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# Honor Societies

## Alpha Phi Sigma, Omega Kappa Chapter

Existing since 1942, Alpha Phi Sigma is now fully recognized by the Association of College Honor Societies. The local chapter carries out the mandate of the national honor society to recognize scholastic excellence in the field of criminal justice sciences. To be eligible for membership, students must rank in the top 35 percent of their class, have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average or more in all university work and a 3.2 grade point average or more in criminal justice course work. Students must also have completed 43 semester hours or more of the required credits towards a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, or have completed 21 semester hours or more of the required credits for an associate degree. Currently enrolled graduate students are eligible for membership based upon their undergraduate major or their enrollment in a graduate program in Criminal Justice. Graduate students must have completed at least 8 semester hours of graduate work with a 3.4 grade point average in their major, and have a minimum 3.4 cumulative grade point average.

Eligibility for membership is considered at the end of each semester.

## Beta Beta Beta

The Mu Omicron chapter of Beta Beta Beta at Columbus State University is an honor and professional society for students of the biological sciences. It seeks to encourage scholarly attainment, cultivate intellectual interest in the natural sciences and promote a better appreciation of the value of biological study. Regular membership is offered to those with superior academic records and Associate membership to those with a special interest in the life sciences. Regular members are eligible to hold office, wear honorary insignia and participate in national activities. Open meetings for all members are held regularly each semester featuring speakers on biological research and professional opportunities. If you are planning to be a biology or biology education major and would like more information, please leave a message on our office voice mail at 706-568-2283.

## Chi Chi

Chi Chi is the Columbus State University chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, which is the international honor society for counseling students, educators, and professionals. Its mission is to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership, and excellence in counseling. Advantages to membership include opportunities for recognition, awards, and conventions, as well as leadership and professional development.

## Eta Sigma Gamma, Delta Tau Chapter

The Health Science Program at Columbus State University is home of the Delta Tau Chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma. Eta Sigma Gamma is the national honorary for the health education profession. As indicated in the organization's symbol, Eta Sigma Gamma was created to enhance student and professional experience in the areas of teaching, research and service to the community. This organization was first established in 1967 at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Various Eta Sigma Gamma chapters exist on over 100 college campuses throughout the nation.

## Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Delta Pi is a national honor society in education, which encourages excellence in scholarship, high personal standards, improvement in teacher preparation, and contributions to education. Membership is by invitation to all undergraduate education majors who have been admitted to teacher education, have completed at least 60 semester hours, and have maintained at least a 3.50 grade point average. Graduate education majors who have completed at least 20 graduate hours and have maintained at least a 3.96 grade point average are also eligible.

## Lambda Pi Eta

The Columbus State University chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, designated as the Mu Nu Chapter, was established in 2000. Lambda Pi Eta is the honor society of the National Communication Association and promotes interest and professional development among communication majors and the field of communication; provides opportunities to discuss and exchange ideas in the field of communication; and explores options for graduate education in communication studies. To be eligible for consideration for admission, applicants must have completed 60 semester credit hours; have a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 for all courses taken; be in the upper 35% of their institutional academic class; have a 3.25 GPA for all communication studies courses; completed the equivalent of 12 semester credit hours in communication studies; and currently be enrolled as a student in good standing. Interested students should contact the Department of Communication, 210 Arnold Hall.

## National Society of Collegiate Scholars

The NSCS is an honor society for students in their first and second years. Membership is by invitation only and requires a 3.4 cumulative GPA and placement in the top 20 percent of the class. The NSCS emphasizes academic achievement and community involvement. For additional information contact, Dr. Carman Skaggs, 706-568-2054.

## Phi Alpha Theta

Phi Alpha Theta is an international honor society in history. The Columbus State University Chapter, Phi Upsilon, was chartered in 1975. Membership is composed of students and professors selected on the basis of their excellence in the study and writing of history. Phi Alpha Theta brings students, teachers, and writers of history together, both intellectually and socially, and encourages historical research and publication by its members.

## Phi Beta Delta

Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars is the first honor society dedicated to recognizing individuals who have demonstrated scholarly achievement in the areas of international education and exchange. Delta Nu Chapter of Phi Beta Delta was established at Columbus State University in December, 1997. Phi Beta Delta's goals are to recognize the scholarly achievement of international and domestic students and scholars who have studied abroad and faculty and staff who are involved in international activities; to serve as a vehicle for the development of academic based international programming; to provide a network on campus of faculty, staff and students involved in international endeavors. Membership is open to international students who have demonstrated high scholastic achievement at their U.S. institution; domestic students who have demonstrated high scholastic achievement in the pursuit of academic studies abroad; distinguished faculty, staff and visiting scholars involved in international endeavors. Phi Beta Delta serves as an organization for recognition of international endeavors on the campus through academic, cross-cultural and social programming. For more information contact, the Center for International Education.

## Phi Kappa Phi

Phi Kappa Phi is a national scholastic honor society organized to promote excellence in all academic disciplines and to recognize outstanding achievement by students and faculty. The national association was founded in 1897; the Columbus State University chapter was installed in 1976 as the 185th chapter. Eligibility is limited to juniors, seniors, and graduate students who have achieved scholastic excellence and are of sound character. The Columbus State University chapter also promotes scholarship by recognizing the outstanding senior student and sponsoring an essay contest.

## Pi Alpha Alpha

Pi Alpha Alpha is the national honor society formed to recognize and promote excellence in the study and practice of public affairs and administration. Membership identifies those with the highest performance levels in educational programs

preparing them for public service careers. The organization fosters integrity, professionalism and creative performance in the conduct of governmental and related public service activities.

## **Pi Kappa Lambda**

Pi Kappa Lambda, the national music honor society, fosters the recognition and encouragement of the highest level of musical achievement and academic scholarship. Membership to the Eta Kappa Chapter at Columbus State University is open to junior, senior and graduate music majors nominated by the chapter's faculty committee, who follow stringent national guidelines regarding both academic class standing and high standards of musicianship.

## **Pi Sigma Alpha**

Pi Sigma Alpha is the national honor society for undergraduate and graduate students of political science. The purpose of Pi Sigma Alpha is to stimulate scholarship and interest in the subject of government by providing tangible recognition to students who have excelled in the field. The Pi Sigma Alpha chapter on the CSU campus is Upsilon Sigma.

## **Psi Chi**

Psi Chi is the national honor society in psychology. It was established to encourage, stimulate, and maintain scholarship in psychology. Membership is open to undergraduate students in psychology and rank in the highest 35 percent of their class. Psi Chi is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association and a member of the Association of College Honor Societies.

## **Sigma Alpha Iota**

Sigma Alpha Iota is an international music fraternity dedicated to women in music. It was founded on June 12, 1903 by seven talented women at the University School of Music, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The mission of Sigma Alpha Iota is to encourage, nurture, and support the art of music. Sigma Alpha Iota continuously supports music in education and music in the community.

## **Sigma Tau Delta**

The purpose of Sigma Tau Delta is to confer distinction on outstanding students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies. Sigma Tau Delta also recognizes the accomplishments of professional writers who have contributed to the field of language and literature. Active membership is open to students who are enrolled as English majors or minors, who have a minimum of a B or equivalent average in English, who rank at least in the highest thirty-five percent of their class in general scholarship and who have completed at least three semesters of college work. Associate memberships are available to currently enrolled students, undergraduate or graduate, who have the requisite background but who are not majoring or minoring in English. In addition, non-sponsoring faculty members with a degree in English may be associate members. Students who meet the qualifications for membership must apply by contacting one of the two faculty advisors in Woodall Hall, Dr. Dan Ross or Dr. Susan Hrach.

## **Sigma Theta Tau**

Sigma Theta Tau is the international honor society of nursing established in 1922. The local chapter of Pi Beta is the 384th chapter. The Honor Society is committed to fostering excellence, scholarship, and leadership in nursing to improve health care worldwide. The society promotes the use of nursing research and health care delivery and makes its resources available to all people and institutions interested in the latest nursing care knowledge.

More than 260,000 nurse scholars have been inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society making it the second largest and one of the most prestigious nursing organizations in the world.

The society is comprised of chapter honor societies that are located on more than 400 college and university campuses in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, South Korea, Taiwan and Australia. The society's members are active in more than 72 countries and territories worldwide.

Membership is by invitation, conferred upon students in baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, and to community leaders who are qualified college graduates demonstrating exceptional achievement in nursing. In 1936, Sigma Theta Tau International became the first organization in the United States to fund nursing research. Since then, it has provided more than 500 seed grants instrumental in the development of many of the world's leading nurse scientists.