



Theta Tau Velocitas

Engineering Leaders for Service, Profession, and Brotherhood



Happy New Year!

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FGCU COLONY CERTIFICATION

[Invitation](#)

[Online Registration](#)

Theta Tau's newest colony at the **Florida Gulf Coast University** will be certified **on Saturday, January 14, in Ft. Myers**. Please see the invitation link above and contact us right away if you can attend the ceremony and/or banquet. You can [rsvp online here](#) by **January 5th**

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PETITION RECEIVED!

[Cornell Petition](#)

[Cornell Ballot](#)

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



NCR FORM & CHAPTER OFFICER DUTIES

[NCR Form -- Chapter](#)

[NCR Form -- Colony](#)

Please use the Initiation Report worksheet at the link above to report Fall initiates within 2 weeks of the initiation date. In addition, chapter Scribes should plan to report now each chapter's new Officer Election and Membership Status Changes that often occur around this time of year (likely in December).

In light your likely recent officer/semester change-over, you are **required now to bring the Annual Report segments of the NCR form up to date, and to submit it to your Regional Directors**. Substantial information is "lost" and never recorded if officers do not fulfill this requirement, and future officers are then unfairly burdened with an obligation that previous ones should have met. Other current officer duties are as follows:

SCRIBE:

Online Pledge Forms & Fees w/i 2 weeks of pledging
Officer Election Report Right after election
Membership Status Change Right after Graduation

SCRIBE/TREASURER:

Initiation Report & Payments w/i 2 weeks of initiation

TREASURER:

Spring Semiannual Dues March 15

REGENT:

Electronic Annual Report -- bring the excel version of the report up to date for at least the first two quarters of the "Scoring Year."

REGIONAL CONFERENCES PLANNED

The following joint Regional Conferences have been announced for this spring:

Atlantic Region
Southeast Region

Psi Gamma / VTU
Lambda Gamma / Clemson

February 4
February 11

Western Region	Epsilon Delta / UCSD	March 3
Central/Great Lakes Region	Iota Gamma / UCinci	March 31
South Central Region	Upsilon / UArk	March 31

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

TISDALE & THURMOND FELLOWSHIP

The **Eben Tisdale Fellowship**, which includes a \$5,000 grant, is a summer internship available to undergraduate and graduate students where the high-tech sector meets the government. The program offers outstanding opportunities for students to learn about high tech public policy issues with hands-on experience in Washington, D.C. Tisdale Fellowships are open to students from colleges and universities all over the country.

The **Dell Thurmond Woodard Fellowship**, which includes one \$5,000 grant for one student each year, is part of the Tisdale Fellowship program. Any student, undergraduate or graduate, who is interested in diversity and ethics issues, and in learning about high-tech public policy issues, can apply for this Fellowship.

The application for both of these Fellowships is the same, except that those applying for the Dell Thurmond Woodard Fellowship should include an additional essay on diversity and ethics.

- (1) Internship: Fellows participate an eight-week internship in the government relations office of a leading high technology company or association. In the recent past, fellows have interned at such companies as **Dell, Hewlett-Packard, Philips Electronics** and **Monster Worldwide**, as well as associations such as the **Business Software Alliance** or **TechAmerica**.
- (2) Issues Seminar: The issues seminar is a weekly lunch hosted by the different sponsoring companies and associations. Expert speakers lead discussions of current public policy issues in Washington, and the methods the high technology industry uses for effective advocacy.

The **Summer Fellowship runs from June 18 – August 10**. 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 15**. Students may find more information and **apply at www.tisdalefellowship.org**. Contact **info@tisdalefellowship.org** or **202/986-0384** if you have any questions.

PLEDGE TESTS
[Dec/Jan Pledge Test](#)

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.

2012 CONVENTION REGISTRATION OPENS
[Convention Reservations](#)
[Convention Promo](#)

Registration for Convention is now open using the links above. The online registration will open in the week or so just ahead so stay tuned. Remember, our 2012 event is early this year. It will be held **July 5-8** in patriotic honor of our host city of **Boston**. Our host hotel is the **Hyatt Regency Boston** and you can reserve space for our Convention here: **<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/thetatau>**. A very special \$80/night lodging rate (for our registered Convention attendees) is available to Theta Tau.





ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Hall of Fame Nomination Pack

Each chapter should make an effort to identify alumni worthy of nomination for this honor based on the excellence of their contributions to their profession(s) and/or to the Fraternity. Each chapter and alumni association should identify now, and then nominate alumni for consideration this year. A chapter may nominate one or two, 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.



THETA TAU RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINE CONTEST

<http://www.rubemachine.com/>

<http://www.rubegoldberg.com/>

The goal for 2012 is to **inflate a balloon and pop it.**

Your own local Rube Goldberg Machine Contest should be scheduled early to be held on your campus soon – at

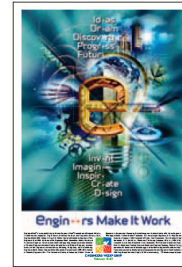
least before the national contest in the **Purdue University Armory on Saturday, March 24.** Publicity, goodwill, and success generated by this contest for your own chapter is far greater than that which you might get from any other event. Information is available at "rubemachine" website noted above.

NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK 2012

<https://shop.eweek.org/site/store/>

www.eweek.org

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 one 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 EWEK store early for timely delivery.



VELOCITAS NEWSLETTER

Generating Superior Performance for Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity

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