



# Theta Tau Velocitas

Engineering Leaders for Service, Profession, and Brotherhood



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## GEORGIA PETITION!

[Petition](#)  
[Ballot](#)

We are proud to present the petition received from the **University of Georgia Colony** of Theta Tau. Theta Tau looks forward to soon installing its first chapter in the Peach State. Each chapter is to vote on the petition per the ballot attached. Please do so right away.



## CHAPTER INSTALLATIONS UPCOMING!

### Sunday, November 13 - Delta Chapter at Case Western Reserve University

**Ceremony** (No Cost – Members Only) – 3:30 pm – Tinkham Veale University Center Ballroom 11038 Bellflower Road, Cleveland, OH, 44106

**Banquet** (\$25 –Members & Guests) – 6:00 pm – Tinkham Veale University Center Ballroom 11038 Bellflower Road, Cleveland, OH, 44106

**RSVP:** <https://squareup.com/store/theta-tau/item/new-chapter-installation>

**Map:** [http://www.case.edu/ugadmis/campus\\_map.pdf](http://www.case.edu/ugadmis/campus_map.pdf)

### Saturday, November 19 - Theta Epsilon Chapter at New York University

**Ceremony** (No Cost – Members Only) – 2:00 pm – Kimmel Center for University Life, 60 Washington Square South, Room 905/907, New York, NY 10012

**Banquet** (\$25 –Members & Guests) – 6:00 pm – NYU Palladium Hall - Multipurpose Room, 3rd Floor, 140 East 14th Street, New York, NY 10003

**RSVP:** <https://squareup.com/store/theta-tau/item/new-chapter-installation>

**Map:** <http://www.nyu.edu/content/dam/nyu/advertisePublications/documents/nyu-downloadable-campus-map.pdf>



## FOUNDATION ALL ACADEMIC TEAM PROGRAM

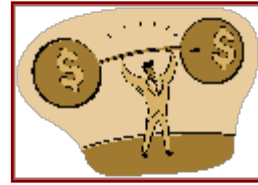
All Theta Tau student members are invited to participate this semester in the **Theta Tau All Academic Team Program**. The Theta Tau Educational Foundation is seeking to identify and recognize student members who maintain excellence in academic standing while making positive contributions to their chapter, campus, and community. All eligible students with a **3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average** completing the online application via [SmarterSelect](#) will be recognized.

Members who qualify will be recognized by chapter and region on the Theta Tau website and in other future communications. In addition to recognizing all who complete the application and qualify, **one member from each Theta Tau Region** (8 total - Atlantic, Central, Great Lakes, Gulf, Midwest, Northeast, Southeast, and Western) will be named an "All-Academic Team **Captain**" and rewarded with a **\$200 scholarship** from the Educational Foundation. Candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) from the Fall 2016 school term (in this case, as **gpa shown on last Fall 2016 semester/quarter report card, unofficial transcript, or official transcript.**) The application at Scholar Select website will be made active closer to the end of this calendar year. Your **completed online application will be due by 2/1.**

## SEMIANNUAL DUES

Dues Invoices and completed Dues Lists for each chapter and colony were emailed earlier this month to Regents and Treasurers. Dues are payable at \$85 each with a \$10 discount for payments sent by **November 1**. The most efficient and cost effective manner of payment is via the Intuit Payment System using an ACH (e-check). The new Intuit system does not, however, allow underpayment of an invoice. If you wish or need to make partial payment, you may remit via check to the Theta Tau Central Office, or via the Theta Tau Square Market here:

<https://squareup.com/market/theta-tau/item/dues-chapter-semiannual>



## LIABILITY INSURANCE

### [Liability Insurance Program Description](#)

The Central Office emailed Invoices for General Liability, Directors and Officers, and Crime/Fidelity Insurance to each house corporation, chapter, and colony. Invoice amounts are based on a 3 year average of members measured each spring. Invoice was due October 15, payable to Theta Tau, and sent to Theta Tau Central Office. Timely payment is appreciated to meet the renewal date. Housed chapters of Theta Tau that carry their

property/fire insurance with the Favor Company should pay premiums directly to Denver. Do not allow your insurance to lapse due to non-payment – the risk is too great!

## GRADUATION STOLES

### [Square Online Store](#)

### [Stole w/CofA or Letters](#)

### [Chords](#)

### [Medallions](#)

The Central Office now stocks **Graduation Stoles** for sale to your members approaching graduation. The cost is **\$20** each and come in the Fraternity's Official Colors with either the Greek Letters **or** the Coat of Arms **embroidered**. Use the Online Store to purchase or email/fax the completed hardcopy



form linked above to the Central

Office. **Graduation Chords** (at \$12 each) are also available from the central Office, **but order early as inventory of these items depletes rapidly.**

*New for Theta Tau Graduating Seniors!*

Gold stole features your choice of either Theta Tau Greek letters or Coat of Arms

#861.....\$20.00  
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call: 512-472-1904  
e-mail: [central.office@thetatau.org](mailto:central.office@thetatau.org)  
mail: Theta Tau Central Office  
1011 San Jacinto, Suite 205  
Austin, TX 78701

## IRS GROUP EXEMPTION

### [Chapter Group Exemption Application](#)

The Central Office has obtained a group tax exemption for eligible chapters/colonies in Theta Tau. If you wish to become part of that group, please complete the form attached. This form requires signatures to be provided on page 2. Please contact the Central Office if you have any questions. Your participation in this group number will simplify nonprofit inquiries that your chapter may frequently encounter.



The Central Office has recently partnered with [file990.Org](http://file990.Org) which is designed specifically to facilitate filing of annual nonprofit tax returns for our chapters and other units. The Central Office will be using this new platform to file 990s for the year ending 2016 for those chapters/colonies in our group exemption. News about this program will be out to those in our group exemption in the weeks ahead. While others can still use that website to file on their own, there is discounted pricing for those under our "wing."

**PROTECTING OUR LEGACY  
THETA TAU LICENSED PRODUCTS**

Nike. Jeep. Timberland. These brands and their logos have trademark laws protecting them from misuse. Our fraternity name is no different. It is our right and responsibility to protect our name and the symbols that we have valued for over 110 years. Therefore, Theta Tau registers its marks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and is taking measures to ensure our marks are used appropriately in marketing and merchandising.



Theta Tau aligned with 78 other Greek organizations through working with Affinity Consultants, a company founded to help organizations protect the integrity and ownership of their trademarks. Affinity Consultants will work with Theta Tau in granting licenses to companies that manufacture merchandise bearing our name, Greek letters, badge and crest. Through the licensing program, vendors submit all products and designs for approval to insure that are marks are not associated with any products and/or designs that glorify alcohol abuse, sexism, hazing, drugs or discrimination.

**Why Work with Licensed Vendors?** The relationship between the fraternity and licensed vendors is a win-win situation. A licensed vendor agrees to work with Theta Tau to insure proper use of our trademarks and to sell high quality products at reasonable prices and to offer good customer service. In exchange, approved vendors are given the approval to produces products and/or services in association with our organization.

To locate an always up-to-date list of Theta Tau's officially licensed vendors, please visit [www.greeklicensing.com](http://www.greeklicensing.com).

Click the hyperlinked image or call 1-800-342-9070 (Use Referral Code 141080) to see how much YOU could save!

An advertisement for GEICO car insurance. On the left is a green lizard. In the center is the Theta Tau crest. To the right, the text reads 'Theta Tau Members COULD GET A SPECIAL DISCOUNT on car insurance.' Below this, the URL 'geico.com/greek/ThetaTau' and the GEICO logo are displayed. At the bottom, there is a small line of fine print.

**VELOCITAS OFFICERS NEWSLETTER**

**Generating Superior Performance for Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity**

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