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Honoraries Here Recognize Scholarship

2 Freshmen Fraternities Honor High Scholarship, 43 Tend To Upperclassmen

There are two honorary fraternities for freshmen with scholastic ambitions, one for men and one for women. Forty-three upperclass groups recognize further achievement along various lines later in the collegiate career.

Phi Eta Sigma awards membership to all freshmen men who at the end of their first semester have attained a 2.5 scholastic average or better. To those who have raised their grades to the minimum mark on the basis of work for the first two semesters, membership is also extended. With chapters in twenty-three colleges and universities throughout the country, the freshman honorary elects from thirty-five to forty new members each year.

Alpha Lambda Delta, sister organization of Phi Eta Sigma, honors high standing freshmen women. Each year from five to eight women fulfill the 2.5 requirement.

Honorary fraternities usually set up a minimum standard which a student must attain before he is considered for membership. Fulfilling the minimum requirement does not automatically make the student a member of the society. An election must first be held among the active members of the organization.

Nearly every branch of collegiate activity—scholarship, journalism, dramatics, debating, or a departmental interest—has its honoraries which usually elect members from the junior and senior classes on the basis of their achievements. When underclassmen have been outstanding in the field and the society ruling permits, exception is made to the custom of excluding freshmen and sophomores. Elections are in most cases held twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring.

For freshmen with scholastic ambitions the recognition of scholarship in all schools is Phi Kappa Phi, which was established at Penn State in 1900. To become eligible for election a student must be in the upper twentieth of his class on the basis of seven semesters and fulfill the further condition that his average be at least 2.4. Election takes place in the senior year.

Sigma Delta Chi, which was installed three years ago, is a professional

journalism society offering membership to students majoring in journalism who intend to follow that line of work. Alpha Theta Epsilon is the women's journalistic society, while Alpha Delta Sigma encourages proficiency in advertising.

For work in debating, Delta Sigma Rho is the outstanding honorary, awarding membership to selected varsity debaters at the end of their junior year. Delta Alpha Delta honors women debaters and its membership is not restricted to any particular class. Purple Quill is a local literary guild which has for its purpose the fostering of creative writing and appreciation for it among the students. Members of all classes who have demonstrated their ability along literary lines are elected to membership.

Along musical lines, Kappa Gamma Psi and Phi Mu Alpha, national professional and honorary societies, award membership for outstanding achievement in any campus musical organization. Among women students, the Louise Homer club is the honorary musical group. In dramatics, Theta Alpha Phi has as its eligibility requirement the playing of two major or four minor roles in a student production or the demonstration of proficiency along some other phase of dramatic art.

Five honorary or professional fraternities reward achievement in the various curricula of the School of Agriculture. These include Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society of agriculture; Alpha Tau Alpha, agricultural education; Pi Alpha Xi, floriculture; Xi Sigma Pi, forestry; and Alpha Phi Omega, scouting.

In the School of Chemistry and Physics Phi Lambda Upsilon recognizes high scholarship among men in the chemistry curricula, while Sigma Pi Sigma does the same for men and women in physics. Iota Sigma Pi is the national women's honorary and

professional chemistry fraternity, and Alpha Pi Mu is a local pre-medical society open to students preparing to study medicine.

Kappa Delta Pi and Kappa Phi Kappa, both national organizations, are the chief honoraries in the School of Education. The former is open to both men and women in the two upper classes, while the latter restricts its membership to upperclass men enrolled in the school. Psi Chi encourages scholarship in psychology, and Omicron Nu honors high standing junior and senior women in the home economics curriculum.

Seven honorary or professional groups recognize achievement in the School of Engineering. Tau Beta Pi elects from the upper fifth of the juniors and seniors in the school. Sigma Tau requires marked ability along the professional lines of its members and Pi Tau Sigma elects on a basis of mechanical engineering ability. Chi Epsilon promotes scholarship among the civil engineering students, while Eta Kappa Nu encourages electrical engineering. Scenab is a professional group of students in architecture as is Pi Gamma Alpha in fine arts.

In the School of Liberal Arts, Pi Gamma Mu is a national social science honorary which elects juniors

and seniors on the basis of scholastic records in social science projects. Delta Sigma Pi is a national professional society for students in the commerce and finance curriculum, while Pi Mu Epsilon encourages high scholarship

in mathematics, regardless of school. Pi Lambda Sigma is the local pre-law society, and Phi Sigma Iota is a group for students interested and proficient in the romance languages and literature.

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