## WHY JOIN ALPHA PHI SIGMA?

Membership in Alpha Phi Sigma does not come easily. See "Membership Requirements" for details. Therefore when membership is granted, it is truly a matter of honor, is a student's dedication and exceptional academic achievements are recognized at a higher level. Through membership, academics in the classroom are combined with chapter/ campus/ community leadership, service, and unity. Upon graduation, members will join outstanding Alpha Phi Sigma alumni who excel in their criminal justice and careers. Take advantage of this opportunity for educational, social, and professional advancement. Become a member!!!

# ACADEMIC HONOR REGALIA



HONOR STOLE College gold satin with Alpha Phi Sigma Key embroidered on left side, and Greek letters embroidered on right side of honor stole.

#### HONOR MEDALLION

College blue round medallion with the Key embossed and gold lettering.

#### HONOR CORD

Blue and Gold intertwined cords with gold tassels.

## TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS

**Collegial Members** Faculty Members Alumni Members Golden Alumni Honorary Members

Clarification and additional information is listed on our website under the *About Us* section.

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

Go to www.AlphaPhiSigma.org/chapterdirectory.html to find out

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# The Criminal Justice **Honor Society**

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Founded in 1942 by Dr. V.A. Leonard



**Recognizing** & Promoting Academic Excellence Leadership Service Unity A .or

## 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 400 chapters at colleges and universities in 48 states, Guam, and Canada.

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 honor and promote Academic Excellence, Leadership, Service, & Unity

#### NATIONAL RECOGNITION



Alpha Phi Sigma meets the high standards of the Association of College Honor Societies. It is a Matter of Honor.



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 Alpha Phi Sigma annual national conferences.

## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

Partner with Experience.com, the largest career site specifically for college students and young professionals. Members have the following advantages:

- \* Member to Member Job Postings
- \* Access to hundreds of thousands of career paths, internships, and jobs.
- \* Resume and interview tips and techniques.
- \* Networking with other Alpha Phi Sigma members nationwide.

## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

#### FEDERAL BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

A letter from the U.S. Civil Service Commission (now U.S. Office of Personnel Management) dated April 13, 1973, stated, "Membership in a national honor society meets one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level in numerous professional and technical occupations in the Federal service. However, applicants must meet all of the requirements as described in the particular Federal Job Announcement covering the positions for which they apply."

The ultimate test of the value of any membership organization lies in the accomplishments of its members. Alpha Phi Sigma is well represented in the professional ranks of all areas in the criminal justice field, such as judges, attorneys, wardens, parole/probation, police special task forces, forensic scientists, investigators, court administrators, public liaison officers, forensic psychologists, researchers, professors, and more.

#### **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.
- 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.

## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

#### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Members have the opportunity to attend the Alpha Phi Sigma annual conference, which is held every spring. The conference is held in conjunction with the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), allowing students to network with professionals in the field. Members will enjoy a variety of scholarly, professional, and social activities. Locations vary each year, and information is posted on our website.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS

Each spring Alpha Phi Sigma awards thousands of dollars in scholarships, awards, and grants. Members, chapters, and advisors from across the nation are eligible for these honors. With some exceptions, members do not need to be present to win.

- "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 Competition
- Outstanding Yearbook Competition
- The Alumni Achievement Award
- The Distinguished Alumni Lifetime Membership Award
- Chapter T-shirt Competition
- Chapter Project Grants
- Advisor Grants