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Happy New Year!



NYU Poly Certification!

[NYU Payment/Registration](#)

The NYU Polytechnic Colony of Theta Tau will be certified in Manhattan on **January 31**. Please see the invitation link above and rsvp by 12/7 if you can attend the ceremony and/or banquet.

2015 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – **DATE REVISED 7/16-19**

We are pleased to tentatively announce that the Foundation's **2015 Leadership Academy** will be held at the [Georgia Technological University](#), in Atlanta. It is tentatively set for **July 16-19**. Early registration will open soon at \$185/person which includes 3 nights lodging, meals, and registration/education materials.



NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT – **Habitat Reminder!**

[Habitat Payment](#)

If you have registered for the Habitat for Humanity National Service Project, please remember that the second payment is due not later than February 1.

FORMS DUE

[NCR Semester School](#)

[Annual Report Semester School](#)

[Online Theta Tau Store](#)

[Items Available Sheet](#)

[Chapter Officers Manual](#)

[NCR Quarter School](#)

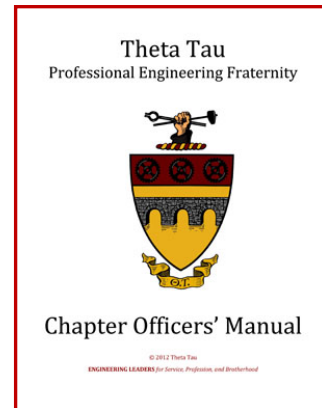
[Annual Report Quarter School](#)

[Other Payment/Store options](#)

[Chapter Officer Duty Calendar](#)

[Policy & Procedure Manual](#)

Officer Election Report, Membership Status, and Co-op Reports were due by **January 15**, but can be completed any time after December graduation. Please use the **Initiation Report** worksheet in the NCR link above to report Fall initiates **within 2 weeks of the initiation date**.



Consistent with practice for the last couple years, **each chapter is to contemporaneously maintain record of activities, events, and member participation via the Annual Report** files above. The completed report covering the period of this past summer (since last May) through the start of this school year **was due December 15**. In completing this contemporaneously, your chapter will automatically/continuously be completing the Annual Report (the attendance/ participation sheet is linked to the annual report sheets). Regular tracking and reporting in this manner will be beneficial to your chapter and its members and improve the overall positive fraternity experience we wish for all our Brothers while at the same time potentially mitigate increasingly strident university oversight. **Use the participation/ attendance worksheets; the Annual Report worksheets are locked and cannot be edited**

NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK 2015

[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 22-28)** 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.

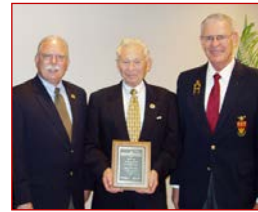


ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

[Nomination Packet](#)

[Hall of Fame webpage](#)

Each chapter should make an effort to identify alumni worthy of nomination for this honor based on the excellence of contributions to their profession(s) and/or to the Fraternity. Each chapter and alumni association should identify now, and then nominate alumni for consideration. A chapter may nominate 1 or 2, living or dead, regardless of chapter, place of residence, or chosen profession. Nomination forms are included in the link above. Please take advantage of this opportunity to nominate ones deserving this honor by **March 15**.



FOUNDATION ALL ACADEMIC TEAM PROGRAM

[Academic Team Online Application](#)

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 most recent regular school term (in this case, as **gpa shown on last Fall 2014 semester/quarter report card, unofficial transcript, or official transcript.**) Please visit the Scholar Select website to **complete your online application by 2/28**. [Academic Team Online Application](#)

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](#) 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 2014 for those chapters/colonies in our group exemption. While others can still use that website to file on their own, there is discounted pricing for those under our "wing."

FAQ

How much does [file990.org](#) cost our chapter?

The Theta Tau Central Office has purchased a filing for those chapters that participate in its Group Exemption, so there is no cost if your chapter belongs. If you are not sure if your chapter participates in the Group, contact the Central Office. (If you do belong, we will handle your filing, but will require report annually of your chapter's gross revenue.)

Others not in the group exemption can still use file990.org to file on their own, but we advise consulting with the Central Office before you attempt to do so.

How will the platform work?

File990.org will send you reminder emails leading up to when you need to file your 990 form.

When you click on the Get Started link in the email, you will be directed to a secure File990.org page with much (if not all) of your form prepopulated. The prepopulated information comes directly from the IRS and is based on your chapter's EIN.

Can I go to the site to file on my own?

Yes. Go to www.file990.org and click get started. You will need to enter your EIN. After this, the form will prepopulate with your chapter's data.

Where do we send the 990 once completed?

File990.org is an IRS approved e-submitter so you can easily submit and file online. You can also print a copy for your records and SEND AN ELECTRONIC COPY TO (enter and email here if you would like).

REGIONAL CONFERENCES PLANNED

The following Regional Conferences have been announced for this spring:

Atlantic Region	Psi Gamma / VTU	February 28
Central Region	Xi Gamma / A&M	April 25
Great Lakes Region	Nu Delta / Pitt	February 7
Gulf Region	Zeta Gamma / Florida	February 21
Southeast Region	Mu / Alabama	February 28
Western Region	Rho Delta / Nevada	April 4

Please contact your Regional Directors for more information about the program and registering for the event.

TISDALE & THURMOND FELLOWSHIP – REMINDER - February 10- DEADLINE

[The Eben Tisdale and Thurmond Fellowships](#) bring eligible students to Washington, D.C. for internships that explore current public policy issues of critical importance to the high technology sector of the economy. The Fellowship has several main elements.

Summer Fellowship runs from June 6 – July 31. The goal of the Fellowship is to create a supportive and collegial environment in which a new class of public policy professionals will be mentored to help ensure that the high-tech industry continues to have highly capable and well-trained individuals in both policy advocacy and senior management positions. The Final deadline for all applications is **February 10**. Students may find more information and **apply at www.tisdalefellowship.org**. Contact info@tisdalefellowship.org or 202/986-0384 if you have any questions. Learn more here about [DC internships](#).

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



Theta Tau Members COULD GET A **SPECIAL DISCOUNT** on car insurance.

geico.com/greek/ThetaTau **GEICO**

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