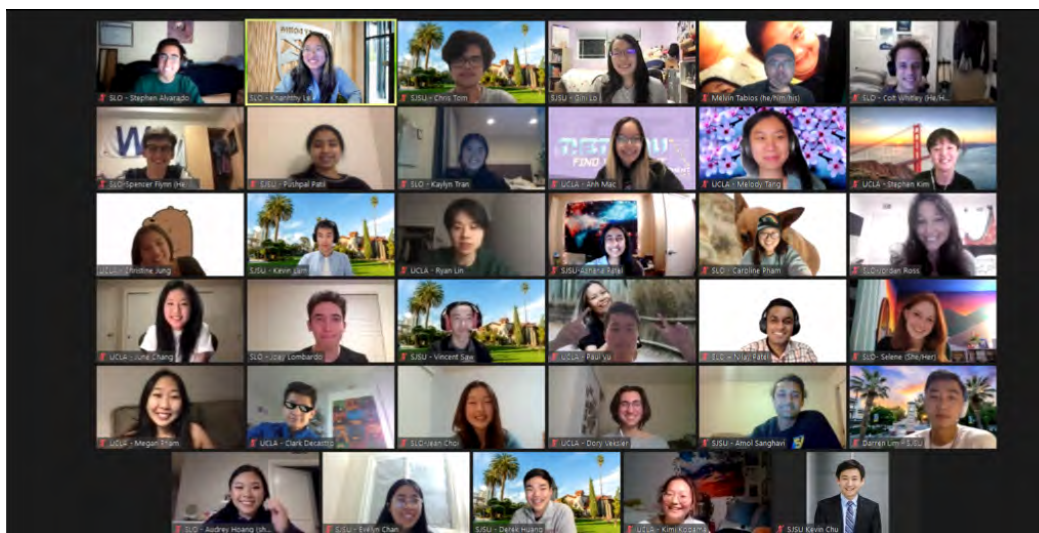


Cal Poly's annual Open House weekend invites over 17,000 accepted students and their families to spend the weekend in San Luis Obispo to learn more about the university. Of those 17,000 prospective new students, roughly 4,000 are admitted into the College of Engineering. At our Open House Club/Organization showcase, some members of the candidate chapter created a game where the objective is to pass a metal ring through a metal obstacle. When the metal ring touches the metal obstacle, a buzzer goes off indicating that the player loses.

Open House was an enormous success, with the metal ring/buzzer game being a crowd-pleaser. The candidate chapter was also able to table with the same game at the San Luis Obispo Farmers Market. Prospective students were able to learn more about Theta Tau in San Luis Obispo, and Theta Tau as a national professional engineering fraternity as a whole.

Brotherhood

UCLA UA Chapter x SJSU Candidate Chapter Interchapter Event: Game Night



This three-way brotherhood event with the San Jose State University Candidate Chapter and the University of California, Los Angeles Upsilon Delta Chapter was one of our largest, in terms of interchapter involvement. It was an eye-opening experience listening to what a long-established candidate chapter of Theta Tau, such as SJSU, was up to, as well as hearing about the history of UCLA's chapter. Amidst a pandemic, this interchapter event was one of the SLO Candidate Chapter's first events as a candidate chapter and it allowed brothers from across California to meet virtually, play fun games, as well as learn about how Theta Tau has shaped their lives.

UCSB ΣE Chapter Interchapter Event: Sports Day



The candidate chapter is so grateful to have the University of California, Santa Barbara Sigma Epsilon Chapter just a drive away. As the first interchapter event hosted in person, this event marked a milestone for the candidate chapter. The brothers of the Sigma Epsilon Chapter hosted a sports day that included spike ball, volleyball, and basketball. The candidate chapter was also able to drive down to sunny Santa Barbara and make lifelong connections, all while learning more about the history of the Sigma Epsilon Chapter and the advice they had for the candidate chapter moving forward.

Cal Poly Alpha Omega Epsilon BI Chapter: Virtual Game Night



The candidate chapter had a game night with Alpha Omega Epsilon Beta Iota Chapter, Cal Poly's only professional and social engineering sorority. Members of the SLO Candidate Chapter and AOE got to know each other through virtual icebreakers and interactive team bonding games. AOE was the candidate chapter's first interaction with another professional Greek organization on campus and has paved the way for future cooperative professional development, social, and service events.

Cal Poly Sigma Phi Delta BN Chapter: Social



The candidate chapter had a casino-themed game night with Sigma Phi Delta Beta Nu Chapter, Cal Poly's only professional and social engineering fraternity. The brothers of Sigma Phi Delta warmly welcomed the candidate chapter for a night of socialization and introduction. The SLO candidate chapter is one of Cal Poly's newest professional engineering fraternities. The bonds made with other professional Greek organizations were crucial in the growth of the candidate chapter. The brothers of Sigma Phi Delta openly shared their experiences being a part of the fraternity and the experience overall allowed attendees to reflect on how Theta Tau can form connections to other engineering organizations.

Internal Brotherhood Events

Every event is a brotherhood event, however, the brotherhood committee has sought tirelessly to strengthen the bonds between Actives, especially since many brothers have had their first encounters with each other over Zoom. Some opportunities to strengthen the brotherhood that the candidate chapter has had include forming intramural volleyball teams, hosting karaoke nights, and going out to relax at the Sycamore Springs hot springs.

Brotherhood Fishbowls



Cal Poly SLO's Kennedy Library features rooms with glass walls, known as "fishbowls". The candidate chapter reserves these rooms for studying between actives and new members as a time to socialize while also keeping academics a priority.

Service

Spring Annual Philanthropy Banquet: Casino Royale 2022



With an original mission of hosting a Philanthropy Banquet in support of Habitats for Humanity, the candidate chapter organized a formal, banquet-style event open to the university. Although the resources to host a Habitat for Humanity event were not available, the Philanthropy Banquet has become an annual event that the service committee works tirelessly planning year-round. The goal of the Philanthropy Banquet was to host a night where brothers and their friends, family, or loved ones could come together to learn about a common cause, all while having a night of formality and fun. Paper plate awards, catered dinners, photo booths, and live music were all that made the 2022 Spring Philanthropy Banquet, Casino Royale, so memorable.

Community service is a major pillar of the candidate chapter, such that before the initiation of each new member class, the new member class must organize a community service event open to the university and the fraternity. On top of these events, the candidate chapter has participated in supporting local businesses in San Luis Obispo such as the Growing Grounds nursery and canned food drives. Other events that the candidate chapter has hosted or volunteered for include Spartan Race, ZSL Instant Wild, a Covid-19 Fundraiser for India Bingo Card, an AAPI resource collection, and a Brotherhood x Service Beach Clean-up & Bonfire.

General Meetings



The candidate chapter meets at 8:00 PM every Monday at Cal Poly's Engineering IV building to discuss a weekly agenda that includes positional updates, bylaw revisions, chapter bonding, an open forum, and occasionally workshops or presentations. Chapter meetings are also broadcast via Zoom for those unable to attend in person and a follow-up newsletter with the posted slide deck is sent out the following night.

Professional Development Workshops



Professional development is a crucial pillar of the candidate chapter and Cal Poly's College of Engineering does not fall short of that mission. According to the Graduate Status Report, 85% of College of Engineering graduates reported working full-time with an offer right after college, with 98% finding a job within their major. To truly emphasize professional development, the candidate chapter has held preparation workshops on tackling resumes, career fairs, personal finance, mock interviews, and project portfolios. Above all, past Professional Development Chairs have hosted virtual professional development office hours for brothers who cannot make the professional development events due to time conflicts.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Events

The SLO Candidate Chapter has hosted various diversity, equity, and inclusion events to promote an inclusive culture by allowing its members to recognize privilege. Some events that have been held include multiple DEI x Brotherhood Cross Cultural Potlucks and workshops/presentations on pronouns and inclusive language, mental health and resources, Denim Day, AAPI Heritage, and Cinco De Mayo.

These presentations and workshops are held at the end of General Meetings where most brothers are present to ensure that information is shared with the largest body of people. Each presentation and workshop is also led by members of the fraternity and is reviewed by an appointed board officer before being distributed to the active body.

Organizational Oversight

The SLO Candidate Chapter is overseen by the Clubs and Organizations Office, which is a department within Cal Poly Student Affairs. Cal Poly Student Affairs manages and officially recognizes student clubs and organizations, working with Cal Poly Associated Students, Incorporated to administer support and services to student organizations.

Faculty Advisor, Dr. John Chen

A faculty advisor is necessary for sponsorship when forming a student-run organization. Faculty member, Dr. John Chen has been pivotal to the SLO Candidate Chapter, having been the faculty advisor since the organization was an interest group. Dr. John Chen's active involvement in the SLO Candidate Chapter's decision-making process, as well as his professional guidance, has ensured that the SLO Candidate Chapter exhibits organizational efficiency.

Dr. John Chen received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering degree from the University of Virginia, and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering degrees from Stanford University. Dr. John Chen currently teaches in the Cal Poly Mechanical Engineering department, which he joined in 2008. Before his experience at Cal Poly, he had taught as an Associate Professor for the Mechanical Engineering department at Rowan University for 10 years. He has research interests in applied heat transfer, nondestructive evaluation and inspection, and combustion.

Financial Organization

Electing & Transitioning a Treasurer

Financial transparency and responsibility is a crucial pillar of the SLO Candidate Chapter's organization. A Treasurer is elected during the election period in March of every year, with the person elected holding the position for until the next election cycle. The person elected Treasurer must be one that the Candidate Chapter can trust, and also someone who exemplifies great organization and communication. The Treasurer is transitioned by the previous Treasurer from March until June. The previous Treasurer and previous Regent are removed from the Candidate Chapter's bank account during this transitional period. This bank account is hosted through Chase bank, primarily at a branch in San Luis Obispo. The bank account has two account holders, the Treasurer and the President, to ensure checks and balances.

Managing & Maintaining Funds

Funds coming into the Candidate Chapter consists of money fundraised and membership dues to be collected. The Candidate Chapter's fundraising committee keeps track of the amount of money raised and reports this amount to the Treasurer. Member dues are collected via Zelle and directly paid to the Candidate Chapter's Chase bank account. The Treasurer then uses the collected amount and pays the invoice on the CMT using the business debit card. The Treasurer has access to Chase bank's online banking feature to manage money coming in and out, as well as has the Regent as an auditor for checks and balances.

Committees determine a budget at the beginning of each academic quarter and that budget determines the member dues for the quarter. These budgets include an estimate of how much certain events will cost throughout the quarter and are itemized. The Treasurer is responsible for ensuring that when administering reimbursements, the reimbursed amount falls within the budget. If for any reason the amount exceeds the budget, this amount will be budgeted for the following quarter. Dues are to be collected once a budget is established and there are payment plans available for members who can not pay for the dues all at once.

Reimbursements

Reimbursements for pillar events require committee heads to have itemized receipts and justification for their purchase. Financial transparency is exhibited by weekly reports at the Candidate Chapter's general meetings with the current cash amount as well as a breakdown of any expenses made in that week. All expenses are also then recorded on an Excel sheet that only the Regent and the Treasurer have editing access to, however, all members are able to view it.

Current Balance Sheet

A balance sheet for the Candidate Chapter (as of October 2023) is shown below.

Assets		Liabilities	
Current Assets	\$5,067.93	Credit Card	\$0.00
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00		
		Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Fixed Assets	\$0.00		
Total Assets	\$5,067.93		

Statement of Intention

The California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo Candidate Chapter of Theta Tau intends to maintain a headquarters for the group to conduct business meetings at the following address:

1 Grand Ave, Building 192
San Luis Obispo, CA 93410

The candidate chapter has also chosen a secure location to store member property:

1 Grand Ave, Building 197
San Luis Obispo, CA 93410

The long-term mailing address for the candidate chapter is located at the following address:

71 Rafael Dr.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Closing Statement

We believe this petition serves as proof that the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo Candidate Chapter of Theta Tau would benefit Theta Tau as an officially recognized chapter of Theta Tau. Through our dedication to the three pillars of profession, service, and brotherhood, we have created a truly unique environment where engineers from all walks of life can come to better themselves. We have hosted upwards of forty events related to these pillars and countless other informal events have been organized by our members to help those around them in whatever capacity they can.

Our candidate chapter consists of a diverse group of individuals who possess incredible talents and skills that contribute to the overall excellence of our group. The culture that we have created has made it possible for anyone to come into our community and contribute in a way that only they can. We have created a solid foundation that future members can build upon to bring our candidate chapter to prominent levels of distinction on our university's campus and beyond.

Letters of Recommendation



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23 November 2022

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this in support of the petition by the candidate chapter of Theta Tau at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, to become a nationally recognized chapter of Theta Tau.

Since May 2020 – and I emphasize that this was during the early stage of the global Coronavirus pandemic – the students at Cal Poly have been working hard to build and sustain this professional association. As their faculty advisor from the beginning, I can say without reservation that the student members, especially the various officers that have served Theta Tau, have been working extremely hard toward gaining recognition as a full member chapter. Among all their achievements, which are detailed in the petition, I want to highlight the following:

- The student officers have done an admirable job in building the membership, especially given the challenges during the early stage of the pandemic.
- Successful transition of the chapter's functioning from remote/online to in-person.
- An extraordinary retention rate of its membership of 99%.
- The offering of a wide variety of events to serve the student populations, including events with other campus chapters.
- A diverse membership that widely represents the cultures and experiences of Cal Poly's student populations and the various departments within Cal Poly's College of Engineering.

In summary, I believe the students' petition clearly demonstrates the candidate chapter's achievements toward the goals of professional development, service and brotherhood. I hope you agree that these students have overcome many challenges and achieved great outcomes, and that they hold promise for future accomplishments as well.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have further questions about this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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June 2022

Dear Brothers,

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

I make this recommendation based on my chapter's relationship and continuous interactions with the brothers of the SLO Candidate Chapter. They have done well to grow and improve in all aspects that we look for in chapters of Theta Tau, which asserts that they are ready for chapter status. It can be seen from early interactions that each of the members exhibit brotherhood qualities and a passion for Theta Tau. This has allowed the SLO Candidate Chapter to achieve 99% retention rate over the course of initiating 3 classes (throughout the pandemic and transition back to in-person) and continuously grow to now reach 50+ members. Their member composition consists of people from diversified cultures, backgrounds and experiences, including having members in almost every major within Cal Poly's College of engineering.

The candidate chapter's presence on campus and in the SLO community is a positive one. Their influence on the engineering student body cannot be understated, and they bring with them a strong potential to uphold Theta Tau's name. Their impact can be seen through their service events, professionalism events, and events in partnership with other engineering organizations on campus. The SLO Candidate Chapter has also made an effort to attend events with other candidate chapters as well as other chapters. They have even taken the initiative to reach out to us personally and host a brotherhood event to promote inter-chapter unity, which is how our brothers at Upsilon Delta chapter were able to meet them. I am confident that they will continue to strive to exceed expectations and to continue to do more for their community.

Since being one of the first interest groups over the pandemic to become a candidate chapter, I am continually impressed by the SLO Candidate Chapter's devotion to Theta Tau and all for which it stands. Through strategic planning and transitioning from an online to in-person format, they have demonstrated their commitment to Theta Tau and their potential for long-term growth. In the short time that they have been a candidate chapter, they have proven that they have the necessary tools and drive required to be a chapter of Theta Tau. There is no doubt I have that they would make an excellent chapter and a worthy addition to our Fraternity.

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

In H&T,

Pranav Pata
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THETA TAU

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

Founded 1904

May 15, 2023

Dear Brothers:

I write to you today to provide my endorsement of the California Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo Candidate Chapter of Theta Tau and to ask for your vote to award them a charter.

Cal Poly SLO's CC was born during COVID, a trying time for our organization as much as any. The CC was certified in an online ceremony, and their nascent days were spent organizing as a group of Theta Tau while attending what we have come to know as Zoom U. In a new reality where so many chapters, CCs, and other groups foundered, SLO CC thrived in both membership and brotherhood. Not only that, their dedication to creating a new student group grew even stronger following the transition to in-person learning and on-campus events. Now, three years on, they are a healthy organization with a proven track record and are living our values and ideals. Their group serves as an example of cooperation and shared responsibility, and my interactions with them have always been pleasant and professional. Stefan Empleo conducted their official visit and both his report and my conversations with him afterward give every indication that this group would make an excellent chapter of our fraternity. Additionally, Jim Gaffney recently paid them a social visit and confirmed our belief in them as people and in the group as a whole.

Cal Poly is an excellent school, and those who have joined our candidate chapter there are excellent people. Rhett Livengood and I fully support this group in its goal to become a chapter of Theta Tau, and we hope to see you in San Luis Obispo for an installation in the coming days.

In H and T,

Dan Jensen
Candidate Chapter Director

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Letter of Thanks

We'd like to take this time to thank some individuals who were pivotal in the development of our candidate chapter. To begin with, we'd like to thank Dan Jensen and Rhett Livengood who have served as mentors to us throughout this entire process. Without their guidance, our candidate chapter would not be as organized or exemplary as it is today. They answered any and all questions that we had and treated us with respect as we grew and learned. Next, we'd like to thank our advisor, Dr. John Chen. His support and encouragement never wavered and his leadership gave us an example of what our members should strive for. Finally, we'd like to thank the entire engineering community at Cal Poly. We wouldn't be able to have such an amazing group of individuals if it weren't for the environment that has been created by the College of Engineering. Our members settle for nothing but the best and our university plays a large role in that mindset. For all those that weren't mentioned above but contributed to the development of our candidate chapter, thank you. We couldn't have done it without you.



THETA TAU

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October 31, 2023

Mr. Grand Regent,

When Jean Choi, the original interest group leader at Cal Poly, reached out to the Central Office in February 2020, I was still trying to get my feet under me in my new role, so it took me almost a month to schedule a call with her. When we did finally speak, on March 10, 2020, we were both blithely unaware of the calamity that was about to befall society, so we spoke about in-person recruitment and planned to speak again in a few weeks once she recruited the requisite twelve members.

Then there was a literal plague, so I, frankly, never expected to hear from her again. I was, thusly, surprised, when she emailed me in April to tell me she had found, not just twelve, but twenty other members.

Brother Xander White and I held a kick-off call with the group on Sunday, May 10, 2020 (I believe I was broadcasting from my kitchen, thanks to the pandemic) and we walked them through the initial steps to become an interest group. Again, we expected to hear back in some weeks. Instead, we heard back *later that day* when they sent us their full list of officers. The following Friday they emailed us bylaws. On July 18, they sent us a petition for certificate.

Because it is customary to actually *meet* with a group before giving them a certificate and extending insurance coverage, I drove down the coast from San Francisco and met with representatives of the interest group in early September. And because of social distancing, we met on a bench in a field.

To say that this group has overcome generation-defining obstacles to find success would be an understatement. They represent, in my opinion, the best of Theta Tau and I cannot wait to see what they accomplish next.

It is my pleasure to offer my enthusiastic and unreserved endorsement of the Petition for Charter of the Candidate Chapter at the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Fraternally,

Jim Gaffney
Executive Director

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