Honor Societies

ALPHA CHI HONOR SOCIETY/Delaware Alpha Chapter
SPONSOR: DR. SAMUEL HOFF
Co-Sponsor: DR. DAWN A. LOTT
Alpha Chi is a co-educational honors society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and to honor those who achieve such distinction. Criteria: Top 1% of Junior or Senior Class (minimum 3.9 GPA)

ALPHA DELTA MU NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK HONOR SOCIETY
SPONSOR:
Founder: DR. ERNESTINE C. BRITTINGHAM
The primary objective of Alpha Delta Mu is to encourage, stimulate, recognize and maintain superior scholarship in social work education and to advance excellence in social work practice. Criteria: A student must be a Social Work or Social Welfare major, have demonstrated leadership ability, a high standard of personal behavior and a dedication to social work practice. Baccalaureate Students: 3.0 GPA Overall, 3.50 GPA in all Social Work classes, junior status and 20 hours of volunteer work that is NOT a part of field practicum. Graduate Students: 15 semester hours or equivalent in Social Work, GPA of 3.5 or above, 20 hours of volunteer work that is NOT a part of field practicum. The members of this organization hold an induction ceremony every spring semester, and current members are encouraged to make presentations at Honors Day.

ALPHA KAPPA MU NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY/Mu Alpha Chapter
SPONSOR: DR. SAMUEL HOFF
Founded in the 1990's, this honor society promotes high scholarship, encourages sincere and zealous endeavors in all fields of knowledge and service. It cultivates a high order of personal living, and develops an appreciation for scholarship and scholarly endeavors in others. Membership is open to students of junior or senior classification who rank in the upper twenty percent of their class with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.25 or above.

ALPHA RHO CHI ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY
SPONSOR: DR. MYRNA NURSE
The Delaware State University chapter of Alpha Rho Xi was established in 2010. There have been 23 students inducted including 8 students inducted this year. Criteria: A minimum of 3.25 GPA in English courses, a minimum of 3.00 cumulative GPA, completion of at least three semesters of course work, and completion of at least 12 credits in English.

BETA GAMMA SIGMA BUSINESS HONORARY SOCIETY
SPONSORS: DR. CARLOS M. RODRIGUEZ, DR. BRIDGET ANAKWE
Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honorary Society was found on November 14, 2007 at DSU. Criteria: Upper 10% of the class (assessed through GPA). Inductees demonstrate character, integrity, highest standards of ethics, and professionalism. Including 2nd semester Juniors, Seniors and masters students there have been 77 students inducted thus far.

CHI ALPHA SIGMA NATIONAL ATHLETE HONOR SOCIETY/Delaware Alpha Chapter
SPONSOR: DR. SAMUEL HOFF
Chi Alpha Sigma National Athlete Honor Society granted a charter to DSU in 1999. The Delaware Alpha Chapter has inducted 152 athletes from that time to the present. The criteria for induction include a 3.4 or higher overall grade point average, junior-senior status, and one or more letters earned in an intercollegiate varsity sport.

ETA SIGMA DELTA

The purpose of this society is to recognize the scholastic and professional achievement of students in hospitality management, tourism, and culinary arts. Members of this society pledge to uphold excellence, leadership, creativity, service, and ethics in their personal lives. Membership is open to all Hospitality Management majors.

FMA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
SPONSOR: DR. NANDITA DAS
FMA National Honor Society was established in January 2011 at DSU. Criteria: 3.25GPA in finance and/or related subjects. Exceptions applicable.

KAPPA DELTA PI INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
SPONSOR: MRS. MARQUITA THOMAS-BROWN
Kappa Delta Pi is an International Honor Society for Education majors. Requirements for induction: All students must be education majors, undergraduates must be 2nd semester sophomores and have a 3.0 or better, and graduates must have a 3.25 or better.

KAPPA OMICRON NU HUMAN ECOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY/Nu Alpha Beta
SPONSORS: DR. CAROL GIESECKE AND DR. JUNGMI OH
Nu Alpha Beta Chapter of Kappa Omicron Nu was chartered at DSU in April, 2011. Criteria: Inductees must have completed 45 semester hours of course work and be in top 25% of the class. To date, 19 people have been inducted.

LAMBDA PI ETA MASS COMMUNICATIONS HONOR SOCIETY/Alpha Alpha Gamma Chapter
SPONSOR: MS. AVA PERRINE
Co-Sponsor: DR. FRANCINE EDWARDS
The Alpha Alpha Gamma chapter of Lamba Pi Eta was founded at DSU in 2008. Membership in Lambda Pi Eta comprises undergraduate students majoring in the field of communications, who have achieved a high level of academic excellence. To be eligible for membership, students must have completed 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) in undergraduate credit courses; have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, a 3.25 in the Mass Communications major, and be currently enrolled as a full-time student in good standing. The society currently has 28 members.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS/Delaware State University Chapter
SPONSOR: CAPTAIN STEPHEN R. SPEED
The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is an honors organization that recognizes and elevates high achievers. The DSU Chapter was established in 2008 and has 266 members, to date. Criteria: Students must be of freshman or sophomore status and have a GPA of 3.4 or higher.

NURSING HONOR SOCIETY
SPONSOR: MARGE AGNOSTINO, DNP, MSW, RN-BC, IBCLC
The Delaware State University Department of Nursing Honor Society (founded in 1993) abides by the rules of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. The purpose of this society is to recognize superior achievement and the development of the leadership qualities, to foster higher professional standards, encourage creative work, and to strengthen commitment to the ideals and purpose of the profession. Criteria: Students are required to have completed one-half of the Nursing curriculum, and rank in the upper 35% of the graduating class, and meet the expectation of academic integrity. An outstanding undergraduate student must have a GPA of at least a 3.0 with only 2 semesters of clinical course work and an outstanding graduate student must have a GPA of at least 3.5 and completed 2 semesters of the Masters Program. To date, 113 members have been inducted.

OMICRON DELTA EPSILON INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN ECONOMICS/Beta of Delaware
SPONSOR: DR. JAN E. CHRISTOPHER
Omicron Delta Epsilon International Honor Society in Economics was founded at DSU in 1996. Criteria: Undergraduates:

completion of 12 semester hours of economics courses, attainment of at least a “B” average in economics courses and an overall “B” average in all classes, and a class standing in the upper one-third. Students do not have to be economics majors, but must have a genuine interest in economics in addition to meeting the other requirements. Graduate: completion of one semester of full-time work, with attainment of a “B” or better average. Number of inductees thus far including the 2011-2012 inductees: 1

PHI ALPHA THETA HISTORY HONOR SOCIETY
SPONSOR: DR. NIKLAS ROBINSON
Phi Alpha Theta was originally chartered as a Sigma Tau chapter at DSU in 1970. It is open to History majors with an overall 3.0 GPA and 3.1 GPA in their major.

PI GAMMA MU INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY/Delaware Alpha Chapter
SPONSOR: DR. SAMUEL HOFF
Pi Gamma Mu International Social Science Honor Society granted a charter to DSU in the Fall of 2006. The Delaware Alpha Chapter held its first induction of members in Spring 2007. Requirements for induction include a 3.0 overall grade point average and junior-senior status in political science, history, sociology, psychology or philosophy.

PI SIGMA ALPHA NATIONAL POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY/Upsilon Pi Chapter
SPONSOR: DR. SAMUEL HOFF
Co-Sponsors: DR. AKWASI OSEI AND DR. IFEYINWA UDEZULU
Pi Sigma Alpha is open to political science majors who have junior or senior class status and who have maintained a minimum 3.0 grade point average in the major and overall. The Upsilon Pi Chapter was chartered at DSU in 1995. Including the students listed below, the institution has seen 69 people inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha.

PINNACLE
SPONSOR: DR. AMYSTIQUE Y. HARRIS-CHURCH
DSU Founder: MS. JANET JOHNSON ‘91
Pinnacle is a national honor society that recognizes the achievements of adult and non-traditional students. PINNACLE was founded in January 1983 by Dr. Frank Julian of Murray State University in Kentucky. On November 1, 1989, Delaware State University received its charter as an institution member of PINNACLE. Selection for membership in Pinnacle represents the highest achievement of academic performance and out-of-class accomplishments. Criteria: Students must achieve a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average, junior or senior status, must have completed a minimum of thirty hours at DSU and be at least 25 years or older, and must have been involved in at least three on-campus or off-community service organizations.

PSI CHI INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN PSYCHOLOGY
SPONSOR: DR. BRIAN FRIEL
Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology was established at DSU in 1981. Criteria: Students must have a cumulative GPA and a Psychology major GPA of 3.0 and a minimum of 9 credit hours of psychology courses completed at DSU. There have been 166 students inducted thus far.

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