

Texas Nu Installed



Chapter Installation

Charter members of Texas Nu celebrate following the initiation and installation of their chapter.

THE TEXAS NU CHAPTER of Tau Beta Pi was installed at the University of Texas-Pan American on March 22, 2014. President Larry A. Simonson, Ph.D., P.E., was the official installing deputy of the Society's 249th collegiate chapter, assisted by Executive Director Curtis D. Gomulinski and District 10 Director Daniel A. Kamat.

The 2013 Convention granted a chapter to the University of Texas-Pan American Engineering Honor Society, represented in Ames, IA, by Roger M. Pecina, president; Juan C. Lago, vice president; Mostafa M. Fath El-Den, recording secretary; Eder F. Torres, corresponding secretary; Hugo Lopez; and Miguel A. Gonzales-Ramos, advisor.

The Engineering Building on campus was the site of the formal ceremonies of initiation and chapter installation. The initiation team included Dulce T. Barrera, *TX A '14*; Edward J. Banatoski, Ph.D., *CT B '66*; LeVern W. Faidley, Ph.D., *IA A '67*; Robert A. Freeman, Ph.D., *FL A '76*; Miguel A. Gonzalez-Ramos, Ph.D., *TX E '83*; Waseem Haider, Ph.D., *FL O '10*; Hiram Moya, Ph.D., *TX A '96*; and the three Association Officials listed above.

Fifty-four undergraduate students and sixteen alumni comprise Texas Nu's charter members.

Immediately after the formal initiation, the new members were constituted a new chapter in the ceremony of installation conducted by Dr. Simonson. The ceremony included the formal election and installation of the chapter's charter officers and advisors. The officers included the officers of the petitioning society represented at Convention as well as Ignacio Munoz, treasurer, and Jesus Rangel Jr., cataloger. Advisors for the new chapter included Edward Banatoski, Robert Freeman, Miguel Gonzalez-Ramos, and Waseem Haider.

A reception for the initiates, visitors, families, and guests was held in the engineering lobby following the installation. Dr. Simonson, Mr. Gomulinski, and Mr. Kamat congratulated the newest members of the Association and encouraged them to continue the good work instituted by their predecessors to ensure future students are honored in a similar fashion. Dean Gonzalez-Ramos thanked the students for their work in bringing a TBPI chapter to the college and expressed his gratitude to the visitors and family members for attending.