



Theta Tau Velocitas

Engineering Leaders for Service, Profession, and Brotherhood



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MIT PETITION!

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

We are proud to present the petition received from the **Technology Colony of Theta Tau at MIT**. Each chapter is to vote on the

petition per the ballot linked above. Please do so right away.

Theta Tau looks forward to soon reinstalling its Eta Chapter and is fortunate that the petitioning group has a strong base of alumni support.



FOUNDATION ALL ACADEMIC TEAM PROGRAM

The [Theta Tau All Academic Team Program](#) seeks 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. Your participation is strongly encouraged.

Members who qualify will be recognized by chapter and region in future communications. In addition to recognizing all who complete the application and qualify, **one member from each Region** (8 total) 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.**) Completed online application is **due by 3/1**.

COLONY CERTIFICATIONS UPCOMING!

Saturday, February 4 - Santa Clara University [Map of SCU](#)

Ceremony (No Cost – Members Only) – 4:00 pm – Benson Memorial Center, California Mission Room, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053

Banquet (\$20 – Members & Guests) – 6:00 pm – Benson Memorial Center, California Mission Room, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053

RSVP: <https://squareup.com/store/theta-tau/item/new-colony-certification>

Sunday, February 5 - University of California, Santa Barbara [Map of UCSB](#)

Ceremony (No Cost – Members Only) – 4:00 pm – Linda Vista room, Santa Catalina Dormitory, 6850 El Colegio Road, Isla Vista, CA 93117

Banquet (Members & Guests) – TBD

<https://squareup.com/store/theta-tau/item/new-colony-certification-1>

RSVP: Please email central.office@thetatau.org with name(s) of attendees



2017 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – SAVE THE DATE

We are pleased to tentatively announce that the Foundation's **2017 Leadership Academy** will be held at the [Vanderbilt University](#), in [Nashville](#). It is tentatively set for **July 28-30**. Stay tuned to future issues of the Velocitas for confirmation of event date and location, and registration information.



GOVERNANCE UPDATE

As a result of the multistep amendment process at the 2016 National Convention, our revised [Constitution](#) is now available.

In addition, the [Policies & Procedures Manual](#) has been extensively updated to reflect amendments in our laws and changes in practice.

FROM THE GRAND REGENT [Jan 2017 GR letter](#)

As a result of the review and modifications to our laws and practices, Grand Regent Matthew Clark has summarized several important points in this [letter to which your attention is directed](#). Some of the items explained more fully are:



- Vigilance about Risk Management behaviors and liability throughout the chapter
- Simplification of process for affiliating ones from other Theta Tau chapters
- Process defined for resignation of membership
- Removal of groups from list of competitors
- Need for great Convention attendance by all chapters and the means for funding via fee increase

NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK 2017

[Discover EWeek](#)

It's not too early to start planning for 2015 EWeek! Each student and alumnus group should make an effort to celebrate **National Engineers Week (February 19-25)** by sponsoring a professional event or related activity. This is the time we set aside each year to take pride in our profession and the many contributions engineers make to everyday life. Order supplies from the online [EWeek store](#) early for timely delivery.



FRATERNAL LAW [January 2017 Issue 146](#)

The latest edition of the Fraternal Law publication is linked above. It is an **exceptional issue** for an always valuable publication. Students and alumni are encouraged to educate yourself as to the issues raised in this extremely valuable educational publication.





[Online Pledge Form](#)

[NCR Online Forms](#)

[RM Policies](#)

[Chapter Officer Calendar](#)

[New Member Education 2013 – Basic Model](#)

[New Member Education 2013 – Standard Model](#)

[New Member Education 2013 – Non Traditional Model](#)

The [Online Pledge Form](#) expedites the upload of prospective member information and is designed to fulfill compliance with Theta Tau laws. It must be **completed at the very start of pledging**. Please note that the information keyed by the user is uploaded to our CRM; therefore, do **not** use “pledge names” for nickname field.

[Membership Status Change](#) and [Co-op Report](#) are due **February 15** to ensure that each chapter’s Fall Semiannual Dues Invoice is as accurate as possible. If you have not already done so, please submit the [Initiation Report](#) so that new members may receive badges/shingles in a timely manner.

VELOCITAS OFFICERS NEWSLETTER

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