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## The Organization and Purpose of the Association of College Honor Societies

Higher education and the ACHS, like all categories of Greek letter organizations, face the problem of developing and maintaining high standards in college honor societies. Individual associations and conferences in the general social and professional fields are also studying ways and means of improving conditions. Educational associations and councils are cooperating. While progress was slow and difficult at times during the early history of the ACHS, great progress has been made since 1945 by joint action of college administrators and faculty members and representatives of the major societies and fraternities and their respective associations. The real solution to the problem requires such a cooperative combination of forces.

The objective of the ACHS now is to encourage all general and specialized honor societies to join forces for the establishment and maintenance of desirable standards and useful functions in higher education, and for the achievement of appropriate recognition of member societies of the Council of ACHS. To this end, the ACHS invites qualified societies to affiliate with it. Societies that do not meet the standards will be helped in every way possible to come up to them. Special attention is called to the Bylaws of the ACHS and to the statements of definitions, standards, and requirements for membership and functions of honor societies.

Progress toward achieving the present objective of the ACHS is found in two specific developments. The first of these is that the editor of Baird's Manual gained editorial assistance in the problem of classifying the numerous societies. Extension of common categories is an instance of cooperation in maintaining honor society standards. The second development is closely related to the question of honor society standards. In a letter dated April 13, 1973, the U.S. Civil Service Commission stated, "Membership in a national honorary society meets one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level in numerous professional and technical occupations in the Federal service. However, applicants must meet all of the requirements as described in the particular Federal Job Announcement covering the positions for which they apply." This affords a very tangible acknowledgment that organizations maintaining honor society standards merit distinction.

The third development is the approval of ACHS standards by the Council for Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS) for its honor society standards in April 2005. These standards in the functional areas of higher education are used by institutions in self-studies for accreditation purposes.

## The Honor Society in American Colleges

The idea that underlies the honor societies in American colleges and universities is threefold. They exist primarily to recognize the attainment of scholarship of a superior quality. In the second place, a few societies recognize the development of leadership qualities, character, and good campus citizenship in addition to a strong scholarship record. Thirdly, and to the degree that they make this recognition a thing to be coveted, they encourage the production of superior scholarship and leadership.

To accomplish these objectives, it is clear that an honor society must define and maintain a truly high standard of eligibility for membership and achieve sufficient status by so doing that membership becomes something to be highly valued. The second point is greatly advanced if the significance of membership is appreciated over a wide area; thus, the society with a number of chapters at accredited institutions is stronger than one that is purely local, and societies known and admired outside the college may be regarded as having achieved maturity and success.

The honor society has followed the expansion and specialization of higher education in America. When Phi Beta Kappa was organized in 1776, there was no thought given to its *field*, since all colleges then in existence were for *the training of men for the service of the church and the state*. With the expansion of education into new fields a choice had to be made, and Phi Beta Kappa elected to operate in the field of liberal arts and sciences. Although this was not finally voted in until 1898, the trend was evident earlier, as the 1880s saw the establishment of Tau Beta Pi in the field of engineering and Sigma Xi in scientific research.

Early in the 20th century, other honor societies came into being. One of these, Phi Kappa Phi, was started by the presidents of three state universities, with the thought that these institutions should have their honor society; later, its field was wisely extended to include any institution of university scope, accepting into membership superior students of all schools of which they are a part. More recently another scholarship honor society covering all academic fields, Alpha Chi, was organized. With these exceptions, and the exception of Alpha Kappa Mu, Delta Epsilon Sigma, and Alpha Sigma Nu that had origins in Black, Catholic, or Jesuit colleges and universities, scholarship honor societies have followed the earlier tradition of selecting a specific field of coverage. Thus, for example: Delta Mu Delta elects in the field of business administration, Pi Kappa Lambda in music, and Rho Chi in pharmacy.

Three interesting and important variations have developed since 1900. One of these recognizes the values of extracurricular activities and the development of general campus citizenship. Prime requisite for election is meritorious attainments in all-around leadership in college life. In this field, Omicron Delta Kappa and Mortar Board have achieved excellent reputations. It is to be noted that both have a strong requirement of scholarship.

A second variation is represented by the numerous societies that draw their membership from the various departments of study, recognizing good work in the field of the student's special field of study. These societies are generally known as departmental, or specialized honor societies and are represented by such societies as Sigma Pi Sigma in physics; Alpha Epsilon Delta in pre-medicine; Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha in forensics; Phi Alpha Theta in history; Eta Kappa Nu in electrical engineering; Pi Tau Sigma in mechanical engineering; Tau Sigma Delta in architecture and allied arts; Pi Sigma Alpha in political science; Phi Sigma in the biological sciences; Phi Sigma Iota in foreign languages; Alpha Pi Mu in industrial engineering; Pi Gamma Mu in social science; Chi Epsilon in civil engineering; Kappa Tau Alpha in journalism; Phi Sigma Tau in philosophy; and Sigma Theta Tau in nursing.

The third variation recognizes scholastic achievement during the freshman year and encourages its members toward higher goals. This field of freshman scholarship honor societies is represented by Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta.

The fourth variation, approved in 1993, recognizes achievement in associate degree programs. This field is represented by Alpha Beta Gamma and Psi Beta.

## College Fraternities and Societies Defined

The following statements defining college professional and social fraternities and honor and recognition societies with their basic purposes, standards, and membership requirements have been issued by the respective groups for distribution to faculty and administration members and advisors, students leaders, and fraternal officers in general.

### HONOR SOCIETIES

An honor society is an association of primarily collegiate members and chapters whose purposes are to encourage and recognize superior scholarship and/or leadership achievement either in broad fields of education or in departmental fields at either undergraduate or graduate levels. Basic standards and requirements for membership include the following:

1. General honor societies that base membership eligibility primarily upon the attainment of high scholarship in a broad field of study shall elect members from the highest 20 percent of the class in scholarship.
2. General honor societies that base membership eligibility primarily upon all-around leadership attainment in student affairs shall elect from the entire institution honor students from the highest 35 percent of the class in scholarship.
3. Specialized honor societies that elect persons actively interested in a specific field shall elect from the upper 35 percent of the class in scholarship.
4. Election to membership shall be irrespective of membership in or affiliation with other organizations and associations.
5. Membership shall be conferred solely on the basis of character and specified eligibility. *See pp. 18 and 19 for more detail.*
6. No solicitation or propaganda, such as rushing and social pressure, shall be used to ensure acceptance of invitation to membership.
7. Collegiate chapters of member ACHS societies shall be established only in colleges and universities that grant the associate, baccalaureate, or higher degrees and are accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency.

## RECOGNITION SOCIETIES

A recognition society is an organization that confers membership in recognition of a student's interest and participation in some field of collegiate study or activity with more liberal membership requirements than are prescribed for general and specialized honor societies.

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## GENERAL SOCIAL FRATERNITIES

Men's general college social fraternities function by mutual selection on the part of members and prospects and include both student chapters and alumni associations. These fraternities serve to fulfill developmental needs of their members through programs of academic enrichment, leadership experiences, social interaction, community service, and collegiate involvement. Chapters are located at fully accredited institutions and are affiliated with national organizations, most of which are associated together in either the National Interfraternity Conference or the Association of College Fraternities.

The National Panhellenic Conference is a body composed of member women's fraternities, or sororities, each of which is autonomous as a social, Greek-letter society of college women, undergraduate and alumnae. Women's fraternities are one of the extras of campus life, enhancing the value of a college education by fostering scholarship, self-discipline, and participation in worthwhile student activities. High ideals of member groups of NPC are based upon ethical standards of conduct, mutual assistance, and service to college, community, and humanity.

## PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITIES

A professional fraternity is a specialized fraternity which limits its student membership to a specific field of professional education in accredited colleges and universities offering courses leading to recognized degrees therein; which maintains mutually exclusive membership in that field, but may initiate members of the general social fraternities; and which organizes its group life specifically to promote professional competency and achievement within its field. The professional fraternity confines its membership to qualified students (and faculty members) in a particular profession who are pursuing an organized curriculum leading to a professional degree in that field, has a minimum scholastic requirement for membership usually above passing, elects its members after a careful investigation and generally by a unanimous secret ballot. It initiates its members early in their professional college life, enabling them to participate actively and beneficially in the professional aims of the fraternity, holds frequent meetings, conducts professional and social activities, and frequently maintains a chapter house or quarters. Professional fraternities also sponsor programs of special value to alumni members.

—Professional Interfraternity Conference

Professional fraternity—A specialized fraternity which confines its membership to a specific field of professional education in accredited colleges and universities; maintains mutually-exclusive membership in that professional field, but may initiate members of the social college fraternities; and organizes its group life specifically to promote professional competency and achievement within its field.

—Professional Panhellenic Conference

## Bylaws: Association of College Honor Societies

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### Mission

The mission of the Association of College Honor Societies is to build a visibly cohesive community of national and international honor societies, individually and collaboratively exhibiting excellence in scholarship, service, programs, and governance.

### Article I—Name

The name of this organization shall be the Association of College Honor Societies, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

### Article II—Purposes

The Association is a community of honor societies banded together to provide leadership and a unified voice to forge a strong shared image by:

1. Acting as the coordinating agency for college and university honor societies.
2. Providing for the consideration of matters of mutual interest, such as administrative concerns, establishment and maintenance of scholastic and other standards, membership costs, and functions of honor societies, and encouraging and facilitating collaboration and cooperation among honor societies with similar goals, so that they may better meet the needs of the honors community.
3. Defining honor societies of the several types and to classify existing societies into their proper categories under these definitions.
4. Cooperating with college and university faculties and administrative officers in developing and maintaining high standards and useful functions within honor societies which are organized or seek to be organized.
5. Collecting, publishing, and distributing information and data of value to honor societies, colleges, universities, and publishers of directories and journals.
6. Encouraging in its member societies the promotion of excellence in scholarly achievement and such core values as honor, integrity, character, and leadership.

### Article III—Members

Member societies of the Association shall be national or international and general or specialized honor societies which are primarily associations of collegiate chapters whose purposes are to recognize and encourage superior scholarship and/or leadership achievement in some broad or specialized field of study at either undergraduate or graduate levels and which meet the following minimal standards:

**Section 1.** Member societies of the Association must be non-profit organizations under Section 501(c)3 of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

**Section 2. General Honor Societies.** A general honor society is one which receives into membership persons from a broad field of study in one or all schools and colleges of an institution who have achieved high scholarship and who fulfill such additional requirements of leadership as the society has established. A general or broad field of study may cross all disciplines or be within one area with related but distinct units. A broad field of study is one in which a systematic development of the mind and of cultural values are acquired through instruction, training, example, and experience.

**A. Grade Eligibility.** General Honor Societies which base eligibility (1) primarily upon scholarship shall elect undergraduates who rank not lower than the highest twenty percent of their class in overall scholarship. General Honor Societies which base eligibility (2) primarily upon all-around leadership shall elect from the entire institution undergraduates who rank not lower than the highest thirty-five percent of their class in overall scholarship. The cumulative scholastic record of the student as interpreted by the institution where membership is to be conferred shall be the basis for computing scholastic eligibility for the purpose of

classification in ranks.

*B. Categories of Honor Societies.* General Honor Societies are classified by class standing; (1) General Upper Division, (2) General Lower Division, and (3) General Graduate.

*C. Election.* Election to membership in General Upper Division Honor Societies shall be held not earlier than the completion of 50 percent of the total hours/credits required for the degree [e.g.; if a degree requires the completion of 120 credits/hours, the student must have completed 60 semester hours of credits/hours]. Persons elected to membership in general Lower Division Honor Societies (1) shall have accumulated the number of credit hours used by the institution to designate full-time status with at least 12 hours in courses leading to the associate degree or (2) shall have accumulated at the close of any curricular period during the freshman year the number of credit hours used by the institution to designate full-time status. Persons elected to membership in General Graduate Honor Societies shall have accumulated the number of graduate credit hours used by the institution to designate one full-term equivalency for one academic term.

**Section 3. Specialized Honor Societies.** A specialized honor society is one which receives into membership persons who have demonstrated high scholarship within a specialized or given field of study of a school, college, or larger unit of a university or within a field of study of a two-year college.

*A. Grade Eligibility.* Specialized honor societies which elect persons actively interested in a specific field shall elect only those who have demonstrated superior scholarship in this field. Undergraduates who are elected shall rank not lower than the highest thirty-five percent of their class in general scholarship. The cumulative scholastic record of the student as interpreted by the institution where membership is to be conferred shall be the basis for computing scholastic eligibility for the purpose of classification in ranks.

*B. Categories of Honor Societies.* Specialized Honor Societies are classified by class standing: (1) Specialized Upper Division, (2) Specialized Lower Division, and (3) Specialized Graduate.

*C. Election.* Persons elected to membership in Specialized Upper Division Honor Societies shall have completed at least 37.5 percent of the total hours/credits required for the degree [e.g.; if a degree requires the completion of 120 semester hours of hours/credits, the student must have completed 45 hours/credits]. Persons elected to membership in Specialized Lower Division Honor Societies shall have accumulated the number of credit hours used by the institution to designate full-time status with at least 12 hours in courses leading to the associate degree. Persons elected to membership in Specialized Graduate Honor Societies shall have accumulated the number of graduate credit hours used by the institution to designate one full-term equivalency for one academic term.

**Section 4. Research Honor Societies.** A Research Honor Society is one that receives into membership persons who have demonstrated achievement in a field of pure or applied science. Standards for membership shall be set to include initial research success and noteworthy achievement as an original investigator.

**Section 5. Classes of Member Societies.** There shall be two classes of member societies:

A. Active voting member societies shall meet all requirements for membership in the Association.

B. Associate nonvoting member societies shall meet all requirements for membership except those regarding age or size as specified in Article III, Section 6.

**Section 6. Election of a Society to Membership.** Election to membership shall be by a four-fifths affirmative vote of the Council at the Annual Meeting.

**Section 7. Dues, Fees, and Assessments.** The amount of any dues, fees, or assessments for any class of membership in the Association shall be established by the Council. The dues year shall be the same as the fiscal year.

**Section 8. Standards and Requirements for Society Membership.** For membership in the Association, a society shall conform to the following minimal standards:

A. To ensure that all Association members have developed a proven record of exhibiting excellence in scholarship, service, programs, and governance, a society shall have existed as a national organization for at least ten years before becoming an active voting member of the Association and for at least five years before becoming an associate nonvoting member of the Association. Further, a society shall have met all the standards for affiliation continuously for at least one full year.

B. Election of persons to membership in a member society shall be conferred solely on the basis of character and specified eligibility, and shall be irrespective of membership in or affiliation with other organizations and associations. No solicitation or propaganda, such as rushing or social pressure, shall be used to ensure invitation to or acceptance of membership. Invitation to membership must be from an official chapter. Chapters shall not discriminate on any basis prohibited by law.

C. A society shall have ten or more active collegiate chapters located in two or more geographic areas of the United States. An active collegiate chapter shall be defined as one which holds elections to membership at least annually, except in national emergencies, and includes active student members. An inactive chapter shall be one in which no elections have been held for two or more consecutive years.

D. Collegiate chapters of societies shall be established, maintained, or reactivated only in U.S. colleges and universities that grant the associate, baccalaureate, or higher degrees and that are accredited by one of the following accrediting agencies: the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Northwest Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities; and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Two-year vocational, technical, and career institutions offering general or specialized programs which lead to career opportunities shall not be eligible, except those institutions accredited by the aforementioned regional accrediting agencies. No society shall grant a charter to a chapter in any institution which fails to meet fully the standards and requirements of the Association. Formal chartering of campus chapters shall require approval by a petition from the institution and, if appropriate, the college/department. Official action of the governing body of the honor society is also required.

E. Societies that allow for the establishment of collegiate chapters at non-U.S. institutions of higher learning shall be responsible for determining that such institutions meet and maintain the Association's standards and requirements with regard to the mission and quality of eligible institutions.

F. To further the purposes of this organization, the organizing instrument for each society must specifically state that the society is organized on a membership basis. This structure is necessary to ensure that the interests of individual members are advanced. Further, the organizing instrument and bylaws of a society must assure democratic participation in the society's governance. At a minimum, individual members of each society shall have the right to elect all members of its governing board, either in an individual or representative capacity, and shall have the power to adopt, amend, or repeal policies of the society. At least once every four years, a member society shall take the following actions, either at a national convention or through an equivalent democratic process; conduct elections of members of its governing board; establish authority for control of the affairs of the society; and present a report of national finances covering the period since the immediately preceding financial report. Each requirement set forth in this subsection (F) shall be addressed in the organizing instrument and/or bylaws of a society.

G. Admission fees and dues charged by a society shall not be more than is deemed reasonable by the Council of the Association.

H. By December 1, each society shall submit to the Association an annual report, which shall include society contact information, the most recent financial statement that includes the society's annual operating expenses, and such other information as may be requested by the Board of Directors.

I. Each society shall furnish the Association with a current copy of its constitution and/or bylaws, and shall report annually any amendments to that document by December 1 to accompany the annual report.

**Section 9. Resignation.** A member society desiring to resign from the Association shall submit such resignation in writing to the Association office.

**Section 10. Suspension/Expulsion for Nonpayment.** If a member society fails to pay dues, fees, or assessments, membership in the Association shall automatically terminate under uniform rules, procedures, and conditions established by the Board of Directors.

**Section 11. Suspension/Expulsion for Cause.** Membership of a society in the Association may be suspended or terminated by the Council for cause. Sufficient cause for such suspension or termination of membership may be violation of these Bylaws or any lawful rule or practice adopted by the Association, or other conduct deemed by the Council to be prejudicial to the best interest of the Association. Charges or complaints regarding a member society may be submitted in writing to the Executive Director or President by any member of the Council and, when submitted, shall be investigated by the Board of Directors. A statement of the charges shall be sent by a means that includes obtaining a signed receipt [e.g.; USPS Certified Mail, FedEx, UPS, etc.] to the last recorded address of the member society, accompanied by notice of the time and place of the meeting at which the charges are to be considered. At least thirty days' notice shall be given, and the member society shall have the opportunity to be represented in person or to be represented by counsel and to present any defense to such charges before action is taken by the Council. The member society must notify the Executive Director at least 21 days in advance of the meeting if the member society decides to be represented by counsel. The Council may adopt such rules as may be necessary to assure due process to the member society. The decision for suspension or termination shall be by a four-fifths affirmative vote of the Council at the Annual Meeting.

**Section 12. Reinstatement.** Any member society having resigned from membership or having forfeited membership for failure to pay dues, fees, or assessments, may be reinstated upon application to the Board of Directors through the Executive Director, upon meeting such uniform terms and conditions as may be established by the Council, and by a four-fifths affirmative vote of the Council at the Annual Meeting.

#### Article IV—Council

**Section 1. Council.** The Council shall be the policy-making body of the Association, subject to these Bylaws and the laws of the state or commonwealth in which the Association is incorporated.

**Section 2.** The voting members of the Council shall consist of one representative, preferably the executive, from each active voting member society, selected by that society to serve a term of one year or until a successor is selected.

**Section 3. Annual Meeting.** The annual convention of the Association shall be known as the Annual Meeting, and shall be held at a time and place the Board of Directors shall determine, and at which time the Council shall meet.

**Section 4. Official Call.** The official call to the Annual Meeting giving the time and place of the meeting(s) of the Council shall be mailed or sent electronically to the address of record of each member society at least 30 days in advance of the Annual Meeting.

**Section 5. Quorum.** A quorum for the transaction of business at meetings of the Council shall be the official representatives of a majority of the active voting member societies of the Association.

**Section 6.** Representatives of the associate nonvoting member societies shall have the privilege of the floor, but without vote. The Council may, at its discretion, invite to its meetings representatives of other organizations, to have the privilege of the floor, but without vote.

**Section 7. Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Council shall be called by the President upon written request of three-fourths of the members of the Board of Directors or two-thirds of the active voting member societies. Such special meetings shall be held within fifty days of such request. The time and place of a special meeting shall be mailed or sent electronically to the address of record for each member society. Not less than five days' notice of a special meeting shall be given, and only that business specified in the call may be transacted.

**Section 8. Board Report.** The Board shall provide to the Council an annual report showing the following information for the fiscal year immediately preceding the date of the report: summary of actions; assets and liabilities as of the end of the fiscal year; the principal changes in assets and liabilities; the expenses or disbursements of the Association, for both general and restricted purposes; the number of members of the Association as of the date of the report, together with a statement of increase or decrease in such number, and a statement of the place where the names and addresses of current members may be found.

#### Article V—Board of Directors

**Section 1. Composition.** The Board of Directors shall consist of seven directors elected from among the voting members of the Council at the Annual Meeting to serve staggered three-year terms or until their successors are elected and the Executive Director as ex-officio without vote. An elected director may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The Board shall consist of two General society representative, two Specialized society representatives, and three At-Large representatives.

**Section 2. Powers and Duties.** The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the Association between meetings of the Council, shall administer the policies, programs, and activities of the Association as formulated by the Council; shall employ an Executive Director to be responsible for the operation of a national office; shall develop governing policies that concern goals, executive limitations, board process, and board/executive relations; and is vested with full power to conduct all business of the Association between meetings of the Council. The Board of Directors shall be subject to the orders of the Council, and none of its actions shall conflict with action taken by the Council. The Board of Directors shall arrange the order of business for the Annual Meeting, shall cause to be bonded all officers and employees entrusted with property, real and personal, belonging to the Association, cause the accounts of the Association to be audited annually, submit to the Council for adoption a budget for the next fiscal year, approve such amendments to the budget as may be necessary or appropriate, review the reports of officers and committees of the Association and any recommendations and resolutions to come before the Council and to make recommendations thereto, adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of the affairs of the Association, and perform such other duties as are prescribed or permitted by the laws of the state or commonwealth in which the Association is incorporated for a board of directors or by these Bylaws and the policies adopted by the Council.

**Section 3. Regular Meetings.** There shall be at least one regular meeting of the Board of Directors which shall be called by the President at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the Council.

**Section 4. Special Meetings.** Special meetings may be called by the President with the approval of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, and shall be called upon the written request of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors. Not less than five days' notice shall be given except for meetings which may be called during the Annual Meeting. Business shall be limited to that which is mentioned in the call. The expense of attendance of members of the Board of Directors at special meetings other than those held during the Annual Meeting may be budgeted by the Association.

**Section 5. Quorum.** A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 6. Voting by Mail or Conference Call.**

A. Mail Ballot. Any question may be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors for determination in lieu of a meeting of the Board of Directors. If one-third of the members challenge the mail ballot on the grounds that insufficient information is available

for proper consideration of the question, the question will be postponed to the next meeting of the Board of Directors. A report of any action taken by mail ballot shall be verified and made a part of the minutes of the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

B. Conference Call. Members of the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors through conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time, and such participation shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

## Article VI—Officers

**Section 1. Officers.** The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Council and the Board of Directors, serve as an ex-officio member of Board committees except the Nominating Committee, and provide leadership to the Board of Directors. Upon completion of term of office, the President shall automatically receive the honorific title of President Emeritus.

The Vice President shall have the powers of and perform the duties of the President during any absence or disability of the President, and shall fill the vacancy until the President can resume the duties of that office or until the annual election of officers.

The Secretary shall act as recording secretary of the Council and the Board of Directors and shall perform other such duties as prescribed in these Bylaws or as directed by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. Elections.** The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors from among their own number to serve terms of one year or until their successors are elected. No officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

**Section 3. Vacancies.** Should the office of Vice President or Secretary or other director become vacant, these shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors to serve until the next Council.

**Section 4. Resignation.** Any elected officer or director may resign by submitting that resignation in writing to the Board of Directors.

**Section 5. Removal for Cause.** Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed for cause. Sufficient cause for such removal may be violation of these Bylaws, or any lawful rule, practice, or procedure adopted by the Association or other conduct deemed by the Council to be prejudicial to the best interests of the Association. For removal of a director for cause, it shall be necessary for the Council to hold a formal hearing. A statement of the charges shall be sent by a means that includes obtaining a signed receipt [e.g.; USPS Certified Mail, FedEx, UPS, etc.] to the recorded address of the director, accompanied by notice of the time and place of the meeting at which the charges are to be considered. At least thirty days' notice shall be given, and the director shall have the opportunity to appear in person or to be represented by counsel and to present any defense to such charges before action is taken. The director must notify the Executive Director at least 21 days in advance of the meeting if the member society decides to be represented by counsel. The Council shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to assure due process to the director. The decision for removal shall be made by a four-fifths affirmative vote of the Council at the Annual Meeting.

## Article VII—Executive Director

The Executive Director shall be employed by and serve under the direction of the Board of Directors as the chief executive officer of the Association. The Executive Director shall implement policies and programs of the Council and Board of Directors; be responsible for relations with members and external groups; supervise and manage the offices of the Association and engage all employees; serve as custodian of properties, deeds, records, and archives belonging to the Society and hold, invest, and disburse monies according to policies established by the Board of Directors; and coordinate and expedite work of the Council, Board of Directors, and committees.

## Article VIII—Committees

**Section 1.** Board Standing Committees shall be established by the Council. Special Committees shall be established by the Council or the Board of Directors. The Chairs and members shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors, unless stipulated otherwise elsewhere in these Bylaws. The Board Standing Committees of the Association shall be:

A. The Bylaws Committee shall study issues referred to it by the Council or the Board of Directors and amendments submitted by individual members or committees and prepare appropriate amendments for consideration by the Board of Directors and the Council.

B. The Nominating Committee of five members shall be elected by the Council, two in even years and three in odd years. Candidates for the Nominating Committee shall reflect the diversity of the membership. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to nominate candidates for directors and for the Nominating Committee to be filled at the Council Meeting. The Committee chair shall be elected annual by the Committee from among the five members. A member of the Nominating Committee may not be nominated for any vacancy without resigning as a member of the Nominating Committee. Before the election, additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted.

C. The Committee on Standards and Definitions shall study issues related to standards and definitions of honor societies and recommend principles to guide the Council in its work, and shall examine compliance of constitutions and/or bylaws of member societies with respect to Association standards and make recommendations to the Board of Directors and the Council.

D. The Long Range Planning and Strategic Issues Committee shall evaluate the goals and objectives of the Association and make recommendations for changes as deemed necessary.

E. The Program Committee shall prepare the Annual Meeting agenda and program in consultation with and with the approval of the Board of Directors.

F. The Committee on Eligibility and Admissions shall correspond with organizations in order to determine their interest in affiliation with the Association and shall assist in the development of petitions for membership. It shall review objectives, governance, and activities of student organizations to determine eligibility of such societies for admission into the Association and shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors and the Council.

G. The Committee on Public Information shall publicize the Association and its Annual Meeting by distributing news releases to representatives of member societies and appropriate associations and agencies, and shall promote the objectives and interests of the Association to other organizations and to the public through exhibits, exchanges, printed materials, and other appropriate means.

H. The Association Management Committee shall study tax developments and new regulations, keep abreast of association management trends in non-profits, and inform the Board of Directors and the Council of changes pertinent to member societies.

## Article IX—Indemnification

The Association shall have the power to indemnify any person who is or was a Council representative, officer, Board of Directors member, employee, or agent of the

Association or who is or was serving at the request of the Association as a delegate, director, officer, employee, or agent of another association, society, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, to the full extent permitted by law. The Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of such persons against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in any such capacity or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify him or her against any such liability. Such persons shall not be personally liable for monetary damages for any action taken unless the person has breached or failed to perform the duties of the office and the breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct, or recklessness. Exception: The above shall not apply to the responsibility or liability of a person pursuant to any criminal statute or the liability for the payment of taxes pursuant to federal, state, or local law.

#### **Article X—Fiscal Year**

The Board of Directors shall determine the fiscal year.

#### **Article XI—Net Earnings/Activities/Dissolution**

**Section 1.** The Association is a nonprofit organization that will be financed under a general plan which may include, without limitation, member dues and assessments, contributions from the general public, fund raising activities, loans and grants from third parties, and income from investments, as shall be deemed necessary and appropriate to further the purposes of the Association.

**Section 2.** The Association is organized exclusively for charitable educational purposes, including receiving and administering funds and making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**Section 3.** Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Council shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all of the assets of the Association exclusively for the purposes of the Association in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operating exclusively for charitable, education, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, as the Council shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### **Article XII—Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

#### **Article XII—Amendment of Bylaws**

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Council by a two-thirds affirmative vote provided that a copy of the proposed amendment has been sent to each member society and each member of the Board of Directors at least thirty days prior to the meeting, or without notice at any meeting of the Council by a three-fourths affirmative vote.

### **Functions of an Honor Society**

The functions of an honor society are not social as in the case of general college fraternities and sororities. Social activities of honor societies are incidental and occasional, usually in connection with major activities. The following functions are properly served by an honor society:

- To confer distinction for high achievement in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies, in student leadership, and in various fields of research.
- To foster the spirit of liberal culture.
- To stimulate and encourage mental development.
- To stand for freedom of mind and spirit and for democracy of learning.
- To provide spiritual and intellectual leadership.
- To preserve valuable traditions and customs.
- To associate outstanding leaders in mutual understanding for the advancement of society in the art of democratic living.
- To stimulate worthy attitudes for the improvement of the general welfare of the institution.
- To impose upon members high citizenship responsibilities and to emphasize deeper study and discussion of the American tradition—its characteristics, ideals, and possibilities.



## Member Societies



### Alpha Beta Gamma — Business

Founded in 1970 at Manchester, Connecticut.

Admitted to ACHS: 1996

**No of Active Chapters:** 181

**Total Membership:** 81000

**Publications:** *Honors Journal, Scholarship Directory, Chapter Operating Manual*

**PURPOSE:** To confer distinction for high academic achievement in business studies; to encourage scholarship, intellectual development, and the pursuit of excellence in business careers; to teach leadership; to provide for an exchange of intellectual ideas; to provide networking opportunities for business students. Exceptional business professionals and academicians are recognized through honorary membership. All members are lifetime members.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Membership is limited to students enrolled in business degree programs who have achieved a minimum of 3.0/4.0 cumulative grade point average and who have earned 30 credits towards a business degree and rank in the top 35% of their class.

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### Alpha Chi — All Academic Fields

Founded at a conference of Texas colleges held on the campus of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, February 22, 1922

Admitted to ACHS: 1955

**No of Active Chapters:** 337

**Total Membership:** 409402

**Number of Regions:** 7

**Publications:** *Aletheia: The Alpha Chi Journal of Undergraduate Scholarship, Alpha Chi Recorder, Alpha Chi Newsletter*

**PURPOSE:** To encourage sound scholarship and devotion to truth, not only among members but among all students on chapter campuses. Opposed to bigotry, narrowness, and discrimination on any basis other than that of academic achievement or character.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Active membership is restricted to the top ten percent of juniors, seniors, and graduate students. The faculty may set higher standards. High scholarship is the primary requisite for membership, but good character and reputation are considerations.

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## Alpha Epsilon — Agricultural, Food, and Biological Engineering

Founded at the University of Missouri, May 14, 1959

Admitted to ACHS: 1968

Associate: 1968: Full membership: 1970

**No of Active Chapters:** 17

**Total Membership:** 8144

**Publications:**

**PURPOSE:** To promote the high ideals of the engineering profession, to give recognition to those agricultural and biological engineers who manifest worthy qualities of character, scholarship, and professional attainment, and to encourage and support such improvements in the agricultural and biological engineering profession that make it an instrument of greater service to mankind.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Membership shall be based on scholarship, leadership, and character. Active members shall be undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in agricultural and biological engineering. A senior must be in the upper third of the college class in which enrolled. A junior must be in the upper quarter of the college class in which enrolled. Graduate students must have completed seven semester hours of graduate course work with a minimum grade average of 3.25 on a 4.0 point scale, or have been eligible as an undergraduate.

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## Alpha Epsilon Delta — Premedical

Founded at the University of Alabama, April 28, 1926

Admitted to ACHS: 1945

**No of Active Chapters:** 179

**Total Membership:** 168178

**Number of Regions:** 5

**Publications:** *The Scalpel, AED Newsletter*

**PURPOSE:** Alpha Epsilon Delta is the national health preprofessional honor society dedicated to the encouragement and recognition of excellence in preprofessional health scholarship, including medicine, dentistry, veterinary, and others. The Society welcomes ALL students engaged in the pursuit of a professional healthcare career. AED offers opportunities for intellectual and professional development, provides a forum for students with common interest, and extends a program of service to benefit the college/university community.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Membership in AED is an honor bestowed upon a student in recognition of superior scholastic achievement, and affords an opportunity to develop initiative, leadership, and self-education through participation in the activities of the chapter and Society.

A Student Member is a person preparing for a career in a health profession, has completed at least three semesters (five quarters) of preprofessional health work (with the minimum scholastic requirements as described in the Constitution), has been initiated into the Society, paid the national membership fee, and has been registered with the National Office. A Student Member becomes an AED alumnus upon graduation.

The student shall be engaged in courses leading to the study of their chosen health profession. The student shall have completed at least three semesters or five quarters of health preprofessional studies work with a overall cumulative grade average of at least 3.20 on a 4.0 scale (A = 4.00) and also with a cumulative average of 3.20 in the sciences - biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics. Members shall be selected with no discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, creed or national origin.

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## Alpha Epsilon Rho — Electronic Media

Founded in 1943 at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri  
Admitted to ACHS: 2009  
**No of Active Chapters:** 46  
**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 94  
**Total Membership:** 41388  
**Number of Regions:** 1

**PURPOSE:** Members emphasize superior scholarship as well as creative participation in electronic media production and activity. Membership in AERho exemplifies excellence of work, demonstrated leadership qualities and service to the organization, the community, and the industry.

Individuals show a demonstrated interest in the field of electronic media (including web/internet technologies, broadcasting, mass communication, radio, television, cable, and/or film). Student members are affiliated with chapters found on university campuses or are members of the national chapter when there is no existing collegiate chapter.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Membership is limited to students who have completed three semesters or five quarters of full-time college work, in a college or university which is accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting associations, grants baccalaureate or higher degrees and which provides or maintains some form of electronic media curriculum.

Undergraduate students shall not rank lower than the upper one third of their college class in overall scholarship as indicated by a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher on all courses as well as a GPA of 3.25 in all electronic media studies courses (on a 4.0 scale).

Graduate students must meet the requirements for undergraduate candidates, based upon his/her undergraduate records or who have completed at least one year of graduate work, meeting departmental standards for satisfactory progress toward an advanced degree.

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## Alpha Eta Mu Beta — Biomedical Engineering

Founded in 1979  
Admitted to ACHS: 2013  
**No of Active Chapters:** 22  
**Publications:** *AEMB Newsletter*

**PURPOSE:** Alpha Eta Mu Beta is the National Biomedical Engineering Honor Society. Established in 1979, Alpha Eta Mu Beta was formed to recognize and encourage excellence in the field of Biomedical Engineering and Bioengineering. Membership into Alpha Eta Mu Beta consists of those individuals in the field of Biomedical Engineering or Bioengineering who through their attainments in college or in practice have manifested a deep interest and marked ability in their chosen life work. The purpose of Alpha Eta Mu Beta is to bring these individuals into closer union so as to promote an understanding of the profession. Membership to Alpha Eta Mu Beta is a privilege and an honor. Members of Alpha Eta Mu Beta are recognized in an outstanding manner for having conferred honor on their Alma Mater by distinguished scholarship, exemplary character, honorable activities, and leadership.

Through various development, training, networking and service opportunities, members of Alpha Eta Mu Beta are able to learn and grow. In this process, they develop critical lifelong skills that prepare them to excel for the post college environment or to transform individuals at their present jobs into leaders and innovators.

The fields of Biomedical Engineering and Bioengineering are constantly evolving; therefore, over the years, AEMB has transformed itself into a dynamic organization to meet the needs of its growing membership and alumni, the institutions that they serve and our society.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for membership in Alpha Eta Mu Beta, an individual must:

(1) Be a full-time junior or senior undergraduate student registered in an Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET) accredited Bioengineering or Biomedical Engineering program. Biomedical Engineering Technology or Biotechnology programs are not considered comparable curricula.

(2) Maintain an average scholastic grade a. In the upper one-fifth of the class for juniors b. In the upper one-third of the class for seniors

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## Alpha Iota Delta — Decision Sciences and Information Systems

Founded at Decision Sciences Institute, Atlanta, GA, 1971

Admitted to ACHS: 2009

**No of Active Chapters:** 56

**Total Membership:** 7614

**Publications:** *The Decision Forum*

**PURPOSE:** The purposes of the honor society are threefold:

- to confer distinction to students in the decision sciences and information systems disciplines for academic excellence
- to promote the infusion of the functional and behavioral areas of business with the tools, concepts, and methodologies of the decision sciences and information systems
- to promote interest in the disciplines of decision sciences and information systems

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to both undergraduate and graduate students. All students who meet the required grade point average and have taken enough decision science courses are eligible for membership in Alpha Iota Delta.

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## Alpha Kappa Delta — Sociology

Founded at the University of Southern California, 1920

Admitted to ACHS: 1967

**No of Active Chapters:** 517

**Total Membership:** 129000

**Number of Regions:** 10

**Publications:** *Sociological Inquiry* AKD Newsletter

**PURPOSE:** The name implies social research for the purpose of service. It is a non-secret, democratic, international, sociology honor society.

**ELIGIBILITY: Undergraduate:** Must be an officially declared sociology major or demonstrate a serious interest in sociology within an official program of the host institution. Must be at least a junior (third year) by standards of the host institution. Shall rank in the top 35% of their class in general scholarship. If class rank is not readily available to a chapter representative, in lieu of class rank, students shall have accumulated the equivalent of an overall grade point average of at least 3.3 by a four point scale where: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0. Must have maintained the equivalent of a 3.0 grade point average in sociology courses taken at the host institution prior to initiation. Must have completed at least four regular courses in sociology at the host institution prior to initiation (exclusive of extension or courses graded pass/fail).

**Graduates:** For students classified as graduate students (those officially admitted to graduate study in sociology at the host institution), the following specific requirements must have been met prior to the time of initiation: completion of one half year of graduate study in sociology (i.e., one semester or two quarters or the equivalent academic unit) with a graduate GPA of B or better, and continued matriculation in a program of study leading toward a graduate degree in sociology at the host institution.

**Staff Members:** For staff members of the host institution, formal conferral of the Ph.D. in sociology or employment as a sociologist are required prior to initiation, provided they meet the other requirements set forth above.

Barring unusual circumstances, graduate students are eligible for membership in Alpha Kappa Delta. Election to Alpha Kappa Delta shall be without regard to race, creed, or national origin.

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## Alpha Kappa Mu — All Academic Fields

Founded at Tennessee A & I State College, November 26, 1937

Admitted to ACHS: 1952

**No of Active Chapters:** 46

**Total Membership:** 96951

**Number of Regions:** 8

**Publications:** *Alpha Kappa Mu* Newsletter (published biannually)

**PURPOSE:** To promote high scholarship; to encourage sincere and zealous endeavor in all fields of knowledge and service; to cultivate a high order of personal living; and to develop an appreciation for scholarship and scholarly endeavor in others.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Election to membership in a chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu is limited to students of junior or senior classification, who have earned a minimum of thirty hours at the institution a year prior to induction, with a cumulative grade point ratio of 3.3 or better (A=4) and ranks in the upper 10% of the class. Fifty percent or more of the hours needed for graduation must have been completed. In addition to academic requirements, good character and one's reputation are considered for membership. First-year graduate students are eligible if they meet the requirements for undergraduates. A continuing graduate student must have been admitted as a matriculated student and must have earned fifteen hours with a GPA of 3.7 or better.

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## Alpha Lambda Delta — Freshman Scholarship

Founded at the University of Illinois on May 31, 1924

Admitted to ACHS: 1939

**No of Active Chapters:** 275

**Total Membership:** 1001000

**Publications:** *The Flame*

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the society is to encourage superior scholastic attainment among students in their first year in institutions of higher education, to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and to assist women and men in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their roles in society.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Membership is based on superior academic achievement by students during their first year of college. The student must be registered for a full load of courses leading to a bachelor's degree. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better (based on A=4.0) at the end of any curricular period during their first year of college and rank in the top 20% of the freshman class. Students are active during the year following induction, but enjoy life membership in the society.

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## Alpha Phi Sigma — Criminal Justice

Founded at Washington State University 1942

Admitted to ACHS: 1981

**No of Active Chapters:** 370

**Total Membership:** 107895

**Publications:** *The Docket*

Official Newsletter

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of Alpha Phi Sigma is to recognize and promote high scholarship among students actively engaged in collegiate preparation for professional services; to keep abreast of the advances in scientific research; to elevate the ethical standards of the Criminal Justice professions; and to establish in the public mind the benefit and necessity of education.

**ELIGIBILITY:** 1. Baccalaureate students shall be enrolled at the time of application in the institution represented by the chapter, have declared a major, minor or equivalent in the criminal justice or related field, have completed three full time semesters or its equivalent, have a minimum GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, with a minimum GPA of 3.2 in courses in criminal justice related fields and rank in the top 35% of their class. A minimum of four courses of the above course work shall be in the criminal justice field.

2. Masters students shall be enrolled at the time of application in a Masters program in the Criminal Justice field in the institution represented by the chapter; have completed four courses, have a minimum GPA of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale. Up to three undergraduate courses in Criminal Justice may be used to satisfy the four-course requirement. These courses must equate to a 3.4 GPA or higher, and the cumulative undergraduate degree program GPA is a 3.2 or higher. In addition, all Masters level coursework must equate to a 3.4 GPA or higher at the institution in which the student is enrolled.

3. Doctoral Students shall be enrolled at the time of application in a Ph.D. program in the Criminal Justice/ related field in the institution represented by the chapter; have completed four courses, have a minimum GPA of 3.6 on a 4.0 scale. Up to three Masters courses in Criminal Justice may be used to satisfy the four-course requirement. These courses must equate to a 3.6 GPA or higher, and the cumulative Masters degree program GPA is a 3.4 or higher. In addition, any Ph.D. level coursework must equate to a 3.6 GPA or higher at the institution in which the student is enrolled.

4. Students enrolled in law school, must have completed their first academic semester, with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher, on a 4.0 scale.

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## Alpha Pi Mu — Industrial Engineering

Founded at Georgia Institute of Technology, January 5, 1949

Admitted to ACHS: 1952

**No of Active Chapters:** 68

**Total Membership:** 47095

**Number of Regions:** 7

**Publications:**

**PURPOSE:** Confer recognition upon students of Industrial and Systems Engineering who have shown exceptional academic interest and abilities in their field, encourage the advancement and quality of Industrial and Systems Engineering education, unify the student body of the Industrial Engineering department in presenting its needs and ideals to the faculty.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students of Industrial and Systems Engineering who rank scholastically in the upper one-third of the senior Industrial and Systems Engineering class and the upper one-fifth of the junior Industrial and Systems Engineering class are considered for membership on the basis of leadership, ethics, sociability, character, and breadth of interest. Graduate students and alumni may be elected to membership if they meet the requirements. Faculty members and professional industrial and systems engineers may be elected to faculty and honorary membership respectively have proven themselves outstanding professionals in the field.

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## Alpha Sigma Lambda — Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning

Founded in 1942 at Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

Admitted to ACHS: 2011

**No of Active Chapters:** 325

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 325

**Publications:** *Midnight Oil Newsletter*

**PURPOSE:** Alpha Sigma Lambda's aim is to recognize the special achievements of adults who accomplish academic excellence while facing competing interests of home and work. Alpha Sigma Lambda is dedicated to the advancement of scholarship and recognizes high scholastic achievement in an adult student's career. By so doing, this Society encourages many students to continue toward and to earn associate and baccalaureate degrees.

Through leadership born of effort, both scholastically and fraternally, Alpha Sigma Lambda inspires its candidates to give of their strengths to their fellow students and communities through their academic achievements.

To the newcomer in higher education, Alpha Sigma Lambda stands as an inspiration to scholastic growth and an invitation to associate with similarly motivated students.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students interested in attaining membership in the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society must attend a regionally accredited college or university that offers two- or four-year degrees to non-traditional/adult students. This institution must be a member of the Society in order to offer membership to its students. Membership is strictly by invitation to the chapter at the matriculating institution. Currently, membership is limited to undergraduate students seeking their first degree.

Student members must have completed a minimum of twenty-four (24) graded semester hour credits or the equivalent\*\* and shall be matriculated students in an undergraduate degree program in an institution that is regionally accredited in the U.S or recognized by the Ministry of Education of the country in which the program operates. These college credits may not include transfer credits. All twenty-four credits must be taken through and graded at the matriculating institution and must be included in the student's cumulative GPA.

At least twelve credits of student's total credits should be earned in courses in Liberal Arts/Sciences, not including applied Arts/Sciences courses. Accepted transfer courses may be added to the 24 credits earned at this institution until the Liberal Arts/Sciences requirements are fully satisfied.

Student members shall be selected from the highest twenty percent of the students who have twenty-four graded credits and are matriculated in an undergraduate degree program. Student members selected must have a minimum grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent. The cumulative scholastic record of the student as interpreted by the institution where membership is to be conferred shall be the basis for computing scholastic eligibility.

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## Alpha Sigma Mu — Metallurgy and Materials Engineering

Founded at the Michigan Technological University, January, 1932

Admitted to ACHS: 1965

**No of Active Chapters:** 34

**Total Membership:** 8000

**PURPOSE:** To honor those students of metallurgy, metallurgical engineering and materials engineering who attain high rank in scholarship and who possess to a high degree the qualities of exemplary integrity, leadership and initiative.

**ELIGIBILITY:** There are three classes of membership: Distinguished Life Members, Regular, and Honorary. Distinguished Life Members shall have achieved and maintained, throughout a long career, a distinguished international standing in metallurgy, metallurgical engineering, materials science, or materials engineering professions, through academic, research, or industrial activity. An Honorary Member shall have achieved exceptionally high standing in the metallurgy, metallurgical engineering, materials science, or materials engineering professions through academic, research, or industrial activity. A Regular Member shall be either an outstanding undergraduate or graduate student possessing the qualities of integrity, leadership, and initiative, at a recognized college or university in a pertinent curriculum, or a practicing scientist or engineer who has attained high stature in the field of metallurgical or materials engineering, through outstanding scholarly activity, research, or service to the profession. An undergraduate student shall be of junior or senior status, shall have completed at least nine credit hours or the equivalent, and shall have attended the approved college or university for at least two full quarters or one semester. An undergraduate student shall be in the cumulative upper one-third scholastically of all students working toward a degree in the curriculum. A graduate student shall have completed at least nine semester hours or equivalent at the graduate level and meet the above qualities. A practicing scientist shall be well-known and respected for contributions to metallurgy and/or materials.

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## Alpha Sigma Nu — General Scholarship - Jesuit Institutions of Higher Education

Founded at Marquette University, 1915

Merged with Gamma Pi Epsilon, March 30, 1973

Admitted to ACHS: 1975

**No of Active Chapters:** 31

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 14

**Total Membership:** 72000

**Publications:** *ASN Newsletters, Faculty Advisers Bulletin*

**PURPOSE:** To honor students of Jesuit institutions of higher education who distinguish themselves in scholarship, loyalty, and service; to encourage those so honored to understand, to appreciate, and to promote the ideals of Jesuit education.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Student membership is conferred on not more than four percent of the junior and senior class. Candidates must rank in the top fifteen percent of their class. Graduate students shall have completed one-half of the requirements for their degree at the time of nomination. All must meet qualifications of service and loyalty to the Jesuit ideals of higher education. Chapters may confer a limited number of honor memberships.

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## Beta Gamma Sigma — Business and Management

Founded at University of Wisconsin-Madison, February 19, 1913

Admitted to ACHS: 1937

Readmitted to ACHS 1990

**No of Active Chapters:** 543

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 30

**Total Membership:** 750000

**Publications:** *BGS News, BGS Directory, BGS Chapter Notes (Chapter Advisors)*

**PURPOSE:** The Mission of the International Honor Society Beta Gamma Sigma is to encourage and honor academic achievement in the study of business, to cultivate and celebrate leadership and professional excellence, to advance the values of the Society and to service its lifelong members.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Limited to those majoring in business and management at institutions accredited by AACSB International. The upper 10 percent of undergraduate students, the upper 20 percent of master's students and doctoral students who have completed all requirements for that degree may be inducted. Undergraduates may be inducted as early as the last term of their second year of business study.

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## Beta Kappa Chi — Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Founded in 1923 by the science faculty and science students of Lincoln University, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania.

Admitted to ACHS: 1961

**No of Active Chapters:** 67

**Total Membership:** 40401

**Number of Regions:** 5

**Publications:** *Beta Kappa Chi Bulletin*

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Society shall be to encourage and advance scientific education through original investigation, the dissemination of scientific knowledge; and the stimulation of high scholarship in pure and applied science.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Undergraduate students are eligible for membership if they rank in the upper fifth of their class and have completed at least sixty-four semester hours of college work, seventeen semester hours of which shall be in one of the sciences recognized by Beta Kappa Chi with a grade average of at least B in the science area and a general college average of at least B; graduate students are eligible if they have completed at least fifteen semester hours in one of the sciences recognized by the Society with a grade average of A in at least one-third of the hours and at least B in the remaining two-thirds semester hours.

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## Beta Phi Mu — Library & Information Studies

Founded at the University of Illinois, August 1948

Admitted to ACHS: 1969

**No of Active Chapters:** 48

**Total Membership:** 40000

**Publications:** *The Pipeline Online Newsletter, Scholars Series*

**PURPOSE:** Recognition of superior academic achievement in library and information science; sponsorship of professional and scholarly projects.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Active membership is open to graduates of schools of library and information science with masters programs accredited by the American Library Association who have earned an academic average in their professional studies of at least 3.75 (where A=4.0). No more than 25% of a given graduating class may be nominated. Each eligible candidate must also be recommended for election by the faculty of the candidate's school.

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## Chi Epsilon — Civil Engineering

Founded at the University of Illinois, May 20, 1922

Admitted to ACHS: 1953

**No of Active Chapters:** 131

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 2

**Total Membership:** 117000

**Number of Regions:** 10

**Publications:** *The Transit*, *Chi Epsilon Newsletter*

**PURPOSE:** To place a mark of distinction upon the student of civil engineering who exemplifies the four traits of the successful engineer, the cornerstones upon which Chi Epsilon is founded: scholarship, character, practicality, and sociability.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Only those students shall be eligible for active membership who have maintained an average grade in scholarship in the highest one-third of the class of those who are eligible for Chi Epsilon honors (namely those students duly registered in the civil engineering courses, or directly associated courses whose curricula have been approved, and who have completed at least one-half of the required work for their bachelor's degree--in essence, juniors and seniors).

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## Chi Sigma Iota — Professional Counseling

Founded at Ohio University, March 1985

Admitted to ACHS: 2001

**No of Active Chapters:** 290

**Total Membership:** 118000

**Number of Regions:** 5

**Publications:** *The Exemplar* (3 regular issues plus special issue biennially), *The Journal of Counselor Leadership and Advocacy* (2 issues annually)

**PURPOSE:** Our mission is to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership, advocacy, and excellence in counseling, and to recognize high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence in the profession of counseling and counselor education.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Graduate students invited to membership must have a minimum 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale after completing at least one full academic term (or its equivalent in hours) of graduate preparation in counselor education and be recommended by the chapter as suited for such recognition. Professionals invited to membership must meet all the same requirements as student members including a 3.5 GPA or better on all graduate work and have their primary career identity as a professional counselor as evident, for example, by their highest degree being in counselor education and their professional license or certification as a counselor.

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## Delta Epsilon Sigma — General Scholarship in Colleges and Universities with a Catholic Tradition

Founded at Loras College, April 13, 1939

Admitted to ACHS: 1967

**No of Active Chapters:** 53

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 1

**Total Membership:** 90347

**Publications:** *Delta Epsilon Sigma Journal*

**PURPOSE:** The purposes of this Society shall be to recognize academic accomplishments, to foster scholarly activities, and to encourage a sense of intellectual community among its members.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for membership in the Society, candidates must be persons who have a record of outstanding academic accomplishment, who have shown dedication to intellectual activity, and who have accepted their responsibility of service to others. Undergraduate students shall have completed at least fifty percent of the credit requirements for their baccalaureate degrees and rank not lower than the highest twenty percent of their class in scholarship. Graduate students shall have completed one-half of the credit requirements for their degree and shall have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent. Faculty, administrators, and staff members are eligible for election to membership upon recommendation of the local chapter. Alumni of an institution are eligible for election to membership if they have graduated cum laude or have fulfilled the general requirements of membership in some other manner.

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## Delta Mu Delta — Business Administration

Founded at New York University, November 18, 1913

Admitted to ACHS: 1963

**No of Active Chapters:** 256

**Total Membership:** 166479

**Number of Regions:** 8

**Publications:** *DMD Vision, Booklet of Information, Info Card, Benefits Flyer*

**PURPOSE:** To promote higher education in business; to recognize and reward superior scholastic accomplishment.

**ELIGIBILITY: All Levels:** Must be registered in the business program at a school with a Delta Mu Delta Chapter; must have completed one-half of the required degree course-work; must be in the top 20 percent of their class; must have 24 hours residency at the school.

**Baccalaureate:** Have a cumulative GPA of .25 above a "B" or better to comply with the above.

**Graduate/Doctoral:** Have a cumulative GPA of .60 above a "B" or better to comply with the above.

*(Some chapters may require higher standards.)*

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## Delta Tau Alpha — Agriculture

Founded at Southwest Missouri State College, now Missouri State University, March 19, 1960.

Admitted to ACHS: 1992

**No of Active Chapters:** 31

**Total Membership:** 15974

**Number of Regions:** 3

**Publications:** *The Achiever*

**PURPOSE:** To promote and recognize scholarship and leadership accomplishments of agricultural students while emphasizing character development, to enhance undergraduate preparation for professional positions, to join with other agricultural student organizations in the promotion of agriculture.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Active members must have completed at least nine semester hours, or its equivalent, in agricultural courses; must have completed at least forty five semester hours, or its equivalent, of college courses, rank not lower than the highest thirty-five percent of their class in general scholarship.

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## Epsilon Pi Phi — Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Founded in 2006

Admitted to ACHS: 2017

**No of Active Chapters:** 9

**PURPOSE:** Epsilon Pi Phi (EPP) was established by The Foundation for Higher Education Accreditation in 2006 in order that students within emergency management programs would have an avenue for recognition of academic success and contributions to the profession.

This specialized honor society is for emergency management, homeland security, disaster research and science, criminal justice, and continuity management disciplines.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

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## Epsilon Pi Tau — Professions in Technology

Founded at The Ohio State University, March 13, 1929

Admitted to ACHS: 2005

**No of Active Chapters:** 44

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 5

**Total Membership:** 24000

**Number of Regions:** 5

**Publications:** *The Journal of Technology Studies, The Epsilon Pi Tau Preceptor*

**PURPOSE:** In service to the general education and career preparation academic fields and the professional practice areas of technology, Epsilon Pi Tau: (a) promotes and recognizes the achievement of academic excellence, (b) promotes the values and contributions of professionals in technology, (c) provides a medium for the professional development and recognition of individual members for leadership and achievement, (d) enhances the status of the practitioners and the professions in technology, (e) fosters and encourages the acceptance of the ideals of technological capability and skill, social and professional proficiency, and research and its applications and products; and (f) advances understanding, appreciation and awareness of technology as both an enduring and influential human endeavor and an integral element of culture.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Student membership is limited to those enrolled in approved technology programs and course sequences offered at accredited institutions that award associate, bachelors and graduate degrees. Students of good moral character will be eligible upon achieving the following academic rankings and grade point standards. Chapters may prescribe additional criteria such as evidence of leadership experiences that relate to the six Epsilon Pi Tau purposes in the preceding paragraph. (Grades used in the following statements are based on a 4 point system in which a grade of 4 or A is the highest and I or D is the lowest passing grade.)

Associate degree students must have completed 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of credit in prescribed courses and have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of no less than 3.25 in major courses and rank not lower than the highest 35% of class in overall scholarship.

Students in programs leading to a bachelors degree must be at least second semester or third quarter sophomores or juniors, or seniors who have completed or earned at least 30 semesters or 45 quarter credit hours in the major or relevant course sequence, achieved a GPA of no less than 3.25 in the major or a relevant course sequence and a 3.00 overall GPA and rank not lower than the highest 35% of undergraduates of the same class level/year/term in the program or sequence. At least 16 semesters or 24 quarter credit hours in the major must have been earned. The preceding standards are appropriately adapted for students who transfer from other programs within the institution or whose transfer is based on an associate degree.

Graduate students may be considered after completing at least 9 semester hours or 12 quarter hours with at least a 3.3 cumulative GPA with no incompletes in courses prescribed for their program.

Faculty, academic support staff members and alumni of programs served by Epsilon Pi Tau are eligible for membership. Additionally, benefactors of these programs and persons exhibiting a general interest and knowledge of technology in the context of Epsilon Pi Tau ideals and purposes are eligible for membership upon recommendation and appropriate documentation of their accomplishments by recommending chapters.

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## Gamma Theta Upsilon — Geography

Founded at Illinois State Normal University, 1931 (founded as a local in 1928; became national in 1931)

Admitted to ACHS: 1976

**No of Active Chapters:** 157

**Total Membership:** 67962

**Number of Regions:** 8

**Publications:** *The Geographical Bulletin*

**PURPOSE:** To further professional interest, to strengthen student and professional training, to advance the status of geography as a cultural and practical discipline, to encourage student research, and to create and administer funds for furthering graduate study and/or research.

**ELIGIBILITY:** In keeping with the Society's Specialized Scholarship classification, initiates must have a GPA of at least 3.3 (on a 4.0 scale) in geography courses, rank in the top 35% of their class, have completed a minimum of 3 geography courses, and have completed at least 3 semesters or 5 quarters of full-time college course work.

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## Kappa Mu Epsilon — Mathematics

Founded at Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, April 18, 1931

Admitted to ACHS: 1968

**No of Active Chapters:** 150

**Total Membership:** 82814

**Number of Regions:** 6

**Publications:** *The Pentagon*

**PURPOSE:** To further the interests of mathematics in those schools which place their primary emphasis on the undergraduate program; to recognize and honor outstanding scholastic achievement of undergraduate students in mathematics.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Active members must be or have been a faculty member or a regularly enrolled student at an institution which has a Kappa Mu Epsilon Chapter; must have completed at least three semesters (or five quarters) of college courses and rank in the upper thirty-five percent of his/her class; must have completed at least three college courses in mathematics including at least one semester (or two quarters) of calculus and attained an average of B or better in all mathematics courses.

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## Kappa Omicron Nu — Human Sciences

Founded in 1990 through consolidation of Omicron Nu (founded at Michigan Agricultural College, April 1912) and Kappa Omicron Phi (founded at Northwest Missouri State College, December 11, 1922)

Admitted to ACHS: 1951

Omicron Nu admitted 1951, readmitted 1968

Kappa Omicron Phi admitted 1972

**No of Active Chapters:** 96

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 3

**Total Membership:** 142000

**Publications:** *Kappa Omicron Nu FORUM, Dialogue, Collegiate Member Newsletter, Chapter Newsletter, URC Undergraduate Research Journal*

**PURPOSE:** The mission of Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society is empowered leaders in scholarship, research, and leadership development. This mission will enhance the ability of the organization and chapters to prepare scholars and researchers as leaders for the 21st century. To accomplish this mission, the Society shall promote scholarship and encourage intellectual development, promote research and foster the spirit of inquiry, confer distinction for high achievement, promote leadership development, stimulate student and faculty dialogue, enrich the intellectual environment of higher education institutions, encourage high standards of practice and ethical behavior, and promote attitudes of professional responsibility for the public good.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Undergraduate students shall have completed 45 semester hours or equivalent, have a minimum grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, and rank in the top 25 percent of their class. Graduate students shall have completed 12 semester hours of graduate work or equivalent and have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

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## Kappa Tau Alpha — Journalism and Mass Communication

Founded at the University of Missouri, March 10, 1910

Admitted to ACHS: 1951

**No of Active Chapters:** 96

**Total Membership:** 69681

**Publications:** *KTA Newsletter*

**PURPOSE:** The recognition and encouragement of excellence in scholarship and professionalism in journalism and mass communication.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Juniors and seniors majoring in journalism or mass communication who rank in the upper 10 percent of their class based on overall grade point average, have at least a 3.0 GPA in upper-level journalism/mass communication courses, and have completed at least nine semester hours of professional courses in the major. Graduate students who rank in the top 10 percent of their class also may be selected. Membership is by invitation only through one of the Society's 96 chapters.

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## Lambda Pi Eta — Communication

Founded at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; 1985

Admitted to ACHS: 1996

**No of Active Chapters:** 521

**Total Membership:** 26215

**Publications:** *Simply Speaking - Electronic Quarterly Newsletter*, Undergraduate Journal beginning 2013

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of Lambda Pi Eta is to recognize, foster, and reward outstanding scholastic achievement; to stimulate interest in the field of communication; to promote and encourage professional development among communication majors; to provide an opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas in the field of communication; and to establish and maintain close relationships and understanding between faculty and students.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Members must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA; have a 3.25 GPA in Communication courses; have 60 credit hours completed overall; have 12 credit hours completed in Communication courses; rank in the upper 35% of their class; be full-time students in good standing; display commitment to the field of Communication.

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## Lambda Sigma — Student Leadership, Scholarship and Service

Founded at the University of Pittsburgh, November 1922 as the National Society of Cwens, became Lambda Sigma Society March 6, 1976, in compliance with Title IX

Admitted to ACHS: 1981

**No of Active Chapters:** 39

**Total Membership:** 57347

**Publications:** *The Diamond*

**PURPOSE:** To promote leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and service among second-year students. Lambda Sigma recognizes its ideals among members of the first year class and fosters development of these ideals. As members and active participants, Lambda Sigmas serve and promote the interests of their institutions and communities.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Candidates are first-year students who rank in the highest thirty-five percent of the freshman class of their college or university. Chapters set appropriate grade point requirements. Candidates shall have shown potential for leadership and service at their respective campuses.

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## Mortar Board — Scholarship, Leadership and Service

Founded by Cornell University, The University of Michigan, The Ohio State University and Swarthmore College on the campus of Syracuse University on February 15, 1918.

Admitted to ACHS: 1937

**No of Active Chapters:** 231

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 16

**Total Membership:** 431400

**Number of Regions:** 25

**Publications:** *The Mortar Board Forum* and a variety of electronic newsletters

**PURPOSE:** To facilitate cooperation among senior honor societies, to contribute to the self-awareness of our members, to promote equal opportunities among all peoples, to emphasize the advancement of the status of women, to support the ideals of the university, to advance a spirit of scholarship, to recognize and encourage leadership, to provide service and to establish the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas as individuals and as a group.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Membership is based on scholarship, leadership and service with an emphasis on participation and giving back to the campus and community. Members must have junior status at their college or university and meet their chapter's grade requirement. Chapters are advised to select members ranked in the top 35 percent of the junior class or who have a 3.0 GPA (whichever is higher on the specified campus). Because of this, the GPA requirement varies slightly between schools. Each student selected to Mortar Board must agree to serve as an active member for at least one school term (semester or quarter, summers not included).

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## Mu Kappa Tau — Marketing

Founded at Arizona State University in 1966.

Admitted to ACHS: 1996

**No of Active Chapters:** 54

**Total Membership:** 15000

**Publications:**

**PURPOSE:** Founded in 1966 by members of Pi Sigma Epsilon, the National Sales and Marketing Fraternity, Mu Kappa Tau membership is extended to marketing juniors and seniors as well as educators and professionals who have shown dedication and contribution to the marketing profession. Mu Kappa Tau exists to recognize academic excellence and to encourage individuals seeking a life-long commitment to an exceptional standard of ethics and achievement within the marketing milieu.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Mu Kappa Tau believes scholastic excellence should be a high priority for every marketing student and thus, works toward this end. Membership is open to the following students majoring in marketing who must have an overall cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25 on a 4.00 scale:

- Juniors ranking in the top 10% of their class
- Seniors ranking in the top 20% of their class
- Graduate students who have completed 50% of their MS/MBA requirements
- Doctoral candidates completing their course work
- Faculty and professionals who have greatly contributed to enhancing the marketing profession

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## National Society of Scabbard and Blade — Reserve Officer Training Corps

Founded in 1905 at University of Wisconsin - Madison

Admitted to ACHS: 2010

**No of Active Chapters:** 59

**Total Membership:** 99017

**Publications:** *Scabbard & Blade Today, A Manual for Leaders, A Brief History & Pedge Manual*

**PURPOSE:** To confer distinction for high academic achievement and leadership potential in military, aerospace and naval science studies; to encourage scholarship, intellectual development, and the pursuit of excellence in military service; to teach leadership; to provide for an exchange of intellectual/professional ideas; to provide networking opportunities for ROTC students. Exceptional military professionals and academicians are recognized through honorary membership. All members are lifetime members.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Membership is limited to students contracted in the ROTC programs of all military services who rank in the top 20% of their ROTC command order of merit listing and have entered their fifth semester of study. All membership is national membership with local chapter/company affiliation.

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## NSCS (The National Society of Collegiate Scholars) — Scholarship, Leadership & Service

Founded at The George Washington University on April 30, 1994

Admitted to ACHS: 2004

**No of Active Chapters:** 345

**Total Membership:** 1230000

**Number of Regions:** 6

**Publications:** *Society Magazine*

**PURPOSE:** The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is an honors organization that recognizes and elevates high achievers. NSCS members are deeply committed to scholarship, leadership, service and integrity. NSCS provides chapter and member engagement, career and graduate school connections, leadership and service opportunities and access to a million dollars in scholarships annually.

**ELIGIBILITY:** NSCS invites first and second year students who are in the top 20% of their class with at least a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.4. NSCS is an interdisciplinary honor society.

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## Omega Chi Epsilon — Chemical Engineering

Founded at the University of Illinois, 1931

Admitted to ACHS: 1967

**No of Active Chapters:** 72

**Total Membership:** 27256

**Publications:** *Newsletter*

**PURPOSE:** To give recognition and to promote high scholarship, original investigation, and professional service in chemical engineering.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Active membership is limited to chemical engineering juniors, seniors, and graduate students. Juniors must have completed three hours of chemical engineering course work and be in the upper one-fourth of their class. Seniors must be in the upper one-third of their class. Graduate students must have completed nine hours of chemical engineering courses. All those elected must have traits and characteristics of leadership that make them likely to succeed as professional engineers. Associate membership consists of professors or other members of the staff of the institution who have shown noteworthy achievement in chemical engineering.

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## Omega Rho — Operations Research & Management Science

Founded at the TIMS/ORSA Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, April 1, 1976

Admitted to ACHS: 1983

Associate: 1983

Full membership: 1986

**No of Active Chapters:** 39

**Total Membership:** 8069

**Number of Regions:** 8

**Publications:**

**PURPOSE:** To encourage the study of operations research and management science related disciplines, to recognize and honor excellence in such studies, and to further professional interests.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Undergraduates must rank in the top twenty-five percent of the class and have completed at least five semesters or seven quarters of the curricular requirements. Graduate students must have at least a 3.5 average on a 4.0 scale in all graduate courses; shall have no failures- and shall have completed at least one-third of the residency requirements for the master's degree. Men and women in industry, academia, and the profession may be made Honorary Members upon approval of the Executive Committee of the Society. Faculty teaching in the field may be elected faculty members.

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## Omicron Delta Epsilon — Economics

Founded in 1963 as a result of a merger between Omicron Delta Gamma (founded at the University of Wisconsin in 1915) and Omicron Chi Epsilon (founded at City College of NY in 1955)

Admitted to ACHS: 1965

Readmitted: 1981

**No of Active Chapters:** 678

**Total Membership:** 89500

**Number of Regions:** 11

**Publications:** *The American Economist*

**PURPOSE:** The objectives of Omicron Delta Epsilon are recognition of scholastic attainment and the honoring of outstanding achievements in economics; the establishment of closer ties between students and faculty in economics within colleges and universities and among colleges and universities; the publication of the official journal, *The American Economist*; the sponsoring of panels at professional meetings and the Irving Fisher and Frank W. Taussig competitions.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Undergraduates must have completed at least 12 hours of economics, have an overall scholastic average of B in economics and an overall average of B, and rank in the upper third of the class.

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## Phi Alpha Theta — History

Founded at University of Arkansas, 1921

Admitted to ACHS: 1921

Readmitted: 2017

**No of Active Chapters:** 970

**Total Membership:** 400000

**Number of Regions:** 35

**Publications:** *The Historian*, quarterly scholarly journal. Circulation: 1,000+ libraries, 10,000+ members  
*The News Letter*, four times/year digitally

**PURPOSE:** We are a professional society whose mission is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. We seek to bring students and teachers together for intellectual and social exchanges, which promote and assist historical research and publication by our members in a variety of ways.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All members of the honor society are inducted through the local Phi Alpha Theta chapter at their respective college or university. Our one-time initiation fee of \$50.00 per student is payable at the time of initiation. This fee includes a membership certificate and four issues of our journal, *The Historian*. Membership in Phi Alpha Theta is a lifetime membership. Each chapter, however, may levy whatever dues or fees it deems necessary to promote its own local activities. Thereafter, there are no annual dues or fees. Members who wish to continue supporting the honor society may do so by subscribing to *The Historian* and/or to our newsletter.

**Undergraduate Students:** Undergraduate students must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours (4 courses) in History, achieve a minimum GPA of 3.1 in History and a GPA of 3.0 or better overall. A maximum of 3 credit hours of online, transfer, or AP credits may be applied to the membership eligibility requirement. Membership is not limited to History majors. The chapter advisor has the discretion of making eligibility requirements for his/her chapter more (but not less) stringent than the national requirement.

**Graduate Students:** Graduate students should have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours towards their Master's Degree in History, have a GPA of better than 3.5, and shall have completed approximately 30% of the residence requirements for the Master's Degree.

**Faculty Members:** Faculty members above the rank of Instructor who teach History automatically qualify. Faculty members pay the same \$50 induction fee and receive the same membership privileges. We encourage our Faculty Advisors to invite their fellow faculty to join Phi Alpha Theta.

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## Phi Beta Delta — International Scholars

Admitted to ACHS: 2013

**No of Active Chapters:** 78

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 1

**Total Membership:** 6025

**Number of Regions:** 5

**Publications:** *International Research and Review: Journal of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars*, *Medallion Newsletter*, *Medallion E-Newsletter*

**PURPOSE:** Phi Beta Delta is the first honor society dedicated to recognizing scholarly achievement in international education.

### Goals:

- to recognize the scholarly achievement of international students and scholars, U.S. students who have studies abroad, and faculty and staff who are involved in international activities;
- to advance the development of academic based international programming;
- and to cultivate a network on each campus for faculty, staff, and international students involved in international endeavors.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Criteria for eligibility of election to membership by an institutional chapter shall be determined by that chapter and with the provision that undergraduate student members must have achieved a minimum 3.2 grade point average (GPA) and rank in the top 20% of their class; graduate students must have achieved a GPA of 3.5. For schools that use a different grade point average system, the school must verify that their candidates for Phi Beta Delta meet a GPA standard equivalent to that specified in this Section.

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## Phi Eta Sigma — Freshman Scholarship

Founded at University of Illinois, 1923

Readmitted: 2018

**No of Active Chapters:** 209

**Total Membership:** 1200000

**Number of Regions:** 14

**Publications:** *The Forum of Phi Eta Sigma*

**PURPOSE:** Founded in 1923 at the University of Illinois, Phi Eta Sigma is the nation's oldest honor society for first-year college and university students in all disciplines.

Inspired by the past and dedicated to the future, the Society's mission is to encourage and reward academic excellence among freshmen in institutions of higher learning and by doing so enrich and advance their academic future and society in general.

**ELIGIBILITY:** On campuses with an active chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, any freshman meeting the following requirements is automatically eligible for membership.

A cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale at the end of any full-time curricular period.

A normal academic load acceptable toward a bachelor's degree.

A class rank in the upper 20 percent of their class.

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## Phi Sigma — Biological Sciences, All Pure and Applied Fields

Founded at Ohio State University, March 17, 1915

Admitted to ACHS: 1950

**No of Active Chapters:** 21

**Total Membership:** 80063

**Publications:**

**PURPOSE:** Devoted to the promotion of research and academic excellence in the biological sciences.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students who are enrolled in an accredited college or university, who have shown research interest, and who have received an equivalent of at least two years of college credit of which at least one-fourth is in biological science, with a scholarship rating in the upper thirty-five percent of their class, shall be eligible for active membership. This minimum ACHS requirement is modified by chapter bylaws; at least a B average is expected together with other qualifications suitable to the local chapters, particularly for graduate students.

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## Phi Sigma Iota — Foreign Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, ESL., & Cultures

Founded at Allegheny College, Meadville, PA, October, 1922 by Dr. Henry Ward Church

Admitted to ACHS: 1950

**No of Active Chapters:** 161

**Total Membership:** 40324

**Number of Regions:** 6

**Publications:** *The Forum of Phi Sigma Iota*

**PURPOSE:** The recognition of outstanding scholarship and attainment in foreign languages, linguistics, literatures, cultures, including the classics, philology, and comparative literatures; the stimulation of advanced work and individual research in any of these fields; promotion of international amity. We support efforts to define and apply the principles of academic ethics.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Membership is based on high scholastic attainment. At the time of election to membership, the undergraduate initiate must have attained to a B+ average or better across all language courses and be enrolled in a third- or fourth-year language course. Moreover, one must attain a minimum GPA of B over all attempted college work, and rank in the upper 35% of one's class in general scholarship at induction. As a rule, undergraduates are not elected to PSI prior to junior standing; however, sophomores of exceptional abilities who meet all stated minimal requirements, having completed at least three semesters (or five quarters) of college courses may be elected to membership. Graduate students studying one or more languages may also be elected to membership after one semester (or quarter) of graduate residence, provided that they shall have attained to a minimum B+ average in graduate studies.

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## Phi Sigma Tau — Philosophy

Founded at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA 1930 as Alpha Kappa Alpha. Incorporated October 21, 1955 as Phi Sigma Tau

Admitted to ACHS: 1958

**No of Active Chapters:** 186

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 1

**Total Membership:** 38173

**Publications:** *Dialogue, PST Newsletter*

**PURPOSE:** To serve as a means of awarding distinction to students having high scholarship and personal interest in philosophy; to promote student interest in research and advanced study in this field; to provide opportunities for the publication of student research papers of merit; to encourage a professional spirit and friendship among those who have displayed marked ability in this field; to popularize interest in philosophy among the general collegiate public.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Undergraduate students are eligible for active membership if they have completed three semesters or five quarters of the college course, rank in the upper thirty-five percent of their class, and have completed at least two semester courses or three quarter courses in philosophy with an average grade of over the second highest grade of the working scale. Graduate students are eligible if they meet the requirements established for undergraduates, or if they have completed at least one-third of the residence requirements of the master's degree with a grade average of at least half on the highest grade of the working scale and half in the second highest grade.

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## Phi Upsilon Omicron — Family and Consumer Sciences

Founded at University of Minnesota, February 10, 1909

Admitted to ACHS: 1979

**No of Active Chapters:** 61

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 28

**Total Membership:** 96635

**Number of Regions:** 4

**Publications:** *The Candle*, Journal of Phi Upsilon Omicron (semiannually) and the *Communique*, newsletter for National Council and Educational Foundation members (monthly).

**PURPOSE:** The purposes of Phi Upsilon Omicron are to: 1. Recognize and promote academic excellence; 2. Enhance qualities of leadership by providing opportunities for service; and 3. Encourage lifelong learning and commitment to advance family and consumer sciences and related areas.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Membership in Phi Upsilon Omicron is open to undergraduate students who have

1. completed a minimum of 36 semester hours, 50 quarter hours, or the equivalent. The hours must include 6 hours of course work in areas including, but not limited to, those recognized by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.
2. a major in family and consumer sciences or one of its specialized areas in an institution where a chapter is established.
3. Students must rank not lower than the highest 35% of their class in general scholarship within their unit.
4. exhibits the potential for professional and community leadership;
5. demonstrates a spirit of service; and,
6. exemplifies character through personal integrity and professional attitude.

A graduate student in family and consumer sciences is eligible on completion of 12 semester hours, or its equivalent, in family and consumer sciences with a GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale.

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## Pi Delta Phi — French

Founded at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1906

Admitted to ACHS: 1967

**No of Active Chapters:** 364

**Total Membership:** 60000

**Number of Regions:** 4

**Publications:** NEWSLETTER

**PURPOSE:** To recognize outstanding scholarship in the French language and its literatures; to increase knowledge and appreciation of Americans for the cultural contributions of the French-speaking world; to stimulate and to encourage French and francophone cultural activities.

**ELIGIBILITY:** There are two classes of membership: **Regular** and **Honorary**. **Regular members** include undergraduate and graduate students at the sponsoring institution who are nominated in recognition of their academic achievement in French. Undergraduate or graduate candidates do not need to be French or French Studies majors or minors to be nominated for membership. Requirements for undergraduate regular membership are: minimum sophomore standing, completion of at least one course of upper-division French (i.e. beyond the intermediate-level series of courses), minimum French and overall GPAs of 3.0, and rank in the top 35% of their class. Graduate students who are not already members of Pi Delta Phi are eligible for regular membership; those individuals who were inducted into Pi Delta Phi at other institutions as undergraduates are already lifetime members of the Society. Requirements for graduate regular membership are: completion of 2 graduate courses in French and a minimum 3.5 GPA in graduate coursework.

Students from neighboring institutions who take French courses at the sponsoring institution are not eligible for regular membership, but may be nominated for honorary membership.

**Honorary members** include: the French faculty and faculty at large of the sponsoring institution who are not already members of Pi Delta Phi; undergraduate and graduate students who do not meet the requirements for regular membership; college or university alumni who did not become members while attending the sponsoring institution; and diplomats, community and business leaders, and others who have demonstrated support of French language, and/or of the cultures and literatures of the French-speaking world.

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## Pi Gamma Mu — Social Sciences

Founded in 1924 at Southwestern and William & Mary colleges

Admitted to ACHS: 1953

**No of Active Chapters:** 144

**Total Membership:** 262352

**Number of Regions:** 4

**Publications:** *Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter, International Social Science Review*

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of Pi Gamma Mu is to encourage the study of the social sciences among graduate and undergraduate students and faculty members in colleges and universities throughout the world, and to recognize outstanding achievement through election to membership and the presentation of various awards for distinguished achievement.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any person of good moral character may be invited or may petition to join an active chapter of Pi Gamma Mu when he/she is a junior, senior, or graduate student; is in the upper 35 percent of the class; has at least 20 semester hours of social science; and has a grade average of B or better. Faculty and administrators may also accept the privileges and responsibilities of membership in a collegiate chapter.

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## Pi Kappa Lambda — Music

Founded at Northwestern University, May 17, 1918

Admitted to ACHS: 1940

**No of Active Chapters:** 207

**Total Membership:** 71000

**Publications:** *Electronic version of Handbook*

**PURPOSE:** To provide an organization dedicated to the furtherance of music in education and education in music in colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning which offer programs in music instruction in one or more fields; and to recognize and encourage scholarship and musicianship.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Membership in the Society is open to music majors who are juniors, seniors, or graduate students; and to faculty in accordance with established restrictions. A graduating senior must be considered by the faculty committee of the chapter to be outstanding in scholarly achievement and musicianship, must have been in residence the equivalent of at least four semesters prior to graduation, and must rank not lower than the highest twenty percent of the graduating class (including students elected in the junior year) as determined by GPA or by class rank when no grades are assigned. A junior must rank not lower than the highest ten percent of the junior class. A graduate student must have no less than two thirds of his graduate credit hours as A or the equivalent when letter grades are nonexistent.

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## Pi Omega Pi — Business Education

Founded at Northeast Missouri State Teachers College, Kirksville, June 13, 1923

Admitted to ACHS: 1965

**No of Active Chapters:** 22

**Total Membership:** 56382

**Publications:** *Here and There, This is Your Society*

**PURPOSE:** To create and encourage interest and promote scholarship in business education. To foster high ethical standards in business and professional life among teachers. To encourage civic responsibility. To create a fellowship among teachers of business subjects. To teach the ideal of service as the basis of all worthy enterprise.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Each candidate must be enrolled in a business teacher education curriculum and must have expressed an intention of becoming a teacher of business subjects. Candidates must possess the following qualifications: Completion of at least three semesters or five quarters of college courses including at least fifteen semester hours or twenty-two quarter hours in business and/or education subjects; Attainment of general scholarship sufficient to place them within the upper thirty-five percent of their college class (sophomore, junior, senior, graduate) and the achievement of an average grade of B or higher, or its equivalent in other grading systems, in all courses in business and/or education.

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## Pi Sigma Alpha — Political Science

Founded at the University of Texas, October, 1920

Admitted to ACHS: 1949

**No of Active Chapters:** 775

**Total Membership:** 262000

**Publications:** *Newsletter, Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics*

**PURPOSE:** To stimulate productive scholarship and intelligent interest in the subject of government among students at institutions of higher learning in which chapters are maintained.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Juniors, seniors, and graduate students are eligible for membership if they meet the following qualifications. For undergraduates: completion of 15 quarter hours or 10 semester hours of work in government, political science, international relations, or public administration, including at least 1 course designated as upper-division; maintenance of an average of B or higher in all government, political science, international relations, and public administration courses, and the maintenance of general scholarship sufficient to place them within the upper third of their class. For graduate students: completion of at least 6 *graduate* credit hours of work in those fields with an average grade of B or higher; and fulfillment of such additional academic requirements as may have been prescribed by the local chapter. Any member of the faculty of the department of political science or government at any institution at which a local chapter is located may be elected as a member by any local chapter or by the national convention. Membership in the Society may be secured through election as an honorary member. Only distinguished persons who have made valuable contributions to political science or government are eligible for election into honorary membership. Each chapter may elect no more than 2 persons in a year for this class of membership.

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## Pi Tau Sigma — Mechanical Engineering

Founded at University of Illinois, March 16, 1915

Admitted to ACHS: 1947

**No of Active Chapters:** 170

**Total Membership:** 118404

**Publications:** *The Condenser, The Story of Pi Tau Sigma*

**PURPOSE:** To encourage and recognize outstanding achievement of undergraduate students in mechanical engineering also to honor practicing engineers for distinguished technical attainments.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Membership is limited to senior mechanical engineering students who rank among the highest thirty-five percent in scholarship for all courses to date of election and to juniors who rank in the highest twenty-five percent of their class. Many chapters elect less than these percentages. Faculty and graduates may be chosen on the basis of distinguished engineering endeavor.

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## Pi Theta Epsilon — Occupational Therapy

Founded at the University of New Hampshire, 1959

Admitted to ACHS: 1996

**No of Active Chapters:** 89

**Total Membership:** 959

**Publications:** Quarterly Newsletter: *The Scroll and Pen*

**PURPOSE:** To recognize and encourage scholastic excellence of occupational therapy students. To contribute to the advancement of the field of occupational therapy through the scholarly activities of students and alumni, and provide a vehicle for students to exchange information and to collaborate regarding scholarly activities.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

**A student shall be invited to apply for membership in PTE if she or he meets the following eligibility requirements:**

- The student is enrolled in an accredited and/or professional occupational therapy program and has attained second semester junior standing in the OT program or completed 9 semester hours in a Master's program.
- The student is among the top 35% of the class
- The student has at least one entire semester remaining before she or he leaves for a fieldwork placement.

*\*Part time students are eligible if they have completed the minimum number of credit hours giving them second semester junior status or completed 9 hours in a Master's program. GPA's for part-time students shall be figured separately for each student.*

**A candidate must also present 2 of the following items:**

- Membership in a professional organization
- Prior scholastic recognition and awards
- Evidence that papers have been submitted and/or accepted to local or national meetings and publications
- Documented leadership, e.g., service organizations or community activities during the college years.

Candidates will be nominated and reviewed by a Review Board comprised of the current PTE Chapter President, the faculty advisor and 2 alumni members. Election shall be by a majority vote of the chapter.

Pi Theta Epsilon does not discriminate against any prospective member on the basis of race, gender, religion, ethnicity, disability, or age.

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## Psi Beta — Psychology at Two-Year Colleges

Incorporated in Chattanooga, Tennessee, November 5, 1981

Admitted to ACHS: 1994

**No of Active Chapters:** 135

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 3

**Total Membership:** 43276

**Number of Regions:** 5

**Publications:** *Psi Beta Online Newsletters - fall and spring editions*

**PURPOSE:** To encourage, stimulate, promote and recognize interest and excellence in psychology, to advance the science of psychology, and to nurture scholarship in all fields of study. The mission of Psi Beta honor society is professional development of psychology students at two-year colleges through promotion and recognition of excellence in scholarship, leadership, research, and community service.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Eligible students must be enrolled at an accredited two-year college with a Psi Beta Chapter, rank in the top 35% of students enrolled in a degree or transfer program or have an overall 3.25 GPA (whichever is higher), have at least a B average in at least one semester of psychology, and have completed 12 semester hours of degree applicable college coursework. Candidates for membership must have demonstrated a genuine interest in psychology and high standards of personal behavior and integrity. Final election must be approved by three-fourths affirmative vote of members present at a regular chapter meeting or the faculty advisor. The local chapter may establish higher academic requirements.

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## Psi Chi — Psychology

Founded at Yale University, September 4, 1929

Admitted to ACHS: 1965

**No of Active Chapters:** 1125

**Total Membership:** 595962

**Number of Regions:** 6

**Publications:** *Eye on Psi Chi, Psi Chi Journal of Undergraduate Research*

**PURPOSE:** To encourage, stimulate, and maintain scholarship of the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

**Student members** shall be students who are majoring or minoring in psychology or a closely related field and who are enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs in the institution of higher education represented by the chapter at the time of induction.

1. Undergraduate criteria. Undergraduate students shall have completed at least three semesters (or five quarters) of full-time coursework at an institution of higher education and have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) that ranks in the top 35% of their class. Psi Chi defines class as all sophomores, all juniors, and all seniors across an institution. The top 35% cutoffs for each class shall be determined using the largest group for which comparison grades are available—the entire institution when available or, if necessary, the unit that houses the psychology department. If the top 35% cutoff for a chapter falls below 3.0, chapters must use a minimum overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. The intent of an honor society is to represent excellence among peers. Consequently, the use of a GPA can be used as a proxy for class rank if rank data are not readily available. However, the GPA should reflect distinction among students within the major and across the institution and therefore be at least 3.3 or higher on a 4.0 scale where: A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0. Furthermore, chapters should endeavor to calibrate their scholastic standards regularly to ensure that the criteria of excellence among peers are maintained. Any chapter, at its discretion, may establish higher scholastic criteria for induction than the Society's standards.

In addition, undergraduate students must also have completed nine semester hours (or fourteen quarter hours) of psychology courses for which they have earned a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. These standards are in accordance with the minimum standards of the Association of College Honor Societies.

2. Graduate Criteria. Graduate students must be accepted and enrolled in a psychology graduate program (or a psychology-related graduate program) that includes required course work offered by faculty with doctorates in psychology. Graduate students must also have completed nine semester hours (or fourteen quarter hours) of graduate courses and shall have a minimum overall cumulative graduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in their program. In addition, none of a student's individual course grades may be below the minimum acceptable standard of the program in which the student is enrolled.

### **Alumni Members**

1. Definition. Any individual who was inducted into Psi Chi and is no longer a current student is considered an alumni member.
2. Alumni Inductees. Persons graduated from an institution prior to the establishment of the Psi Chi chapter may be elected to membership by that local chapter if they meet the current criteria for student membership based their final transcript at that institution.
3. Faculty Members. Members of the faculty may be elected by the local chapter for an alumni member status in Psi Chi if they have a master's or doctorate in psychology or closely related field.

### **Distinguished Members**

Distinguished members are prominent professionals associated with the field of psychology and/or who are individuals who have shown outstanding service to the mission of Psi Chi. Distinguished members are nominated, reviewed, and approved at the sole discretion of the Psi Chi Board of Directors. They are considered alumni members but they pay no dues or fees of any kind. See [www.psichi.org/?Dist\\_Members](http://www.psichi.org/?Dist_Members)

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## Rho Chi — Pharmacy

Founded at the University of Michigan, May 19, 1922

Admitted to ACHS: 1947

**No of Active Chapters:** 122

**Total Membership:** 110409

**Number of Regions:** 10

**Publications:** *Report of Rho Chi, The Rho Chi Society, Rho Chi Society Newsletter*

**PURPOSE:** The Rho Chi Society seeks to advance pharmacy through intellectual leadership. As the academic honor society in pharmacy, the Rho Chi Society:

- encourages and recognizes intellectual achievement
- stimulates critical inquiry to advance pharmacy
- contributes to the development of intellectual leaders
- promotes highest ethical standards
- fosters collaboration

**ELIGIBILITY:** The student who is elected to active membership is one who has displayed academic excellence, a capacity for achievement in the science and art of pharmacy and the allied sciences, and strength of character. Students ranking in the highest twenty percent of their class, having attained a minimum professional grade point average equivalent of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, are eligible for election after having completed one-half of the required professional didactic course work as defined for the degree granted by their school or college of pharmacy. Deans, or their designees, must certify that candidates are eligible and have no known disciplinary action for academic reasons or for unprofessional conduct. The Society also provides active membership opportunities for nontraditional professional students, graduate students, and faculty. Associate and honorary memberships are also available.

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## Sigma Beta Delta — Business, Management, and Administration

Founded January 16, 1994 at La Jolla, California, by Beta Gamma Sigma with initial three founding chapters established at Belmont University, North Carolina State University, and Morehouse College.

Admitted to ACHS: 1994

**No of Active Chapters:** 244

**Total Membership:** 85788

**Publications:** *Aspirations*

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of Sigma Beta Delta is to promote higher scholarship in business and to recognize and reward scholastic achievement in business and economic subjects.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Candidates for bachelor's and master's degrees who rank in the upper 20% of their class at the time of invitation to membership may be inducted into membership following completion of at least one half of the degree program in which they enrolled. Undergraduates may be inducted as early as their junior year. Doctoral students who have completed all requirements for that degree may be inducted without restriction as to number. Sigma Beta Delta chapters are established in U.S. colleges and universities that grant the associate, baccalaureate, or higher degrees and that are accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies. The society allows for the establishment of chapters at non-U.S. institutions provided they meet and maintain standards and requirements with regard to mission and quality.

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## Sigma Delta Pi — Spanish

Founded at the University of California, Berkeley, November 14, 1919

Admitted to ACHS: 1966

**No of Active Chapters:** 385

**Total Membership:** 170389

**Number of Regions:** 5

**Publications:** *Entre Nosotros*

**PURPOSE:** To honor those who attain excellence in the study of the Spanish language and in the study of the literature and culture of the Spanish-speaking peoples; to honor those who have made Hispanic contributions to modern culture better known in the English-speaking world; to encourage college and university students to acquire a greater interest in, and a deeper understanding of, Hispanic culture; and to foster friendly relations and mutual respect between the nations of Hispanic speech and those of English speech.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Student membership, undergraduate and graduate, is based on scholastic attainment, character, and a genuine interest in things Hispanic. Honorary membership is granted non-students under conditions specified in the By-Laws, and membership in the Orders of Don Quixote and Los Descubridores recognizes exceptional and meritorious service in the fields of Hispanic scholarship, the teaching of Spanish, and the promotion of friendly relations between English-speaking countries and those of Hispanic speech. Undergraduate candidates must have completed eighteen semester credit hours of college-level Spanish or the equivalent thereof, have at least three semester hours of a course in Hispanic literature or Hispanic culture and civilization, have completed at least three semesters or five quarters of college work, have a minimal grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all Spanish courses, and rank in the upper 35% of the class.

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## Sigma Lambda Alpha — Landscape Architecture

Founded at University of Minnesota, 1977

Admitted to ACHS: 1983

Associate: 1983

Full membership: 1986

**No of Active Chapters:** 54

**Total Membership:** 8000

**Number of Regions:** 7

**Publications:** *Newsletter*

**PURPOSE:** To encourage, recognize, and reward academic excellence in preparation for the profession of landscape architecture. The society elects, in addition, those who have achieved professionally. Honorary and Distinguished Memberships; students, faculty/staff, and professionals are recognized. Leadership and sound character are emphasized. Preserving the valuable traditions and customs consonant with the wise husbandry of the land are sought, and a spirit of amiability is fostered among those of marked ability in this discipline.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Undergraduates, preferably juniors, and seniors of sound character, with a 3.4 GPA on a four-point scale are eligible. Graduate students who have completed at least one-third of the degree credit requirements with a 3.5 GPA on the same point-scale and rank in the upper 35% of their class are eligible, both MLA and doctoral candidates.

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## Sigma Lambda Chi — Construction Management

Founded at Michigan State University, 1949  
Admitted to ACHS: 1991  
**No of Active Chapters:** 61  
**Total Membership:** 22494  
**Publications:** Sigma Lambda Chi Newsletter

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of Sigma Lambda Chi is to recognize outstanding students in construction. Objectives include the rendering of service to the field of construction, the development of good relations among academia, industry, and the public, and the recognition of outstanding professionals in construction and allied fields.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Undergraduate students shall have completed the equivalent of two academic years of study toward their degree, shall have done resident study at the present institution for the preceding six months, and shall have an overall scholastic average in the upper 20% of qualified students in their program. Graduate and post-baccalaureate students shall have completed the equivalent of one half of fulltime study toward their graduate degree, shall have done resident study at the present institution for the preceding six months, and shall have an overall scholastic average in the upper 30% of qualified graduate students within their program.

Doctoral students who have finished 50 percent of qualifying coursework shall be eligible for SLC membership at the discretion of the SLC chapter advisor.

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## Sigma Pi Sigma — Physics

Founded at Davidson College, December 11, 1921  
Admitted to ACHS: 1945  
**No of Active Chapters:** 557  
**Total Membership:** 95000  
**Number of Regions:** 18  
**Publications:** *SPS Observer, Journal of Undergraduate Research in Physics, Radiations*

**PURPOSE:** Sigma Pi Sigma exists to *honor* outstanding scholarship in physics; to *encourage* interest in physics among students at all levels; to promote an attitude of *service* of its members towards their fellow students, colleagues, and the public; to provide a *fellowship* of persons who have excelled in physics.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Student membership, both undergraduate and graduate, is restricted to those who have attained standards of high scholarship in at least three semester courses (or five quarter courses) of at least three hours each that count toward the physics major, professional interest and merit, and scholastic proficiency or distinction. Faculty members and professional scientists in physics and closely related sciences may also be elected. Undergraduate membership is restricted to those in the upper thirty-three percent of their class.

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## Sigma Tau Delta — English

Founded at Dakota Wesleyan University, 1924

Admitted to ACHS: 1972

**No of Active Chapters:** 893

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 1

**Number of Regions:** 6

**Publications:** *The Rectangle*, *The Sigma Tau Delta Review*

**PURPOSE:** To confer distinction for high achievement in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies in English language, literature, and writing; to provide cultural stimulation on college campuses; and to serve society by fostering literacy.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Candidates for **undergraduate membership** must have completed at least three semesters or five quarters of college work and a minimum of two college courses in English language or literature beyond the usual requirements in freshman English. They must also have a minimum of a B or equivalent grade point average in English, and rank at least in the highest 35 percent of their class in general scholarship. Candidates for **graduate membership** must be enrolled in a graduate program in English, or one of its specializations, have completed six semester hours of graduate work or the equivalent, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.

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## Sigma Theta Tau — Nursing

Founded at Indiana University, October 4, 1922

Admitted to ACHS: 1959

**No of Active Chapters:** 531

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 3

**Total Membership:** 500000

**Number of Regions:** 21

**Publications:** *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, *Reflections on Nursing Leadership*, *Worldviews on Evidence-Based Nursing*

Electronic Library: Knowledge, research, and information databases

**PURPOSE:** To recognize superior achievement; to recognize the development of leadership qualities; to foster high professional standards; to encourage creative work; to strengthen commitment on the part of individuals to the ideals and purposes of the profession.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Candidates for membership shall have demonstrated superior scholastic achievement and evidence of professional leadership potential. Undergraduate members are selected from junior and senior students in basic professional programs in nursing. Undergraduate membership is restricted to the upper 35% of a class. Nurses matriculated for graduate study and faculty members of the educational unit may also be selected. In addition, nurses who have received a baccalaureate or higher degree and have shown marked achievement in the field of nursing are eligible for election.

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## Tau Alpha Pi — Engineering Technology

Founded at Southern Polytechnic State University, 1953

Admitted to ACHS: 2000

**No of Active Chapters:** 85

**Total Membership:** 7000

**Number of Regions:** 4

**Publications:**

**PURPOSE:** To provide recognition for a high standard of scholarship among students in engineering technology programs; to promote and encourage scholastic achievement by offering membership to outstanding students; and to engender certain desirable qualities of personality, intellect, and character among its members.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The scholastic requirements and standards for membership in Tau Alpha Pi are set by each Affiliate Chapter such that prospective members are academically in the upper twenty-five percent of their class. Each prospective member must have maintained the required academic standards for a period equivalent to two consecutive school terms (quarters or semesters) for two-year programs, and at least three semesters or five quarters for four-year programs. Candidate members shall be elected by the Affiliate Chapters with due consideration given to the purpose of Tau Alpha Pi: namely, to provide recognition for the highest standard of scholastic achievement and the most outstanding scholastic accomplishments. Each candidate must have acceptable character and demonstrate marked ability.

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## Tau Beta Pi — Engineering

Founded at Lehigh University, June 15, 1885

ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF ACHS

**No of Active Chapters:** 242

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 60

**Total Membership:** 559951

**Number of Regions:** 16

**Publications:** *The Bent, The Bulletin*

**PURPOSE:** To mark in a fitting manner those who have conferred honor upon their alma mater by distinguished scholarship and exemplary character as undergraduates in engineering, or by their attainments as alumni in the field of engineering, and to foster a spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges

**ELIGIBILITY:** The students of engineering whose scholarship places them in the highest one-eighth of the junior class or in the highest one-fifth of the senior class are further considered for membership on the basis of character, integrity, breadth of interest, and unselfish activities.

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## Tau Sigma Delta — Architecture and Allied Arts

Founded at the University of Michigan in May, 1913

Admitted to ACHS: 1948

**No of Active Chapters:** 80

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 80

**Total Membership:** 19823

**Number of Regions:** 4

**Publications:** *Newsletter*

**PURPOSE:** To stimulate mental achievement, effort, and initiative; to emphasize leadership and character; and to reward students who attain high scholastic standing in architecture, landscape architecture, and the allied arts of design with the reward of membership.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for undergraduate membership, a candidate must be a bona fide student enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, or the Allied Arts of Design. Candidate must have completed a minimum of two and one-half academic years (five semesters or eight quarters) of the initial degree program and have completed major prerequisites of the degree program established by the faculty of the college, school, or department. An eligible transfer student shall have been enrolled in residence a minimum of the academic year in the institution where selection for membership is considered. Candidates must have maintained a B average or a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and be in the upper 20% of their class.

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## Theta Alpha Kappa — Religious Studies / Theology

Founded at Manhattan College, 1976

Admitted to ACHS: 1985

Associate: 1985

Full membership: 1986

**Related Scholarly Organization, American Academy of Religion, 1994**

**No of Active Chapters:** 284

**Total Membership:** 19448

**Publications:** *Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa*

**PURPOSE:** TAK exists to encourage, recognize, and maintain excellence in Religious and/or Theological Studies within baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate degree programs, and also within the academic profession of these studies more broadly understood.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Undergraduate students matriculated in institutions with a TAK chapter must have completed at least three semesters (five quarters) at that institution and at least twelve semester credits (eighteen quarter credits) in courses representing these disciplines; have attained a GPA of at least 3.5 (or B+) in such courses and a 3.0 (B) in their total program; and been ranked (if appropriate) in the upper 35% of their class. Graduate students must have completed at least one half of the residency requirements for their current degree program at a qualified, chartered institution, and attained at least a GPA of 3.5 (B+) in that work. Honorary members (faculty and others) must meet other requirements specified in the constitution of 1998.

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## Upsilon Pi Epsilon — Computing and Information Disciplines

Founded January, 1967 at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

Admitted to ACHS: 1997

**No of Active Chapters:** 275

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 235

**Total Membership:** 229800

**Publications:** Four newsletters per year, plus monthly updates to chapters.

**PURPOSE:** To recognize academic excellence in the computing and information disciplines.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students must be majoring in an area that is related to the computing and information disciplines. Undergraduates must possess a 3.25 GPA overall and in the major and must have completed at least 48 units of credit and rank in the upper third of their class. A graduate student must be in the upper third of his/her class and must have 15 or more units of graduate credit in computing. Faculty must have taught in the field of computing for at least one year in order to be considered for membership by the local chapter.

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## Xi Sigma Pi — Forestry and Natural Resources

Founded at University of Washington, 1908

Admitted to ACHS: 1965

Readmitted: 2017

**No of Active Chapters:** 33

**No of Alumni Chapters/Clubs:** 11

**Number of Regions:** 5

**PURPOSE:** The objectives of Xi Sigma Pi are to secure and maintain a high standard of scholarship in forestry and natural resource education, to work for the improvement of the forestry profession, and to promote a fraternal spirit among those engaged in activities related to the forest.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Junior, Senior or Graduate student standing in forestry or closely related natural resources field. Must have successfully completed a set number of credit hours in forestry or natural resources curriculum.

### Traits of a Xi Sigma Pi Member:

- Honesty
- Morality
- Industry
- Collaborative
- Friendly
- Dependable
- Leadership

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