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A new Honors Council with newly elected officers for academic year 2009–2010 will be formed at the beginning of the fall semester 2009.

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T O T H E S D S U S T U D E N T



THIS BOOKLET has been compiled by the Honors Council at SDSU to invite you to become aware of the academic honor societies and programs on our campus.

The first American honor society, Phi Beta Kappa, was formed in 1776. Its Greek letters are the initials of its Ancient Greek motto. Over the next two centuries other societies, usually adopting Greek letter names, were formed to recognize academic achievement and fellowship in general studies or in specific fields and disciplines.

Honor societies represent the heritage of academic excellence within higher education, and they symbolize San Diego State University's proud commitment to that tradition. As you will discover in the following pages, the standards for membership in these organizations require a student to demonstrate a desire to learn and to achieve at a high scholastic level. Those few who are admitted to these societies earn honors and privileges that will last throughout their lives.

One should not take lightly an invitation to join.

If you are a new student at SDSU, the Honors Council welcomes you, and whether you are new or returning, we hope that the information in this booklet will motivate you to become focused, dedicated, and fully involved in the educational opportunities offered on this campus. Ultimately we hope that by your efforts you will merit election to one or more of these honor societies.

For more information, especially on eligibility for any honor society or the Honors Program, please contact the person listed at the end of each description.

Meanwhile, best wishes for a great year and a successful academic career.

The Honors Council
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M U L T I D I S C I P L I N E S

Note: Initiation into these multidisciplinary honor societies is by invitation only.

Qualified students will be informed of their eligibility in the **fall** for Phi Eta Sigma and Golden Key and in the **spring** for Mortar Board, Phi Kappa Phi, and Phi Beta Kappa.

Eligible students who need **assistance for initiation fees** should submit a written request to the honor society adviser as soon as an invitation is received.

Each spring, graduating seniors who have been elected to Phi Eta Sigma, Golden Key, Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board, and Phi Beta Kappa are presented the
Henry L. Janssen Honors Council Award.

Golden Key INTERNATIONAL HONOUR SOCIETY

GOLDEN KEY was established as a national organization in 1977 and has recently begun to charter chapters internationally in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, and South Africa. San Diego State's chapter, chartered in 1984, is one of over 350 chapters.

The purpose of the society is to recognize and encourage scholastic achievement and excellence in all undergraduate fields of study, to unite with collegiate faculties and administrators in developing and maintaining high educational standards, to provide scholarships to outstanding initiates, and to foster altruistic conduct through voluntary service.

Invitations to membership are extended in August-September to juniors and seniors in the upper 15 percent of their class (roughly a 3.5 GPA) whose last 24 units have been earned at SDSU. Among the activities of the society are the annual fall initiation, social events, monthly meetings, annual regional and national meetings, and community projects. Student officers and committee chairs plan the annual agenda.

The faculty adviser is Dr. Edith J. Benkov, Department of European Studies, 594-5127, MC 7704, ebenkov@mail.sdsu.edu; www.sdsugoldenkey.com

Mortar Board COLLEGE SENIOR HONOR SOCIETY

MORTAR BOARD is a national honor society for college seniors. The society recognizes in its members the qualities of superior scholastic ability, outstanding leadership, and dedicated service to the University. Mortar Board membership means active involvement on campus and in the community. There are 210 chapters.

At the 2003 National Conference the SDSU Cap and Gown Chapter received the Ruth Weimer Mount Award as the most outstanding chapter in the United States. The chapter also received the Project Excellence Awards for five of its projects, the Golden Torch Award for its excellence in supporting the ideals of Mortar Board, the Excellence in Advising Award, and Honorable Mention for its Web site.

To be considered for election to membership, students must have senior standing for the fall semester with an overall GPA of 3.2 and have participated and excelled in scholarship, leadership, and service. Admission to Mortar Board is highly competitive and is restricted to 40 students a year.

Current projects include philanthropy projects related to the national focus on literacy, awarding the Emeritus Faculty and Staff Outstanding Service Award annually, hosting a faculty and staff appreciation dinner, and

publishing the SDSU Daily Planner and Calendar of Events (a daily planning calendar and information booklet for the University community). Along with the Alumni Chapter, the chapter provides over \$6,000 in scholarships to initiates and graduating seniors.

Additional information may be obtained from Patti Scott, Director, Academic Scholarships, 594-0809, MC 1623, pscott@mail.sdsu.edu. You may also visit the SDSU Web site, mortarboard.sdsu.edu, or the Mortar Board national Web site, www.mortarboard.org.

Phi Beta Kappa NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

PHI BETA KAPPA was founded in 1776 and is the nation's oldest and most prestigious honor society for undergraduates who excel in the liberal arts and sciences. The Greek letters ΦBK stand for *Philosophia Biou Kubermêtês*, Love of Wisdom, Helmsman of Life. Nu Chapter of California, chartered at San Diego State in 1974, is one of 276 chapters and the first of only three chapters in The California State University system.

Only juniors and seniors who have completed or are completing two years in residence at SDSU and who have earned 45 semester units in residence are eligible for election by chapter members late in the spring semester. Students do not apply for membership; it is by invitation only, and that invitation is extended only once. Invitations are mailed to the address listed on the official transcript.

To be considered, juniors must have a minimum 3.75 GPA in 75 semester units in appropriate coursework at SDSU, and seniors must have a minimum 3.5 GPA and show evidence of commitment to liberal education by having at least 90 semester units of coursework in the liberal arts and sciences.

Coursework must demonstrate breadth outside the major, including college mathematics and proficiency in a foreign language corresponding to a third-semester university course for a BA and a second-semester university

course for a BS degree. Juniors and seniors must have completed the Upper Division Writing Requirement by either course or examination.

In addition to its spring initiation, Nu Chapter sponsors the annual SDSU Phi Beta Kappa Faculty Lecture. As much as \$3,000 in scholarships for graduate study are awarded by the chapter and Epsilon Association.

Contact the chapter's corresponding secretary Dr. Carey G. Wall, Department of English and Comparative Literature, 594-6711, MC 8140, wall@mail.sdsu.edu. The chapter president is Dr. E. Nicholas Genovese, genovese@mail.sdsu.edu, National Web site: www.pbk.org.

Phi Eta Sigma FRESHMAN HONOR SOCIETY

PHI ETA SIGMA is an all-disciplines freshman national honor society established in 1923. The local chapter was formed in 1955.

The purpose of Phi Eta Sigma is to encourage and reward high scholastic achievement among freshmen students in institutions of higher education. There are over 260 chapters throughout the United States and more than 490,000 members.

All students who earn a GPA of at least 3.5 either semester of their freshman year at SDSU are eligible for membership. Eligible students are invited to join at the beginning of the Fall semester of their sophomore year. Students who were eligible but missed induction after their freshman year may apply to join retroactively only during the designated invitation period in the month of September.

Among the activities of Phi Eta Sigma are a topical lecture series, discussion groups, social events, and national conventions.

For further information contact the University Honors Program Administrative Coordinator, Division of Undergraduate Studies, 594-2872, MC 1623; honors@mail.sdsu.edu.

HONOR SOCIETY OF Phi Kappa Phi

PHI KAPPA PHI began as a national organization dedicated to celebrating scholarship in 1897 at the University of Maine. Chapter 96, the local San Diego State University chapter was established in 1965.

The letters PKP stand for the Greek Philosophia Kratei Phôtôn, Let the Love of Learning Rule Humanity. With over 300 chapters, the purpose of Phi Kappa Phi is to promote the pursuit of excellence in all fields of higher education and to recognize outstanding achievement by students, faculty, and others through election to membership and through various awards for distinguished achievement.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline honor society. Standards for election are extremely high. Membership is by invitation only to the top 7.5 percent of second-semester juniors and the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students. Invitations to membership are extended in early spring.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi offers numerous benefits that can assist members throughout their academic and professional lives. Our global focus on resources allows Phi Kappa Phi members to connect and network with one another from every corner of the world.

The SDSU chapter annually provides about \$3,000 in stipends for graduate or professional study, and graduating seniors are eligible for one of 50 \$5,000 society fellowships or 50 \$2,000 fellowships.

The chapter president is Dr. Chris Frost 594-2132, MC1623, cfrost@mail.sdsu.edu; www.sdsu.edu/phikappaphi.

University Honors Program

IN THE DIVISION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM (UHP) offers well-qualified students an opportunity to enhance their undergraduate years by challenging and developing their academic potential in special honors classes that are small, discussion-based, and rigorous. The Honors Program features a wide range of opportunities that help students broaden their knowledge, gain new perspectives, and understand complex issues from diverse points of view. The program also helps students engage in study abroad, in undergraduate research and in intellectual cocurricular activities.

For entering first year students, eligibility for acceptance into the University Honors Program is determined by several factors, including SAT score (a combined score for Verbal and Mathematics of 1200 or above) or ACT score (a composite score of 28 or above), or high school GPA (3.7 or above), and thoughtful completion of the entry essays. For continuing and transfer students, eligibility is determined according to collegiate GPA (3.5 or above) and quality of the entry essays. The deadline to apply to the University Honors Program is February 1st. Once admitted to the University Honors Program, students must satisfactorily complete the UHP curriculum, including the Honors Senior Thesis/Project, maintain a 3.5 GPA, and complete a pre-approved study abroad program. UHP benefits include smaller class sizes, a personal academic advisor, access to a reserved study room in the library, and scholarship opportunities that support study abroad and research activity. Honors courses are noted on transcripts and students completing the program are awarded a certificate of completion as a supplement to the diploma and a special medallion especially suited for wearing at commencement. Dr. Stacey Sinclair, Division of Undergraduate Studies, is the Honors Program Director. For information contact the UHP Administrative Coordinator at 594-2872, MC 1623, honors@mail.sdsu.edu.

S I N G L E D I S C I P L I N E S

Note: For initiation into disciplinary honor societies, students are sometimes invited and sometimes expected to apply. Watch for annual announcements or ask the societies' advisers.

Alpha Epsilon Delta **PRE-PROFESSIONAL** **HEALTH FIELDS**

ALPHA EPSILON DELTA was founded in 1926. The local Zeta chapter was established in 1991.

The purpose of the society is to encourage academic excellence while stimulating an appreciation of the importance of pre-health professional education in the study of medicine, dentistry, podiatry, pharmacy, and other fields; the society promotes cooperation and contacts between health industry professionals and pre-health professional students and educators in developing an adequate program of education, and to bind together similarly interested students.

Requirements for membership are a 3.2 GPA, and the completion of at least three semesters of science courses. The same requirements pertain to transfer students as long as the courses are transferable to SDSU. Freshmen wishing to join the society must provide high school transcripts showing an overall GPA of 3.6. Initiation is held in the spring semester.

Activities of the society include tutoring for science courses, sponsoring community service events, a blood drive, hands-on learning in professional health fields, workshops on how to write personal statements, tips on the application process and much more. The society also features guest speakers at meetings, hospital tours, and social events.

The adviser is Barbara Huntington, Director of the Preprofessional Health Advising Office in GMCS 323; bhunting@sunstroke.sdsu.edu. 594-6638.

Alpha Kappa Delta **SOCIOLOGY**

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA national honor society dates from 1920. SDSU's chapter began in 1935.

Its purpose is to promote the improvement of the human condition through the study of and service to society. Alpha Kappa Delta also serves as a vehicle for students and faculty to meet, discuss topics of common interest, and work together.

Membership is limited to students with superior scholarship and a serious interest in sociology. A GPA of at least 3.0 overall and within the major is required, and students must have completed at least 12 graded units in Sociology courses.

Dr. Michael Roberts, Department of Sociology, 594-4245, MC 4423, mroberts@mail.sdsu.edu, is the faculty adviser for Alpha Kappa Delta.

Beta Alpha Psi **ACCOUNTING**

BETA ALPHA PSI has been a national honorary society and professional organization since 1919. In 1960 the Beta Eta Chapter was chartered at San Diego State to recognize and promote academic and professional excellence in accounting, finance, and information systems. This includes the study and practice of business administration, opportunities for self-development, associating with members and practicing professionals, and encouraging ethical, social, and public responsibility.

The society conducts professional meetings, seminars, banquets, and social activities with professionals in accounting, finance, and information systems.

Undergraduates must have declared a concentration in Accounting, Finance, or IDS and must have completed at least one 300-level course within the major outside of the business core courses. They must also have maintained a 3.25 GPA in upper division for their major and overall. Graduate students must have matriculated into a master's degree program in Accounting, Finance, or Information Systems. Before initiation they must have completed at least six units as a graduate student at SDSU and must have attained a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25

within the graduate program and overall.

All candidates must complete a series of professional, community service and fundraising events. Candidate applications are accepted at the beginning of each semester.

The faculty adviser is Dr. David DeBoskey, School of Accountancy, 594-2376, debocpafa2005@aol.com.

Beta Gamma Sigma **BUSINESS**

BETA GAMMA SIGMA was founded in 1913, and the San Diego State University chapter was founded in 1960.

Chapters of Beta Gamma Sigma are limited to schools and colleges of business administration accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The purposes of the society are three: to encourage and reward scholarship, to promote the advancement of business education, and to foster integrity in the conduct of business operations.

Each April, members are elected from among undergraduates in a field of Business Administration who rank in the top 10 percent of their graduating class and from among graduate students in Business Administration who rank in the top 20 percent of their graduating class.

Among the chapter's activities are the annual initiation ceremony and reception. Annually, the society awards the Medal for Entrepreneurship and scholarships for further study in business.

The faculty adviser is Dr. Robert Plice, College of Business Administration, 594-6857, SS3366, rplice@mail.sdsu.edu.

Chi Epsilon **CIVIL ENGINEERING**

CHI EPSILON was established nationally in 1922 and the local chapter in 1967.

Chi Epsilon is dedicated to maintaining and promoting the status of civil engineering as an ideal profession and was organized to recognize the characteristics of the individual civil engineer deemed to be fundamental to the successful pursuit of an engineering career.

To be eligible for membership, an undergraduate student must rank scholastically in the upper third of one's class in a curriculum

leading to a baccalaureate degree in Civil, Environmental, or Construction Engineering. The candidate must also satisfy additional requirements specified in the constitution and local chapter Policies and Rules of Procedure. The candidate must also actively participate in local chapter activities. Participation in a formal initiation ceremony is also required. Candidates are selected for membership in the beginning of each semester and initiation of eligible candidates is held at the semester's end.

Among the activities of the association are biweekly programs, sponsored social events, and community service projects.

The faculty adviser is Dr. Bruce Westermo, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, 594-4264, MC 1324, bwesterm@mail.sdsu.edu.

Eta Sigma Phi **CLASSICS**

ETA SIGMA PHI, the national Honorary Collegiate Society for Students of Latin and Greek, was established in 1914. SDSU's Zeta Gamma chapter was chartered in 1989. There are 208 chapters.

The society's purpose is to develop and promote classical studies and closer intracampus and intercampus relationships among students interested in Classics. In addition to ancient Greek and Latin, Classics includes the literature, history, and art of ancient Greece and Rome. The HSF motto is *Filosofoèmen kaÜ filokaloèmen*, Lovers of Wisdom and Beauty Are We.

Eligibility includes: good standing, a 3.5 GPA in Classics 303G and 304G or in Classics 303L and 304L, a 3.5 GPA in courses acceptable for the Classics major or minor, an overall 3.0 GPA, and the sponsorship of a member of the Classics faculty. Ritual initiation in ancient garb occurs each fall, with membership fees donated by The Friends of Classics. The society cosponsors lectures, cultural events, and social events with Umanisti (Students of Classics and Humanities) and The Friends of Classics. Each spring, officers travel to the national meeting.

Dr. E. N. Genovese, Department of Classics and Humanities, is archon basileus (faculty adviser), genovese@mail.sdsu.edu. See the national Web site, department.monm.edu/classics/esp.

Kappa Delta Pi EDUCATION

KAPPA DELTA PI was established as a national society in 1911. The San Diego chapter, Alpha Sigma, was formed in 1927.

It is the purpose of Kappa Delta Pi to promote excellence in and recognize outstanding contributions to education. It endeavors to maintain a high degree of professional fellowship among its members, support professional growth, and honor achievement in educational work. To these ends it invites to membership persons who exhibit commendable personal qualities, worthy educational ideals, and sound scholarship.

Applicants for membership must be a) working for certification in an educational field or b) be enrolled in graduate programs in the College of Education. Their GPA as an undergraduate applicant must be at least 3.0 and as a graduate at least 3.5. Admission to membership is in the spring semester of each year. Applications are made in February with initiation in March or April.

Among the society's activities are chapter meetings, projects related to the teaching profession (e.g., support for new teachers), community service, and participation in SDSU activities supporting teacher training.

The faculty adviser is Dr. Patricia Lozada-Santone, College of Education, 594-1426, MC 1154, plozadas@mail.sdsu.edu. The Web site is www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~askdp.

Lambda Pi Eta COMMUNICATION

LAMBDA PI ETA was founded in 1985 at the University of Arkansas. As an accredited member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS), Lambda Pi Eta has nearly 300 active chapters at colleges and universities worldwide and is the official communication studies society of the National Communication Association (NCA). The Pi Beta chapter was chartered at SDSU in 2003.

The letters Lambda Pi Eta represent Aristotle's three ingredients of persuasion: Logos (logic), Pathos (emotion), and Ethos (character, credibility, and ethics).

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

Applicants must have completed 60 semester credit hours, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, have at least a 3.25 GPA for all communication studies courses, have completed the equivalent of 12 semester credit hours in communication courses, and be enrolled as a student in good standing. Applicants must also display a commitment to the field of communication.

Among the society's activities are chapter meetings; sponsored social events with members, faculty, and professionals within the field; community service philanthropic activities benefiting the San Diego chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; and an Annual Rose Banquet. Carla Contreras is President and the organization can be reached at lambdapietasdsu@yahoo.com. The faculty adviser is Mr. Michael Rapp, School of Communication, 594-4194, MC 4561, mrapp@mail.sdsu.edu.

Omicron Delta Epsilon ECONOMICS

OMICRON DELTA EPSILON was founded as an international society in 1963.

The objectives of the society are recognizing scholastic attainment and honoring outstanding achievements in economics; establishing closer ties between students and faculty in economics within colleges and universities and among colleges and universities; publishing the official journal, *The American Economist*; and sponsoring panels at professional meetings and the Irving Fisher and Frank W. Taussig competitions.

To be eligible for membership, students must have an overall GPA of 3.0 and a 3.0 overall in economics courses. Students do not have to be Economics majors but must

have a genuine interest in the field. Eligibility requires the completion of one semester of full-time college work, including a minimum of 12 units in economics courses. The faculty adviser is Dr. Renatte K. Adler, Department of Economics, 594-1662, MC 4485, radler@mail.sdsu.edu.

Phi Alpha Theta HISTORY

PHI ALPHA THETA International Honor Society in History, organized in 1921, currently has more than 740 chapters in 50 states. Beta Kappa Chapter at San Diego State was formed in 1948. The purpose of Phi Alpha Theta is to promote the study of history by encouraging research, good teaching, publication, and the exchange of ideas. It seeks to bring students, teachers, and writers of history together both intellectually and socially.

Membership is open to undergraduates who have completed 12 units in History with a 3.1 GPA and 3.0 GPA overall and rank in the top 35 percent of their class. Graduate students must have completed at least seven units of graduate work in History with a 3.51 GPA and no grade of F on the graduate record.

Phi Alpha Theta encourages scholarly interaction through sponsorship of lectures and colloquia, research competitions, and scholarships. Students are encouraged to give papers at local, regional, and national Phi Alpha Theta conferences and at special sessions of professional historical associations such as the American Historical Association and the Western History Association. The society quarterly publishes *The Historian* as well as a newsletter.

Please contact the History Department at 594-5262 for further information.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia MUSIC

PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA is a music fraternity dedicated to the advancement of music and to brotherhood among men engaged in musical or related activities. The purpose of the fraternity is to encourage and actively promote the highest standards of creativity, performance, education, and research in music in America and to instill

in all people how music enriches the human spirit.

A candidate for membership is selected by a chapter vote based upon musical and academic qualifications. There are fall and spring initiations.

For further information contact Mr. Rick Helzer, School of Music and Dance, 594-4468, MC 7902, rhelzer@mail.sdsu.edu.

Pi Delta Phi FRENCH

PI DELTA PHI honor society was founded as a departmental honor society at the University of California Berkeley in 1906. After 20 years as a local chapter, Pi Delta Phi declared itself the national French honor society and chartered the Beta Chapter at the University of Southern California in 1925. Epsilon Zeta, the San Diego State chapter, was chartered in 1967.

The purpose of the society is to recognize outstanding scholarship in French and Francophone culture, to increase the knowledge and admiration of Americans for the contributions of France and the Francophone countries to world culture, and to stimulate and encourage cultural activities that will lead to a deeper appreciation of all Francophone cultures and peoples.

Eligibility for regular membership includes a 3.25 GPA in at least five French courses, one of which must be literature. Students should rank in the top 35 percent of their class. Graduate students who are candidates for an advanced degree are also eligible for regular membership. The chapter sponsors visiting lectures, the annual French play, and other social and cultural activities.

The faculty adviser is Dr. Edith J. Benkov, Department of European Studies, 594-5111, MC 7704, ebenkov@mail.sdsu.edu.

Pi Kappa Lambda MUSIC

PI KAPPA LAMBDA was founded at Northwestern University in 1918. Comprised of some 175 chapters and more than 42,000 musicians, membership is open to students in the top 20 percent of their graduating class who excel in academic achievement, musicianship, and personal character. The society is dedicated to fostering scholarly interest in the theory and history of music and to stimulating eminent achievement in performance, composition, music education, and research.

For information contact Dr. J. Mitzi Kolar, School of Music and Dance, 594-6047, MC 7902, kolar@mail.sdsu.edu.

Pi Sigma Alpha POLITICAL SCIENCE

PI SIGMA ALPHA is the national political science honor society. Its chapters are established in colleges and universities of accredited and recognized standing that offer the prescribed minimum of course work in political science. Chapters receive into membership students of government, political science, public administration, and international relations.

The purpose of Pi Sigma Alpha is to encourage advancement and diffusion of knowledge and interest in political science among students by honoring scholarship and promoting interaction among persons interested in the study of politics.

Membership is open to students who have completed at least 15 units at SDSU, at least 12 units in political science, including at least six upper division units. In addition, undergraduate students must have a 3.0 GPA overall and 3.0 in all political science courses, all upper division political science courses, and all political science courses at SDSU. Graduate students must have completed at least 15 graduate units at SDSU, at least 12 of these in political science, with a 3.5 GPA in these units.

The faculty adviser is Dr. Brian Adams, Department of Political Science, 594-4289 MC 4427, badams@mail.sdsu.edu.

Psi Chi PSYCHOLOGY

PSI CHI was established nationally in 1929. The local chapter was formed in 1950.

The San Diego State University Chapter of Psi Chi is dedicated to promoting student awareness and interest in the field of psychology. Psi Chi provides members with scholarship opportunities and undergraduate/graduate research award competitions. Psi Chi's purpose is to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship while advancing the science of psychology.

To be eligible for membership one must be a Psychology major or minor who has completed three semesters in college courses and nine semester units in psychology. Prospective members must have an overall GPA of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.0 in psychology courses. Admission periods occur in both fall and spring semesters.

Psi Chi activities include fall and spring initiation ceremonies as well as joint activities with the Psychology Club, such as weekly meetings, meet-the-faculty sessions, career conferences, research conferences, and fundraising events. Officers can be reached in LS-114, 594-5418, psych.sdsu@gmail.com, www.sdsupsichi.weebly.com.

The faculty advisers are Dr. Paul Gilbert, Department of Psychology, 594-7409, pgilbert@sciences.sdsu.edu, and Dr. Emilio Ulloa, Department of Psychology, 594-3110, eulloa@sciences.sdsu.edu, MC4611.

Sigma Gamma Tau AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

SIGMA GAMMA TAU was established as a national organization in 1953. The local chapter was formed in 1980.

The purpose of the society is to recognize and honor those in the field of aeronautics and astronautics who have been a credit to their profession through scholarship, integrity, and outstanding achievement. The society seeks to foster a high standard of ethics and professional practices and to create a spirit of loyalty and fellowship, particularly among students of aeronautical engineering.

For membership, students must have completed at least 45 units of their undergraduate work for the bachelor's degree, be enrolled in an accredited department of aerospace engineering, and have at least a 3.0 GPA. They must also have shown qualities of high moral character and have an active interest in aeronautics and astronautics. Graduate students must be in good standing and have at least a 3.5 GPA. Election of new members takes place in both fall and spring.

Sigma Gamma Tau promotes a better understanding between students and staff, acts as a means of organizing aeronautical and astronautical activities both scientific and social in nature, and in general promotes ethical and professional betterment of the field. Annually the national society presents one national and six regional honor awards to outstanding members.

The faculty adviser is Dr. Gustaaf (Guus) Jacobs, Department of Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, 594-4046, MC 1308, gjacobs@mail.sdsu.edu <http://atilla.sdsu.edu/~jacobs/>

Sigma Tau Delta ENGLISH

SIGMA TAU DELTA, the International English Honor Society, recognizes outstanding students of English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies. Through the work of chapters at more than 500 colleges and universities, the society provides exceptional students with opportunities for advancing the study of language and literature, for developing skills in creative and analytical writing, and for meeting other scholars and professionals in the discipline of English.

Members also have the opportunity to publish their writing nationally in *The Rectangle* and to compete for writing awards. In addition, members may receive international recognition through academic scholarships, professional internships, and teaching awards. At regional conferences and at the annual international convention, students may present original creative and analytical work and network with students, faculty,

and professionals.

English majors with a minimum 3.3 GPA are eligible to apply. Please direct inquiries to the Honors Director, Department of English and Comparative Literature, 594-5443, MC 6020, <http://literature.sdsu.edu/honors/>.

Sigma Theta Tau **International** **Gamma Gamma** **Chapter of San Diego** NURSING

SIGMA THETA TAU was founded in 1922 by six nurses at the Indiana University Training School for Nurses, now the Indiana University School of Nursing, in Indianapolis, Ind, USA. The founders chose the name from the Greek words Storgé, Tharsos and Timé meaning "love," "courage" and "honor."

The mission of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International is to support the learning, knowledge, and professional development of nurses committed to make a difference in health worldwide.

The vision of this organization is to create a global community of nurses who lead in using knowledge, scholarship, service and learning to improve the health of the world's people.

Membership is by invitation to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, and to nurse leaders exhibiting exceptional achievements in nursing. Here are some additional facts about our membership:

Membership Criteria:

Undergraduate Students must

- have completed ½ of the nursing curriculum;
- have at least a GPA of 3.0 (based on a 4.0 grading scale);
- rank in the upper 35 percentile of the graduating class;

- meet the expectation of academic integrity.

Registered Nurse Students must

- have completed 12 credit hours at current school;
- have completed ½ of the nursing curriculum;
- have at least a GPA of 3.0 (based on a 4.0 grading scale);
- rank in the upper 35 percentile of graduating class;
- meet the expectation of academic integrity.

Graduate Students (Master's and Doctorate) must

- have completed ¼ of the nursing curriculum;
- have at least a GPA of 3.5 (based on a 4.0 grading scale);
- meet the expectation of academic integrity.

The School of Nursing faculty counselors are Professors Joan Hall (jhall2@mail.sdsu.edu) and Linda Long (llong@mail.sdsu.edu). Visit our web site gammagamma@san.rr.com for more information.

Tau Beta Pi ENGINEERING

TAU BETA PI was established nationally in 1885. The local chapter was formed in 1973.

The purpose of the society is to foster a spirit of liberal culture in the College of Engineering, to recognize outstanding students of engineering and to provide community service.

To be eligible for membership, seniors must be in the top 20 percent of the engineering class. Juniors must be in the top 12.5 percent of the engineering class. The society is open primarily to junior and senior engineering majors. A limited number of graduate engineering students whose GPA is 3.5 or higher may be considered for admission. Admission periods are scheduled every semester.

Among its activities are participation in a tutoring center open to all Engineering students, organizing canned food and holiday toy drives, and résumé book networking with industry.

Faculty adviser is Dr. Bruce Westermo, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, MC 1324, 594-4264, bwesterm@mail.sdsu.edu.



H O N O R S C O U N C I L

THE HONORS COUNCIL was founded in 1989. It comprises student and faculty representatives of the University Honors Program and of Phi Eta Sigma, Golden Key, Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board and Phi Beta Kappa multidisciplinary honor societies.

The purposes of the Honors Council are:

- To act as an advisory and coordinating resource center for the interdisciplinary honor societies on campus,
- To promote the specific interests of the above listed honor societies,
- To promote the common concerns of all honor societies and honors programs at San Diego State University,
- To cooperate with the faculty and administrative officers in developing and maintaining high academic standards,
- To recognize students and faculty for their achievements in scholarship, leadership, and service, and
- To represent the University's honor societies on the Associated Students Council.

For meetings and events and to house honors insignia and regalia, the Honors Council has been given the Henry L. Janssen Honors Council Room, Love Library 428D. Telephone 594-3130.

For more information about the Honors Council visit the Honors Council Web site at honorscouncil.sdsu.edu or contact Dr. Jane K. Smith, 594-6337, MC 4114, jsmith@mail.sdsu.edu. For revisions to this booklet contact Leslie Herrmann, lherrman@mail.sdsu.edu.

Dr. Henry L. Janssen Award

Each year, the Dr. Henry L. Janssen Honors Council Award (\$500) is presented to graduating seniors who are members of the five university-wide honor societies to include: Phi Eta Sigma, Golden Key, Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board and Phi Beta Kappa. *For Phi Eta Sigma and Golden Key students must join no later than the fall semester of their senior year and participate for at least one semester to be considered for the award.*

In 2009, Melissa Collins, Cassandra Conboy, Amelia Diedrich, Krista Fendrick, Lacy Olson, Corinne Pogemiller, and Carly Sumrow received the Janssen Award.

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