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Theta celebrated the installation of the Theta Lambda Chapter at the University of Rochester on November 14. Located in upstate New York, the University of Rochester offers more than 200 academic majors to nearly 10,500 undergraduate and graduate students. The university prides itself on its personal scale, with smaller classes, a low 10:1 student-to-teacher ratio, and increased interactions with faculty.

The university is also noted for its Eastman School of Music and is home to the Institute of Optics. Founded in 1929, the institute was the first educational program in the US devoted exclusively to optics. Rochester's Laboratory for Laser Energetics is home to the second-most energetic fusion laser in the world.

Theta Lambda is our 139th active college chapter and joins Alpha Phi, Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Delta, Phi Sigma Sigma, and Sigma Delta Tau in the Panhellenic community.

Initiation also took place on November 14, with assistance from collegians from the Chi Chapter

at Syracuse. Fifty-seven women were initiated into Theta Lambda, two of whom were legacies. Laura Ware Doerre, Delta Xi/North Carolina, Fraternity president, and Amy Hayner Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane, Fraternity ritualist and NPC delegate, presided over the services. Thank you to the additional Fraternity officers and staff who participated in the events.

Theta Lambda members hail from 20 US states as well as South Korea, Mexico, China, and Thailand. They are supported by an especially caring and committed advisory board of seven alumnae.

"Theta stood out to me as an opportunity to create friendships with women outside my major and class year," said sophomore Alexis Wallace. "I loved Theta's emphasis on scholarship and leadership, and was inspired by its history as one of the first support systems for women. Though I never thought I would join a Greek organization, I am grateful that I found Theta. I've met so many incredibly dynamic, diverse, and ambitious women, and I'm proud to call them my sisters!"



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