ASSOCIATION of COLLEGE HONOR SOCIETIES

The Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) is the nation’s only certifying agency for college and university honor societies. ACHS sets standards for organizational excellence and scholastic eligibility, ensures that member societies are structured to advance the interests of their individual members and adhere to sound business practices, and serves as a resource to protect consumers from disreputable organizations that do not live up to the name “honor society.” Since its founding in 1925, ACHS has represented and promoted the interests of tens of millions of honor students.

The mission of ACHS is to build a visibly cohesive community of national and international honor societies that promotes the values of higher education; fosters excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and research; and adheres to the standards of honor society excellence. For more information, or to find certified member society chapters on your campus, see www.achsnatl.org.

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Reach for Excellence

Membership in a true honor society, like most worthwhile things in life, does not come easily. Therefore, when an invitation to membership arrives, it genuinely is a matter of honor, reflecting exceptional academic achievement and perhaps outstanding campus leadership and service.

The organizations listed in this brochure are certified to meet high standards for excellence by the Association of College Honor Societies. Certain societies induct first-year students while others elect only upper-class or graduate students; some include all academic fields while others focus on specialized areas such as English or engineering. But all ACHS-certified societies bestow honor, recognition, and lifetime distinction.

Don’t let the Greek names fool you. College honor societies are not social clubs, nor is membership in them a path to instant success. Honor society members are talented, dedicated people—like you—with similar interests and high achievements. They are among your school’s most promising young prospective professionals, eager to advance scholarship, ethics, and professionalism in their academic disciplines.

Consider these benefits to joining a certified college honor society:

Help you make Career Choices

Genuine honor societies provide members with deeper insight into disciplines than can be gained through classroom experience alone. Students who participate in honor societies can explore and hone their interests for future study and development through activities that may illuminate new career possibilities.

Enrich your Education

Honor societies, especially those serving a single academic discipline, help to keep members current in their fields through publications, through online communities, and through local, state, regional, and national meetings. This service begins during the college years and extends into the alumni programs that many of our societies offer for a lifetime of networking and learning. Many honor societies also offer access to exclusive scholarships, internships, and leadership and service opportunities.

Whether or not you choose to remain in the field related to your college major, your honor society affiliation broadens your horizons and education.

Recognize your Achievement

Though achievement is its own reward, earning your honor society key or pin demonstrates that you have accomplished something that makes you special and puts you at the top of your chosen field. Having an ACHS-certified honor society listed on your résumé provides a tangible sign of your academic success.

Advance your Career

Whether you go to graduate school or use your knowledge in industry, government, or a profession, a college honor society membership can open doors. People in your field recognize your membership as a mark of excellence that identifies you as exceptional. An invitation to membership in a certified honor society confers more than recognition of your success; it is a widely recognized hallmark of excellence.

Accept the Challenge!

The Association of College Honor Societies is the certifying body for collegiate honor societies. Its objective is to maintain high standards for the recognition and promotion of academic excellence in higher education. Member societies of the Association of College Honor Societies are as divergent as knowledge itself. From nursing to physics, business to music, ACHS organizations have demonstrated that they exist for one primary purpose: to encourage superior achievement.

It’s a Matter of Honor