

# Honor Societies

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## Phi Beta Kappa

Phi Beta Kappa, chartered at William and Mary in 1776, is the oldest and one of the most prestigious of the academic honor societies in the United States. Its purpose is to distinguish superior academic character and achievement in liberal studies and, through lectureships, scholarships and publication of *The American Scholar*, to promote liberal education throughout the country. There are only 290 chapters, and Marquette's Zeta chapter dates from 1971. Membership requirements typically include good (faculty-attested) academic character, a GPA in liberal studies courses within the top ten percent of the graduating class and at least an intermediate competency in a second language. Exceptional students with junior standing are also considered. Students need not apply to be considered for membership. For further details, consult the Phi Beta Kappa webpage (<http://www.marquette.edu/phi-beta-kappa/>).

## Alpha Sigma Nu

Founded in 1915 at Marquette University, Alpha Sigma Nu honors students who distinguish themselves in scholarship, loyalty to the ideals of Jesuit education and service to campus and community. Membership requirements include junior/senior standing and a grade point average placing in the top 15 percent of the class. Graduate students who have completed one-half of their credit requirements are eligible and subject to the same criteria. Of the pool of eligible students, only five percent from each class are invited to membership. Alpha Sigma Nu has 27 student Chapters in the United States, two in Canada, one in South Korea, one in Spain and one in Peru. There are over 90,000 student and alumni members.

The only honor society permitted to bear the name Jesuit, Alpha Sigma Nu encourages its members to a lifetime pursuit of intellectual development, deepening Ignatian spirituality, service to others and a commitment to the core principles of Jesuit education. The 32 Student Chapters and Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Clubs in 11 cities sponsor Ignatian spirituality series, service projects, academic programs and speaker events.

Alpha Sigma Nu funds scholarships at all of its member institutions and provides grants for student Ignatian leadership and social justice training. In addition, Alpha Sigma Nu honors alumni members with the Magis Medal for living their Jesuit ideals out in the world in extraordinary ways.

The Alpha Sigma Nu headquarters remains at Marquette University. For information, contact the office at (414) 288-7542 or visit Alpha Sigma Nu (<https://www.alphasigmanu.org>).