

National Honor Societies with Chapters at USU

Golden Key International

Founded at Georgia State University in 1977, this academic honors organization recognizes and encourages scholastic achievement among students from all academic fields. The society unites talented undergraduate students with prominent faculty members and administrators who are active in Golden Key at the chapter and national levels. Two scholarships are awarded annually by each chapter to outstanding junior and senior initiates.

Membership, by invitation only, is limited to no more than the top 15 percent of juniors and seniors enrolled at USU. Part-time and full-time students qualify, as do traditional and nontraditional students.

Chapter Advisor: Paige Geslin, Coordinator, Business Information Systems Department, Business 202, (435) 797-0587.

Beta Gamma Sigma

Beta Gamma Sigma international honor society was founded in 1913 to recognize superior scholarship in business. It is the highest international recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive. The USU chapter was established in 1975.

Membership is by invitation only and is limited to the top 20 percent of business graduate students, the top 10 percent of seniors with business majors, and the top 7 percent of juniors with business majors. Candidates must have completed one year of study at Utah State University.

Chapter Advisor: Madeline S. Thimmes, Sr. Lecturer/Academic Advisor, BUS 818, (435) 797-3722.

Phi Kappa Phi

Phi Kappa Phi is a national honor society, founded in 1897 to recognize and encourage superior scholarship in all academic disciplines. Membership is based upon academic achievement and is proffered to undergraduate and graduate students who obtain a grade point average in the highest 10 percent of those graduating

from each college at USU. The national organization awards 50 graduate school fellowships each year to students from throughout the country and sponsors undergraduates for internships and study abroad programs. Each year, the USU chapter also awards two to three scholarships to outstanding juniors and recognizes faculty members for their achievements.

Chapter Advisor: Mary E. Leavitt, secretary/treasurer, (director, Science/HASS Advising Center), (435) 797-3883.

Pinnacle

Pinnacle was founded at Murray State University in Kentucky in 1989 for the purpose of recognizing the achievements of adult and nontraditional students. The USU chapter was established that year, and the first members were inducted in 1990. Membership is open to no more than 15 percent of the junior and senior student population. Initiates must be 26 years of age or older, must have earned an overall USU GPA of 3.0 or higher, and must have been involved in campus and/or community activities. Applications are available at the Reentry Student Center.

Chapter Advisor: Janet L. Osborne, director, Women's Center/Reentry Student Center, SC 310, (435) 797-1728.

Mortar Board

The Order of the Acorn chapter of Mortar Board has existed at USU since 1970. It was founded in 1918 as the first national organization honoring senior college women. Mortar Board opened its membership to men in 1975.

Mortar Board recognizes college seniors for distinguished abilities in scholarship, leadership, and service. Members continue to magnify these traits throughout membership by developing and carrying out activities, events, and service projects. New members are chosen during spring semester and must be in the top 35 percent of their class.

Chapter Advisor: Tiffany M. Evans, Director of Student Activities, Student Center 326, (435) 797-2911.