Florida Iota Installed

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Charter Presentation
Solange C. Dao, P.E., President David S. Kornblum, Dr. Howard D. Curtis, P.E., IN A '63, and Dr. Richard H. Heist NY Ξ '67 (left to right).

THE FLORIDA IOTA CHAPTER of Tau Beta Pi was installed at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL, on March 12, 2011. Vice President Solange C. Dao, P.E., was official installing deputy of the Society's 244th collegiate chapter, assisted by Executive Director James D. Froula, P.E., and District 5 Director Rebecca A. Holcomb.

The 2010 Convention granted a chapter to the Tau Beta Rho Engineering Honor Society, represented in King of Prussia, PA, by Evan L. Phillips, vice president, and Dr. Howard D. Curtis, P.E., *IN A '63*, advisor.

The Miller Instructional Center Auditorium on the campus was the site of the formal ceremonies of initiation and chapter installation, witnessed by Michael R. Bernard, *FL Γ '12;* Josuan Hilerio-Sanchez, *PR A '07;* Andrew K. Lloyd, *FL Γ '12;* Kevin M. Stiner, *FL Γ '12;* and David C. Covey, *VA Γ '10*.

The initiation team included: Dr. Curtis; Nick L. Brixius, *CA A '69*; Glenn L. McNutt, *TX Δ '62*; Dr. Massood Towhidnejad, *FL Δ '90;* and the five witnesses and three national officials listed above. Twenty-five undergraduate students and one alumna (identified on the facing page) comprise Florida Iota's charter members.

Immediately after the formal initiation, the new members were constituted a new chapter in the ceremony of installation conducted by Ms. Dao. The ceremony included the formal election and installation of the chapter's charter officers and advisors (identified in a photograph caption on the facing page).

A dedication of ERAU's bright new coquina stone-mounted bent monument outside Lehman Building preceded the banquet, with remarks by Dr. Richard H. Heist, *NY Ξ '67*, ERAU executive V.P. and chief academic officer, and Dr. Maj D. Mirmirani, *CA I '67*, dean of engineering. Dr. Heist commended Dr. Curtis for his vision and effort to place the monument on the campus grounds.

At the banquet in the College of Aviation atrium, President Kornblum served as master of ceremonies, welcomed initiates, visitors, faculty, and friends, and stated his pleasure in having the new chapter on campus.

Mr. Froula reviewed the history of the ERAU petitioning process and challenged the initiates to pursue excellence in all of their activities, to support the engineering profession, maintain impeccable ethics, and serve their *alma mater* and fellow students.

Ms. Holcomb introduced the visitors, offered her assistance to the new chapter, welcomed Florida Iota into District 5, and reviewed her District communications, operations, and programs.

Ms. Dao welcomed Florida Iota into the Association and encouraged the students to participate in TBΠ activities like Engineering Futures, to build a great chapter, to bring great credit to their university, and to become effective leaders by "seeing beyond the storm" and by "saying yes to ideas."

Finally, Mr. Kornblum and Dr. Curtis presented charter membership certificates to the initiates.

Student Initiates

Front row (L-R): Theodore R. Adams, Harris L. Chaiklin, and Jodi L. Clark. (Back row): Charles A. Dempsey, Christine M. Dailey, and Yuvraj Dewan .

Student Initiates

Front row (L-R): Mark X. Dos Prazeres-Silva, Marianna S. Dillard, and Luis E. Ferrer-Vidal. (Back row): Justin T. Forster, Christopher J. Foti, and Michael T. Gerardo.

Student Initiates

Front row (L-R): Matthew D. Gonitzke, Mona Nkirote, and David S. Kornblum. (Back row): Guilherme G. Loures, J. Michael McVicker, Daniel D. Morrison, and Ganesh Krishnan.

Student Initiates and Alumna

Front row (L-R): Brian L. Passarelli, Siva P. Saba, and Alexander G. Saffer. (Back row): Joseph R. Tabarracci, Dean V. White, Laura T. Guzman, (alumna), and Ryan L. Vas.

First Officers and Advisors

Front row (L-R): Cataloger Laura Tiusaba Guzman, President David S. Kornblum, Recording Secretary Dean V. White, and Treasurer Justin T. Forster. Back row: Corresponding Secretary Yuvraj Dewan, Vice President J. Michael McVicker, and Dr. Howard D. Curtis, Dr. Massood Towhidnejad, Nick L. Brixius, and Glenn L. McNutt (standing in for Dr. Charles F. Reinholtz, FL A '76), Advisors.

Initiation Team

Front row (L-R): K.M. Stiner, J. Hilerio-Sanchez, Solange C. Dao, and R.A. Holcomb. Back row: J.D. Froula, A.K. Lloyd, M.R. Bernard, D.C. Covey, Dr. Massood Towhidnejad Glenn L. McNutt, Nick L. Brixius, and Dr. Howard D. Curtis.