



Theta Tau Velocitas

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Annual Reports Due

[NCR Links](#)

[Awards Pack](#)

Annual Report Form in the NCR excel format are to be completed and emailed to the Central Office on/near May 1. Do **not** mail hard copy. Please use the link above to access your chapter's NCR form. The Annual Report is supposed to be completed contemporaneously (at least quarterly) so request partially completed versions of the report from previous officers – so that you do not have to try to recall/re-create the entire school year's worth of data. In addition, the **Awards Pack** link above can be used to submit your chapter's entries for this year's many award opportunities including ones for best Adviser, Newsletter, Web Page, Photograph, and Service project. Awards apps are due by May 15th.

FIU Petition Received

[FIU Petition](#) (~13 MB)

[FIU Ballot](#)

Theta Tau is currently voting by mail on the petition for the installation as a chapter received from the Florida International University Colony of Theta Tau. This colony has demonstrated a great effort in the submission of the petition. The petition and ballot form can be accessed using the links above. If voting, please reply to the ballot right away.



Rutgers Certification

[Rutgers Invitation](#)

Theta Tau's newest colony will be certified at Rutgers University on April 17. Please see the invitation link above and contact us right away if you can attend the ceremony or banquet.

Chapter Officer Projects

Corresponding Secretary Project

The Fraternity's new website has a number of web-based features which we will be developing to make the Corresponding Secretaries duties more readily fulfilled and executed. If you are serving in this chapter office, please attempt to be alert to emails that you may receive over the summer designed to educate you to these new capabilities. Our goal is to more easily enable you to communicate with your alumni through the directory features of the website. In addition, the Fraternity will initiate a **printed Directory** (book and CD-Rom) effort late this spring with Publishing Concepts, Inc (PCI). The first phase of that process involves contacting alumni, updating their personal information, and marketing the directory. PCI is a leader in the university and fraternal directory market with whom Theta Tau has worked on past directory issues in 1990, 1994, and 2000.

Treasurer Project

[Exemption Data Needed](#)

The Central Office has recently completed necessary paperwork to request a Group Exemption Number from the Internal Revenue Service. About a dozen chapters had provided our Central Office with the necessary information to include them in that group

application. If you wish also to be added to that application, please complete the form/link just above, and send that completed form to the Central Office by whatever means convenient. The national Fraternity cannot add you to its pending Group Exemption without that information required by the Internal Revenue Service. Please attempt to be alert over the summer to requests for additional information related to this matter, and hopefully have access to chapter financial information such as federal tax id number (eg, FIN, TIN, EIN).

Outstanding Student Member

[OSM Self-Evaluation](#)

[OSM Certification Form](#)

Service to the Fraternity at all levels is recognized through selection by each chapter of its Outstanding Student Member for the school year. Of these, one is named the national Fraternity's **Robert E. Pope Outstanding Student Member**. Honored last year was **Alessandra DeSarno**, Gamma Beta '10.



Selection is based on information provided on a self-evaluation form to be completed by each student member. This is a valuable professional development experience. Members are encouraged to collaborate in recalling one another's service. Return **evaluation sheets** completed by student members and the **Certification Form** to the Central Office. The national Fraternity provides a certificate and award dangle for each chapter's honoree.



Graduation Cords

[Items Available](#)

The Central Office now stocks Graduation Cords for sale to your members approaching graduation. The cost will be \$12 each and come in the Fraternity's Official Colors.

Pledge Tests

[Pledge Test Spring 2010](#)

Pledge Tests for the current school term are available for download from the website. In accordance with the Bylaws, Chapter II, Part E, Section 8, the Adviser is responsible for the exam. Schedule the date and time for him or his representative to proctor it.



Scholarships Available

[Foundation Scholarship](#) (4/15)

[Sigma Scholarship](#) (4/15)

[Iota Beta Scholarship](#) (4/15)

[Ramo Scholarship](#) (4/15 deadline)

[Kalv Scholarship](#) (4/15 deadline)

[Miller Scholarship](#) (4/15 deadline)

[Johnson Scholarship](#) (4/15 deadline)

Applications are now available for numerous scholarships from the Theta Tau Educational Foundation, and other unrelated organizations. Those available from Theta Tau are 4 Foundation Awards, the **George Kalv** Scholarship, the **Simon Ramo** Scholarship, and the **Iota Beta** (open to students in the state of Michigan) and **Sigma** (open to Sigma student members) Permanent Funds Scholarships. Others also available from other organizations can be found at the links above. Those who make such awards will tell you that they often have more awards than they have applicants, so apply right away.

2010 National Convention

Schedule Highlights

Delegates and Alternates are to be elected in accord with Constitution, Article VI, Section 3, and Bylaws, Chapter III, Convention, Section 13, and reported to the Central Office. Please consult these laws prior to election of these official representatives, and then report said election using Credential Form A below as soon as they have been determined. **Delegates and Alternates from chapters/colonies that have filed Credential Form A were emailed additional/detailed Convention communications this week.**



Mark your calendar to attend the 2010 National Convention in Denver, CO August 5-8 at the [Grand Hyatt Denver downtown](#). Our special lodging rate of \$105/night is available by calling 800/233-1234 and mentioning our name/event.

The Convention Meal Package & Registration which includes all meeting materials, breaks, Opening Dinner, Topical/Regional Lunch, Awards Banquet will be \$100 for early registrants (\$125 for those registering after June 1). Detailed scheduling information to follow in subsequent weeks.

Any chapter/colony student or alumnus may register using the third link below. Additional registration materials specific to your chapter's elected Delegate and Alternate are found in the second link below.

[Credential Form A](#)

[Delegate/Alternate Letter and Information](#)

[Reservation Form](#)

[Expense Policy](#)



Professional Development for students/grads [Core Principles Order Link](#)

Michael R. Lindeburg's New Cross Disciplinary Reference Is . . . an Instant Classic

Core Engineering Concepts for Students and Professionals redefines the engineering reference by being the first of its kind to provide the coverage of a 4-year engineering degree in one convenient book.

The clear writing style and easy-to-understand explanations make it perfect for engineering students who are learning new subjects, and for practicing engineers who need to review forgotten concepts. *Core Engineering Concepts* provides the support engineers need throughout college and into their careers. ***This go-to reference for engineering students and professionals features:***

- 82 chapters covering thousands of engineering concepts
- civil, mechanical, electrical, chemical, and industrial engineering subjects
- more than 580 example problems with step-by-step solutions
- over 3,700 essential engineering equations and formulas
- supporting data including over 315 figures and 780 tables
- fully-defined nomenclature for each chapter
- a comprehensive, multiple-entry index of more than 15,000 terms

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