

Theta Tau

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas

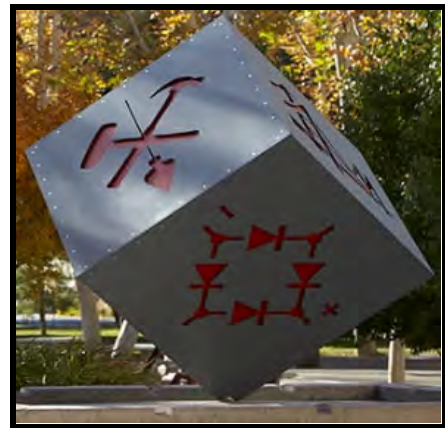


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Cover Letter

UNLV Theta Tau Candidate Chapter
November 3, 2023

Dear Brothers of Theta Tau,

On behalf of the aspiring members of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Candidate Chapter, I am writing to express our sincere interest in becoming a full-fledged chapter of Theta Tau Fraternity. Our journey thus far has been a testament to our dedication, commitment, and the potential to contribute significantly to the continued success and growth of Theta Tau as a whole.

The UNLV Candidate Chapter has been driven by a shared vision to create a vibrant and impactful presence within our campus community, as well as the greater Las Vegas area. With our Candidate Chapter starting out during the pandemic, we believe that our chapter has shown its ability to not just survive but thrive by making it through and growing during one of the hardest times for an organization like ours. By establishing a presence in Las Vegas, we aim to foster a stronger sense of unity and collaboration among Theta Tau chapters throughout the region.

As we strive to achieve full chapter status, we are committed to upholding the core values and ideals that Theta Tau represents: brotherhood, professionalism, and service. Our chapter's formation would not only offer UNLV students a platform to develop their leadership skills, cultivate lasting friendships, and engage in meaningful community service projects, but it would also enhance Theta Tau's national reputation by expanding into southern Nevada and solidifying Theta Tau in the state of Nevada.

In conclusion, we respectfully request your consideration of our application for full chapter status. The UNLV Candidate Chapter is poised to become a valuable asset to the Theta Tau community, by bolstering Theta Tau in the greater Nevada region thereby strengthening Theta Tau as a whole.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and unwavering dedication to Theta Tau. We look forward to the possibility of becoming an integral part of the fraternity's esteemed tradition.

Sincerely,



Ryan K. Huppert Jr.
Regent
Theta Tau Candidate Chapter at UNLV

Petition Statement

We, the members of The University of Nevada, Las Vegas Candidate Chapter of Theta Tau do hereby petition the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity for Chapter status.



We, the undersigned, are all either currently enrolled, alumni, or faculty in the College of Engineering at The University of Nevada, Las Vegas and have no affiliation with any organization considered to be competitive with Theta Tau.

	
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Brennan Berti	Eithan Maler

	
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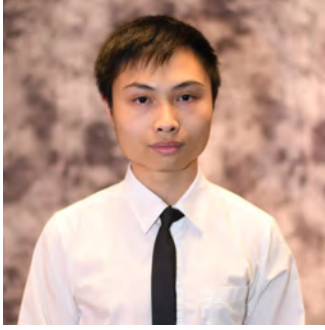
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Degree: BSE

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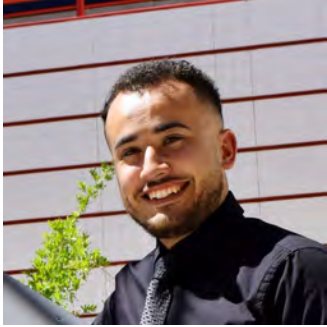



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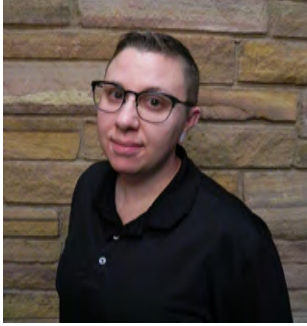
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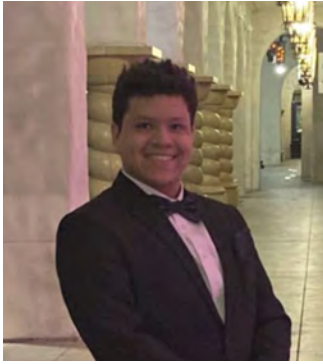
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History of UNLV



From Pioneer Outpost to Academic Powerhouse

Since its first classes were held in 1957, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), has undergone an amazing transformation — from a dusty outpost on the south edge of town to a thriving urban research institution. Along the way, thanks to its innovative frontier spirit, UNLV has kept pace with one of the country's fastest-growing and most enterprising cities.

The Early Years

The university's origins were humble indeed. In 1951, when the post-war boom had swollen Las Vegas' metropolitan population to more than 50,000, the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), established an extension program. Twenty-eight students began meeting for classes in the dressing rooms of Las Vegas High School's auditorium. In 1954, the Nevada Board of Regents founded the Southern Regional Division of the University of Nevada, popularly known as Nevada Southern. Students adopted the Rebel name and mascot to reflect their desire to break free from UNR. After Las Vegas residents exerted pressure, the regents decided to acquire land for a campus, finally selecting an 80-acre parcel along the two-lane dirt road known as Maryland Parkway.

On September 10, 1957, the first classes were held on campus in a new 13,000-square-foot building, later named for Maude Frazier, a state assemblywoman and founding force behind Nevada Southern. A year later, the school received accreditation from the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools. To serve the growing enrollment, buildings went up in a flurry of construction, including a physical education and health center, a science and technology building, a classroom building named for regent Archie C. Grant, and the James R. Dickinson Library, named for the first director of the extension program.

Winning Independence

Despite its expansion, Nevada Southern remained under the University of Nevada, Reno's control. In fact, university officials required students to spend a semester in Reno before graduating. After fighting to become a degree-granting institution, Nevada Southern held its first commencement in 1964, graduating 29 students as the "Centennial Class" in honor of Nevada's 100th anniversary as a state. The next year, the school became Nevada Southern University, with its own curriculum. Donald Moyer served as its first chancellor and then became its first president in 1968, when the university finally won its autonomy under the state's higher-education system, giving it equal status to UNR.

In 1969, with the board of regents' approval, the university adopted its current name. By the following year, as Las Vegas' metropolitan population reached 275,000, UNLV enrolled more than 5,500 students. During the 1977-78 academic year, UNLV surpassed UNR in total enrollment.

Gathering Momentum

Over the next three decades, UNLV continued this heady rate of development—erecting more than 100 buildings, developing dozens of graduate programs, creating partnerships with the community, fielding nationally ranked sports teams, founding an alumni association, promoting scholarship, establishing a fundraising foundation, and recruiting diverse and talented students from across the country.

History of UNLV Engineering

Engineering at UNLV has come a long way since 1957, when Herb Wells, a local mining engineer, began part-time instruction. In 1961, he offered 80 students courses that could lead to enrollment in the bachelor's program at the University of Nevada, Reno. Local growth led to the establishment of UNLV's School of Engineering in 1976, which was housed within the College of Science.



Pictured Above: Thomas Beam Engineering Complex (TBE)

Rapid Expansion

The next two decades were a period of rapid expansion for the school. In 1984, the University of Nevada Board of Regents approved separate bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering, computer science, electrical engineering, and mechanical engineering (Aerospace Studies/Air Force ROTC was established in 2004).

William Wells became the first director of the School of Engineering in 1986, and a year later, all eligible engineering programs had received accreditation through the National Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology.

In 1988, the School of Engineering separated from the College of Sciences to form the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering, named for one of the most innovative aviators and engineers of the 20th century and a central figure in the growth of Las Vegas. Dr. Wells became the college's founding dean. The next year saw the completion of the Thomas T. Beam Engineering Complex, where for the first time the college's programs were consolidated into a single, multidisciplinary space.

Enhancing Research

In 1990, the \$10 million National Supercomputing Institute for Energy and the Environment took up residence in the engineering complex, enhancing the ability of engineering and computer science faculty to conduct numerical research. Civil engineering became the inaugural engineering doctoral program approved by the Board of Regents and marked the growth of research and advanced degree programs at the university.

The next year, doctoral programs became available in all four academic departments of the College of Engineering. Currently, the college offers several master's degrees in aerospace, biomedical, construction management, materials & nuclear, and transportation engineering, in addition to those

offered in the traditional areas (civil & environmental, computer science, electrical & computer, and mechanical).

Research within the college was boosted in 2009 by the opening of the brand new Science and Engineering Building (SEB), which provides faculty and students with expanded opportunities for multidisciplinary research using state-of-the-art equipment.



Pictured Above: Science and Engineering Building (SEB)

The college is especially proud of its faculty, some of whom have received national recognition — fellows of their respective professional organizations and national/international awards in recognition of their contribution to specific areas of research – while others exhibit great potential in many areas including biomedical, environmental, renewable energy, security, and transportation engineering. Their achievements are reflected in the external funding they have received from federal and state agencies, as well as private industries.

Rising Enrollment

The inauguration of the Advanced Engineering Building marks a significant milestone in UNLV's response to the surging demand for engineering education. This strategic endeavor not only reaffirms UNLV's unwavering commitment to accommodating the rapid growth in engineering enrollment but also plays a pivotal role in nurturing a highly skilled



Picture Above: Advanced Engineering Building (AEB)

workforce critical to Nevada's economic prosperity. With the College of Engineering standing out as the fastest-growing college at UNLV, it becomes evident that engineering disciplines are at the forefront of in-demand career opportunities in Nevada. Notably, the institution has witnessed an impressive 75% upswing in undergraduate enrollment since 2009, underscoring the strong appeal of engineering programs and highlighting the pressing need for cutting-edge facilities, such as the Advanced Engineering Building, to support this remarkable expansion.

History of Our Chapter

One of our co-founding members Alira Coffman used to go to UNR before she transferred to the rival school, UNLV. While in Reno, Alira met a lot of great people, including the UNR Theta Tau Chapter (Rho Delta Chapter). There she found a brotherhood that welcomed her, but that she would have to leave behind without officially becoming a part of it. During her first semester, Alira met other engineering students and told them about her Theta Tau experience, and it was decided: they were going to email nationals. During October 2018, we got into contact with nationals and started our first steps at becoming recognized. Getting students was proving to be more challenging than expected due to our university being a commuter college. It was during this time our second co-founding member, Tanner Tindall came to support this idea.

Tanner Tindall is the type of individual that easily attracts people to what he is passionate about. He got other people on board, we were able to get University Recognition and a functioning group that could really attract interest. As we start to formalize and get further along in this process, we have started to form traditions. One main tradition is Spaghetti Night.



Everyone came together for dinner and video games. We started to learn more about each other, beyond just our majors that we shared. By now, everyone knew each other's names and where they were from, but they also had started to become friends. People who may not have had classes together started planning hangouts, people were getting excited about our next events and we started to attract more people to join our Chapter.



Then the pandemic hit at the peak of our growth making the future of our chapter uncertain. We were only able to gain one member during this time due to the lockdowns and the inability to reach out to prospective members in person. This happening right after our first year as a candidate chapter was nerve racking and should have insured our failure as a chapter. Many of the founding members of our chapter had graduated or moved on to other things. Leaving only a few members to rebuild and grow this chapter back to what it needed to be, and they did.

The semester after the pandemic we hit the ground running, recruited in any way possible going into classrooms and tabling in high traffic areas. Through the leadership of Brennan Berti we were able to gain a few new members and learned the best way to recruit members into the chapter. Through the next semester we gained a few more members and were able to create a strategy for recruitment.



The last two semesters of learning the best ways to recruit help us develop a plan on how we were going to rebuild and grow the chapter. This plan was then put into motion by Matthew Howard and Devan Henriott in their time as regent. In the next two semesters we were able to double the number of members we had from eight to sixteen by using the strategies we had built over the last two semesters. This was the first semester we were able to apply for funding from the university and we were granted over one

thousand dollars for the 2022-2023 year. We also hosted a karaoke event with our fellow Nevada chapter, UNR Theta Tau Chapter (Rho Delta Chapter), that fall break.



This semester so far we have gained seven PNM's and are hoping to keep the upward trend of the last three semesters. We have already had several events including the founders day celebration where five out of the seven PNM's attended. Through all of the trials and road blocks we have faced as a chapter we have made it to petitioning for full chapter status and the future of Theta Tau at UNLV is looking bright.



Advisor Biography

I was born on June 16, 1986 in Woonsocket, RI to Hungarian immigrants. At age 5, I went back to the old country where I spent 9 months living with my maternal family. I became fluent in the Hungarian language at this point but returned to Warwick, RI where I needed to re-learn the English language while taking ESL classes. I went to a catholic school until I was 10 years old. My parents and I moved to Las Vegas, NV soon after I turned 10 years old.

I spent most of my life in Las Vegas, in my 3rd year of high school, I was fortunate enough to take a computer science course. I always enjoyed math classes, I was in AP calculus for my last two years of high school which is why I was recommended to take a computer science class since it goes hand in hand with math. This propelled me to major in computer science in the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV).

I began my undergraduate studies in the fall of 2005 and completed my BS in computer science in the spring of 2009. In the fall of 2009, I began my graduate studies in computer science. I completed my MS in the spring 2011 with a thesis titled Shop Problems in Scheduling. In the fall of 2011, I started my doctoral studies in computer science. I first began as a research assistant for one semester. I took some time off and pursued work in industry working in various start up companies. One of them involved a website for social ecommerce and the other was a company where we would develop a platform on the web to control drones. Eventually, I was offered a graduate teaching position at UNLV. While being a TA that involved being a grader and teaching classes occasionally, I found my interest in becoming a teacher.

My PhD advisor and I went to Japan on two occasions working on research in renewable energy research in July 2014 and then again in January 2015. I became a visiting professor at UNLV in Fall 2016, before defending my PhD Thesis titled Competitive Power Down Methods in Green Computing. In Fall 2020, I was promoted to assistant professor.

Dr. James Andro-Vasko

Assistant Professor-In-Residence UNLV

Department of Computer Science

Howard Hughes College of Engineering

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Advisor Professional Information

James Andro-Vasko

PhD	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Dec 2017
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MS	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	May 2011
	Thesis: “Shop Problems In Scheduling” Advisor: Dr. Wolfgang Bein	
BS	University of Nevada, Las Vegas - Computer Science	May 2009

Professional Affiliations

Association for Computing Machinery, 2013-Present

- Faculty Advisor for UNLV student chapter
- Managed coding teams for annual competition in Southern California Regional Contest
- Theta Tau, 2019-Present
- Faculty Advisor for Theta Tau Student Organization

Professional Service

Peer-Reviewed Articles for:

- ITNG Conference
- COCOA Conference

Financial Organization

Management of Finances

The Treasurer is responsible for keeping financial records, internal budgeting for committees, reimbursements, and tracking member dues. The Treasurer is also primarily in charge of communicating with UNLV's student government and creating and maintaining a budget for any funding they may provide to the chapter as a Registered Student Organization of UNLV. UNLV Theta Tau has its own checking and savings account with Bank of America that is separate from any one person. The Treasurer is the primary contact for the bank, while the Regent is the secondary contact. We are currently charging active members a lump sum of \$150 per semester, or \$50 a month for three months. PNMs are charged \$100 for their initial semester.

Current Balance Sheet

Semester	Income	Expenses	Balance
Spring 2023	\$4,182.24	\$3,553.38	\$1,130.85
Fall 2022	\$1,065.00	\$1,186.79	\$501.99
Spring 2022	\$2,902.58	\$3,185.78	\$623.78
Fall 2021	\$1,330.00	\$1,211.23	\$906.98
Spring 2021	\$2,550.00	\$1,926.59	\$788.21
Fall 2020	\$500.00	\$335.20	\$164.80

Statement of Intention

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas Candidate Chapter of Theta Tau intends to maintain a headquarters for the group to conduct business meeting at the following address:

4505 S. Maryland Pkwy. Las Vegas, NV 89154 Thomas T. Beam Engineering Complex B-308

The candidate chapter has a secure location to store member property at the address:

4505 S Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89154 Student Union Room 305

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

4505 S. Maryland Pkwy Las Vegas, NV 89154-4019

Oversight Groups

- The University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- The Hughes College of Engineering - UNLV
- Student Involvement & Activities - UNLV
- The Student Organizations Resource Center (SORCE)
- Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (CSUN)

Letters of Recommendation



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

October 13, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I am delighted to provide this letter of recommendation for the esteemed candidate chapter of Theta Tau at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, as they seek recognition as an official chapter.

This fraternity has proven to be an invaluable partner to both the university and the local community. Theta Tau has consistently demonstrated its commitment to community engagement. This is evident through their active participation in off-campus initiatives spearheaded by the university, such as park clean-ups. Additionally, they have played a vital role in contributing to on-campus events, like tabling at UNLV Creates. Their proactive approach extends beyond university-led activities, as they have also taken the initiative to organize and lead their own projects, including volunteering at local animal shelters.

The impact of this professional engineering fraternity reaches far beyond the immediate scope of their academic focus. By fostering a culture of involvement and service, Theta Tau has created an avenue for more students to actively participate in the local community and contribute to university events. This aligns seamlessly with the university's overarching goals of cultivating a well-rounded, engaged, and community-driven student body.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse the candidacy of Theta Tau at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, for official chapter membership. Their dedication to both academic and community pursuits exemplifies the ideals we strive for in our university community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yingtao Jiang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Yingtao Jiang, Ph.D.
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Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering
University of Nevada, Las Vegas



THETA TAU

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

Founded 1904

October 23, 2023

Dear Brothers:

I write to you today to provide my endorsement of the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) Candidate Chapter of Theta Tau and to ask for your vote to award them a charter. As the Candidate Chapter Director based in the Western U.S., I have had the privilege of visiting UNLV several times during the past few years to witness, in person, the exceptional growth and leadership displayed by this aspiring chapter as they continued their journey through the pandemic.

The candidate chapter of Theta Tau at University of Nevada, Las Vegas has consistently demonstrated remarkable growth, both in terms of membership and influence within the university community. The candidate chapter's commitment to fostering a strong legacy and ensuring a smooth transition of leadership is particularly commendable. Their history of maintaining a robust line of succession for officers reflects a deep sense of responsibility, dedication, and organizational excellence. This commitment to leadership succession and their ability to recruit new members at a majority commuter college not only underscores the fraternity's stability but also highlights their readiness for the responsibilities that come with official chapter status. Such a track record is a testament to their ability to manage the responsibilities and expectations that come with recognition as an official chapter.

I am confident that Theta Tau at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, will continue to be an exemplary addition to the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity, further enriching the reputation and influence of the organization in the Southwest region. I wholeheartedly recommend the recognition of Theta Tau at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, as an official chapter and look forward to their contributions to our broader fraternity.

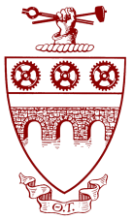
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Mr. Grand Regent,

My first real interaction with the group at the University of Las Vegas, in October 2020, took place when they were a newly-minted colony-designate. They had been working with various members of the national leadership for roughly a year but, due to the pandemic, nobody had met with them in-person for quite some time. So, while on a swing through the southwestern United States, I scheduled a socially distanced, outdoor meeting with the group.

Despite it being after dark in early October, it was *hot*. That didn't stop the representatives of the group from appearing, outdoors, in full business attire. Attire aside, the meeting left me deeply impressed with the group. They had existed for some time, endured ebbs and flows in membership and activity, weathered several changes in leadership from the Fraternity (we went through several expansion officers during their early years) but they had persevered to become a vibrant organization.

All of my interactions with them in the years since have proven my early impressions to be accurate, and I am confident that they will make an outstanding Chapter of Theta Tau.

It is my pleasure to offer my endorsement of the Petition for Charter of the Candidate Chapter at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Fraternally,

Jim Gaffney
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