

## WHY JOIN ALPHA PHI SIGMA?

Are you ready to join the only fully-accredited criminal justice honor society? If so, Alpha Phi Sigma is for you! But membership is not automatic, so be sure to check eligibility requirements on our website under *Applications*. Once a member, you'll enjoy the many benefits noted throughout this brochure. More importantly, membership in Alpha Phi Sigma signifies your dedication to academic excellence, leadership, service and unity, and allows you to join the ranks of thousands of other Alpha Phi Sigma members and alumni across the world who make a positive difference each day in their professions and communities. Get connected! Join Alpha Phi Sigma, *THE* Criminal Justice Honor Society.

## ACADEMIC HONOR REGALIA\*



### HONOR STOLE

Gold satin with Alpha Phi Sigma Key embroidered on left side, and Greek letters embroidered on right side of honor stole.

### HONOR CORD

Blue and Gold intertwined cords with gold tassels.

### HONOR MEDALLION

Blue round medallion with the Key embossed and gold lettering.

\* Available for purchase by members in good academic standing.

## CONNECT WITH US



## TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS

Collegiate Members  
Faculty Members  
Alumni Members  
Golden Alumni  
Honorary Members  
Professional Members

Additional information about each membership type is listed on our website under *Applications*.

## DOES YOUR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY HAVE AN ALPHA PHI SIGMA CHAPTER?

Go to [www.AlphaPhiSigma.org](http://www.AlphaPhiSigma.org) and click on Chapter Resources to view the Chapter Directory.

Don't have one? Charter a chapter!

More information available on our website.

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## RECOGNIZING & PROMOTING



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## WHAT IS ALPHA PHI SIGMA?

Alpha Phi Sigma is the only nationally recognized honor society for criminal justice. Founded in 1942, Alpha Phi Sigma has grown to over 550 chapters at colleges and universities in 50 states as well as in Guam and Canada.

Students who meet eligibility requirements (see website), can become collegiate members of Alpha Phi Sigma as long as they are enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program (or higher) in the field of criminal justice or a related discipline at an accredited institution. Related disciplines include criminology, forensics, law, homeland security, human services, political science, sociology, justice studies, psychology, public administration, and social sciences. Collegiate members in related disciplines must take a minimum of four upper-division courses directly related to criminal justice. Some examples of these courses include juvenile delinquency, criminology, legal perspectives, criminal law, abnormal behavior, and justice administration/management.

The mission of Alpha Phi Sigma is to promote analytical thinking, rigorous scholarship, and lifelong learning; to keep abreast of the advances in scientific research; to elevate the ethical standards of the criminal justice professions; and to sustain in the public mind the benefits and necessity of education and professional training.

The goals of Alpha Phi Sigma are to promote  
**Academic Excellence, Leadership,  
Service, & Unity**

## NATIONAL RECOGNITION



Alpha Phi Sigma meets the highest standards of the Association of College Honor Societies and is fully accredited.



The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) granted Alpha Phi Sigma affiliate status in 1975. Alpha Phi Sigma is proud to have ACJS as a sponsor of the annual Alpha Phi Sigma conferences.

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

### FEDERAL BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Alpha Phi Sigma provides prospective employers with instant verification of exemplary performance and achievement, distinguishing members from competing job applicants at a glance. In fact, the US Government's Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers incoming federal employees a two level pay grade increase for "Superior Academic Achievement" which can be obtained through membership in Alpha Phi Sigma.

The ultimate test of the value of membership in any organization lies in the accomplishments of its members. Alpha Phi Sigma is well represented in the professional ranks of all areas in all areas of the criminal justice field, including police, courts, corrections, forensics, non-profits, and higher education.

### BENEFITS ALSO INCLUDE

- Membership certificate, pin, & card
- Official publication, *The Docket*
- Merchandise available on-line
- Scholarships and Awards
- Leadership development and networking with students and professionals in the community and at the annual conference
- Membership meets one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level in numerous professional & technical occupations in the U.S government
- Privilege of wearing academic honor regalia for graduation and academic ceremonies
- Access to law enforcement job postings
- Networking with other Alpha Phi Sigma members
- Resume and interview tips and techniques.
- Access to members world-wide through social media
- Chapter community service events

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Members have the opportunity to attend the Alpha Phi Sigma annual conference held every spring. The conference is held concurrently with the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences' annual conference (ACJS), allowing students to network with professionals in the criminal justice and related fields along with other Alpha Phi Sigma members. Members enjoy a variety of scholarly, professional, and social activities. Locations vary each year, and conference information is posted on our website.

### SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS

Each spring Alpha Phi Sigma awards approximately \$40,000 in scholarships, awards, and grants. Members, chapters, and advisors are eligible for these awards. With some exceptions, members generally do not need to be present at the annual conference to win. Some examples of our awards include the following:

- "Theme of the Year" Project Award
- V.A. Leonard Scholarship
- Regina B. Shearn Scholarship
- Best Paper Scholarship
- CJ General Knowledge Test Scholarship
- CJ Specific Knowledge Test Scholarship
- Student Member Achievement Awards
- Student Member of the Year Award
- Outstanding Chapter Goals' Awards
- Advisor of the Year Award
- "STAR" Chapter Award
- Web Page Awards
- Outstanding Yearbook Competition
- The Alumni Achievement Award
- The Distinguished Alumni Lifetime Membership Award
- Chapter T-shirt Competition
- Chapter Project Grants
- Advisor Grants
- Over \$3,000 in Conference Attendance Scholarships
- Specific Advocacy Grants