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TO THE STUDENT

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.

Best wishes for a great year and
a successful academic career.



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UNIVERSITY WIDE HONOR SOCIETIES

GOLDEN KEY

INTERNATIONAL HONOUR SOCIETY

GOLDEN KEY was established as a national organization in 1977, and has recently opened chapters internationally in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, and South Africa. San Diego State's Golden Key chapter, chartered in 1981, is one of over 400 worldwide. 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 for membership are extended in August-September to juniors and seniors who rank in the upper 15 percent of their class (roughly a 3.5 GPA) and have demonstrated an interest in service and leadership development. Eligible students must also have earned their last 24 units at SDSU. Society activities include 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



SDSU website: sdsu.goldenkey.org

International website: <https://www.goldenkey.org/>

MORTAR BOARD

COLLEGE SENIOR HONOR SOCIETY

MMORTAR 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 231 chapters nationwide. At the 2003 and 2012 National Conference, the SDSU Cap and Gown Chapter received the Ruth Weimer Mount Award as the most outstanding chapter in the United States. SDSU is the only chapter to receive the award twice. In 2014, the chapter received Project Excellence Awards for twenty-two of its projects and the Golden Torch Award for its excellence in supporting the ideals of Mortar Board.



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 the SDSU Jane K. Smith Cap and Gown Chapter of 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 a Merit Scholarship to the most outstanding junior at SDSU, hosting the 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 \$15,000 in scholarships to initiates and graduating seniors.

SDSU website: www.sdsu.mortarboard.com

National website: www.mortarboard.org

PHI BETA KAPPA

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The PHI BETA KAPPA Society was founded in 1776 and is the nation's oldest and prestigious academic society for undergraduates who excel in the liberal arts and sciences. The Greek letters ΦBK stand for *Philosophia Biou Kubernêtês*, Love of Wisdom, Helmsman of Life. Nu of California Chapter, chartered at San Diego State in 1974, is one of 283 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 election to membership; it is by invitation only, which is extended only once. To become a member, the student must undergo initiation in the semester of election. Invitations are mailed to the email and postal addresses listed on the official transcript. To be considered by the faculty committee, juniors must have a minimum 3.75 GPA overall and in 75 semester units of coursework in the liberal arts and sciences at SDSU, and seniors must have a minimum 3.6 GPA overall and in 90 semester units of coursework in the liberal arts and sciences.

Coursework must demonstrate breadth outside the major, including 1) one semester of advanced mathematics and 2) proficiency in a foreign language corresponding to a third-semester university course. 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. Additionally, the chapter awards as much as \$6,000 in scholarships for graduate study.

National website: <https://www.pbk.org/imis15>

**PHI ETA SIGMA
FRESHMAN HONOR SOCIETY**

PHI ETA SIGMA is an all-discipline 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 cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 and carry at least 12 units 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.

To be eligible for the Henry L. Janssen Honors Council award, students must join Phi Eta Sigma no later than the fall of their senior year and participate for at least one semester. Phi Eta Sigma activities include a topical lecture series, discussion groups, social events, and national conventions.

National website: <https://www.phietasigma.org/>

**PHI KAPPA PHI
HONOR SOCIETY**

Phi Kappa Phi was started at the University of Maine in 1897, and its 96th chapter was chartered at San Diego State in 1965. Our members have served in the White House, Congress, and the Supreme Court of the United States. They have won Nobel Prizes, Pulitzer Prizes, and numerous other national and international awards for service and achievement in their chosen fields. In 2009, Phi Kappa Phi instituted a "Chapter of Excellence" program and we continue to achieve this recognition annually.



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 and extended network allow Phi Kappa Phi members to connect with one another from every corner of the world. Put another way, as a member of Phi Kappa Phi, you are truly immersed in a community of scholars.

The SDSU chapter annually sponsors a number of lectures, events and projects across the campus (and beyond) and provides between \$3,000 - \$5,000 in awards and stipends for study abroad, and for graduate or professional study. Additionally, graduating seniors are eligible for one of fifty 5,000 society fellowships or fifty \$2,000 fellowships. The full range of awards can be seen at the Phi Kappa Phi national website.

SDSU website: http://pkp.sdsu.edu/dus/phi_kappa_phi/

National website: <http://www.phikappaphi.org/web/>

**SCHOLARS WITHOUT BORDERS:
FELLOWSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS**

SCHOLARS WITHOUT BORDERS is SDSU's newest multidisciplinary honor society.

It was founded in 2008 to promote international exchange and service and to recognize the scholarly achievement of SDSU students, faculty, and staff. As a fellowship of international scholars, we support programs with an international focus and build campus awareness of international issues and opportunities.

We strive to inspire SDSU students, faculty, and staff to become engaged and committed scholar-citizens of the global community. Students who are interested in an international perspective and have demonstrated high scholastic achievement (graduates with a minimum 3.5 GPA based on a minimum six units earned at SDSU, and undergraduates with a minimum 3.25 GPA based on a minimum total of 30 units earned, of which at least 12 units were earned at SDSU) are invited to join Scholars Without Borders. Scholars Without Borders awards about \$10,000 in study abroad scholarships to eligible



members each year. Chapter activities and programs include internationally-related workshops and lectures, regional symposia, an annual installation reception, and the International Photo Contest.

SDSU website: <http://swb.sdsu.edu>

WEBER HONORS COLLEGE

IN THE DIVISION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

THE WEBER HONORS COLLEGE (WHC) 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 interdisciplinary. The Weber Honors College 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 co-curricular activities.

For entering freshman students, eligibility for acceptance into the Weber Honors College 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 essay. For continuing and transfer students, eligibility is determined according to collegiate GPA (3.2 or above) and quality of the entry essay. The deadline to apply to the Weber Honors College Program is January 15 (priority consideration) or March 30 (final deadline). Once admitted to the Weber Honors College, students must satisfactorily complete the 15-unit Honors curriculum, (the Honors Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies), maintain a 3.2 GPA, and complete a credit-bearing study abroad program.

Weber Honors College 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 Honors College requirements are awarded a certificate of completion as a supplement to the diploma and a special medallion especially suited for wearing at commencement.

SDSU website: <http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/dus/uhc/Default.aspx>

SINGLE DISCIPLINE HONOR SOCIETIES

IN THE DIVISION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Note: For contact and general society information, refer to the Honors Council website at honorscouncil.sdsu.edu. For further single-discipline contact information, refer to individual department websites.

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, veterinary medicine, physician assistant, optometry, podiatry, pharmacy, and other fields; the society promotes cooperation and contacts between health industry professionals, pre-health professional students and educators. The society focuses on developing an excellent program of education while binding 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.

Society activities 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.

SDSU website: <http://www.aedsdsu.com/>

National website: <http://www.aednational.tcu.edu/>

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA

SOCIOLOGY

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA national honor society dates from 1920. SDSU's chapter, Delta, 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 to Alpha Kappa Delta includes graduate and undergraduate students who demonstrate

superior scholarship and a serious interest in sociology. To be eligible candidates, applicants must have a minimum 3.0 overall GPA, as well as a 3.0 GPA in their major. Undergraduate students must have reached junior or senior status, must have completed at least 12 units in sociology courses, and must rank within the top 35 percent of their class to be eligible for membership.

National website: www.alpha-kappa-delta.org

ALPHA PHI SIGMA CRIMINAL JUSTICE

AALPHA PHI SIGMA is the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. Founded at Washington State in 1942, San Diego State's Eta Psi chapter was established in 2005. Alpha Phi Sigma recognizes academic excellence of Undergraduate and Graduate students of Criminal Justice. The goals of the organization are to honor and promote academic excellence, community service, educational leadership and unity. Membership eligibility includes undergraduate juniors and seniors who have a declared major or minor in criminal justice; have a minimum overall GPA of 3.2; have completed at least 12 units in criminal justice with a minimum GPA of 3.2; and in the top 35% of their class. Graduate students must be enrolled in a graduate criminal justice program; must have completed at least 4 courses with a minimum GPA of 3.4; and must rank in the upper 25% of their class.

Members will be invited to an induction ceremony and dinner event, and will be honored at the Department's Criminal Justice Honors Luncheon held each Spring. Activities of the organization include on-campus speaker presentations, as well as community service events, which benefit community-based criminal justice agencies and/or individuals.

National website: www.alphaphisigma.org/

BETA ALPHA PSI ACCOUNTING

BETA ALPHA PSI has been a national honorary society and professional organization since 1919. In 1960, the Beta Alpha 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. In addition, the Beta Eta chapter is an award-winning chapter that routinely competes and places in both regional and national competitions. Our members gain invaluable experience in public speaking and have numerous opportunities to interact with leading business professionals throughout the greater California region as well as national and international business leaders. 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 information and decision systems 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.

SDSU website: <https://cbaweb.sdsu.edu/bay/>

National website: <https://www.bap.org/>

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 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.

National website: www.betagammasigma.org

CHI EPSILON

CIVIL, CONSTRUCTION & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

CHI EPSILON was established nationally in 1922, and San Diego State University chapter was founded in 1967. Chi Epsilon is dedicated to maintaining and promoting the status of civil engineering as an ideal profession. In addition, the society 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.

SDSU website: <http://xesdsu.weebly.com/>

National website: <http://www.chi-epsilon.org/xewebgeneral2/>

ETA KAPPA NU

ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING

ETA KAPPA NU is a national Electrical and Computer Engineering Honor Society. Founded nationally in 1904, the Zeta Tau chapter was established at San Diego State University in 1974. Eta Kappa Nu honors the top Electrical and Computer Engineering majors for undergraduate and graduate students. Invitation to membership is extended to the top 25 percent of juniors and top 33 percent of seniors. Members are selected on the basis of scholastic standing, character, and leadership. Chapter activities include a variety of service programs and leadership training, aimed at preparing student members for success in the post-college world.

National website: www.hkn.org/

ETA SIGMA PHI

CLASSICS

EETA SIGMA PHI, the national Honorary Society for Classical Studies, was established in 1914. SDSU's Zeta Gamma chapter was chartered in 1989, and there are currently 210 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 ΗΣΦ motto is *Philosophoumen kai philokaloumen*, Lovers of Wisdom and Beauty Are We.

Eligibility requirements: 1) good standing, 2) a 3.5 GPA in Classics 303G and 304G or in Classics 303L and 304L, 3) a 3.5 GPA in courses acceptable for the Classics major or minor, 4) an overall 3.0 GPA, and 5) 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.

National website: <http://www.etasigmaphi.org/>

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 membership persons who exhibit commendable personal qualities, worthy educational ideals, and sound scholarship.

Applicants for membership must be working for certification in an educational field or 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.

SDSU website: www.rohan.sdsu.edu/~askdp

International website: <https://www.kdp.org/>

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 over 400 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.

National website: www.natcom.org/lambdapieta/

OMICRON DELTA EPSILON ECONOMICS

OMICRON DELTA EPSILON was founded in 1963 as the international economics honor society. The Gamma chapter at San Diego State was established in 1959. 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, undergraduates must have an overall GPA of 3.0 in economics, an overall GPA of 3.0, and rank in the upper third of the class. 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.

National website: <http://www.omicrondeltaepsilon.org>

PHI ALPHA THETA HISTORY

PHI ALPHA THETA International Honor Society in History, organized in 1921, currently has 860 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 7 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.

SDSU Website: phialphathetasdsu.weebly.com

National website: <http://phialphatheta.org/>

PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA MUSIC

PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA is a music fraternity dedicated to the advancement of music and 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 and understanding of 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.

**PI ALPHA ALPHA
PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION**

PPI ALPHA ALPHA is the national honor society formed to recognize and promote excellence in the study and practice of public affairs and administration. The purpose of Pi Alpha Alpha is to encourage and recognize outstanding scholarship and accomplishment in public affairs and administration. Its objectives, such as fostering integrity, professionalism, and effective performance, promote the advancement of quality in the education and practice of the art and science of public affairs and administration.

Invitation to membership is extended to eligible undergraduate and graduate students. To be eligible, students must meet the following criteria: Undergraduate students must have completed at least 15 units of public administration coursework with a minimum 3.5 major GPA, and an overall GPA of at least 3.0. Graduate students must have completed 18 units of program coursework with a minimum GPA of 3.7. Students who are eligible will be contacted by the Pi Alpha Alpha faculty advisor. Members are inducted once a year in the spring.

National website: <http://pialphaalpha.org/>

**PI DELTA PHI
FRENCH**

PPI DELTA PHI is the French National Honor Society, 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 the French language and its literatures; to increase knowledge and appreciation of Americans for the cultural contributions of the French-speaking world; and to stimulate and to encourage French and francophone cultural activities.

Eligibility for regular membership includes a 3.25 GPA in at least 5 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 in French are also eligible for regular membership. The chapter sponsors visiting lectures, the annual French play and Francophone film festivals, among other social and cultural activities.

SDSU website: http://french.sdsu.edu/pi_delta_phi.html

National website: www.pideltaphi.org

**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.

National website: <http://www.pikappalambda.org/>

**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.

National website: <http://office2248.wix.com/pi-sigma-alpha>

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 and 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.

SDSU website: <http://sdsupsichi.weebly.com/>

National website: <http://www.psichi.org/>

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.

Students with a major or minor in English and a minimum GPA of 3.0 are eligible for membership. Membership applications are accepted throughout the year.

National website: <http://www.english.org/sigmatd/>

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, IN, 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.

Membership Criteria: have completed one-half 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 one-half 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 Doctoral) must: have completed one-fourth 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.

SDSU website: gammagamma.sdsu.edu

National website: <http://www.nursingsociety.org/Pages/default.aspx>

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.

SDSU website: <http://engineering.sdsu.edu/taubetapi/>

National website: <http://www.tbp.org/home.cfm>

HONORS COUNCIL

THE HONORS COUNCIL was founded in 1989. It comprises student and faculty representatives of the Weber Honors College and of Phi Eta Sigma, Scholars Without Borders, 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
- 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.

For revisions to this booklet contact jsmith@mail.sdsu.edu

DR. HENRY L. JANSSEN AWARD

Each year, the Henry L. Janssen Honors Council Award (\$500) is presented to graduating seniors who are members of the five university-wide honor societies: 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 2015, the following students received the Janssen Award: Maxell Louie, Alexander Nelson, Anna Salvador, Duyen Trang, and Alicia Zamudio.



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