



# Sigma Delta Pi National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, FALL 2007

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## **Graduate Research Grants**

Sigma Delta Pi is pleased to announce its inaugural graduate research grant program for the summer of 2008 and the 2008-09 academic year. Eligible graduate students who are active members of Sigma Delta Pi may apply for one of two grants up to \$2000 each to support travel to Spain or Spanish America for the sole purpose of research related to Hispanic Studies. For rules and downloadable forms, please visit the following webpage: [www.sigmadeltapi.org/researchgrants.htm](http://www.sigmadeltapi.org/researchgrants.htm).

## **Undergraduate Summer Scholarships**

Sigma Delta Pi is offering 27 undergraduate summer scholarships for study in Bolivia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru or Spain in 2008. Only undergraduate students who are active members of Sigma Delta Pi are eligible to apply. For official rules and downloadable forms, please visit the following webpage: [www.sigmadeltapi.org/2007FallAnnouncements.htm](http://www.sigmadeltapi.org/2007FallAnnouncements.htm).

## **Informative Session**

For the sixth consecutive year, Sigma Delta Pi is planning a forum for the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference (register at [www.as.uky.edu/kflc/](http://www.as.uky.edu/kflc/)), April 17-19, 2008, to be held at the University of Kentucky (Lexington). Our National President, Dr. Germán D. Carrillo of Marquette University, and Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Mark P. Del Mastro of The Citadel, will preside. The exact day and time will be announced early next year. We invite all our chapters to join us for this unique opportunity to exchange ideas about the Society. Please e-mail ([delmastrom@citadel.edu](mailto:delmastrom@citadel.edu)) if your chapter will be represented at the meeting.

## ***Premio Frida Kahlo***

This award will be presented yearly to a chapter for its outstanding website. To be considered for this honor, by December 1 chapters must simply have their current websites linked to the "Directory of Chapters" page of Sigma Delta Pi's national website ([www.sigmadeltapi.org](http://www.sigmadeltapi.org)) by submitting their Internet addresses to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer ([delmastrom@citadel.edu](mailto:delmastrom@citadel.edu)). Websites will be judged on the basis of information provided, navigability, appearance, innovation and current maintenance. For assistance with creating a chapter website, please visit the "Chapter Web Design: Guidelines" at our national website (within "Chapter Resources" at [www.sigmadeltapi.org](http://www.sigmadeltapi.org)).

## **National Charter Month**

To commemorate Sigma Delta Pi's 88th birthday on 14 November, the Society has declared November 2007 as National Charter Month. During November, all chapters are encouraged to find and display their charters.

## **Design Contest for Active Members: *La Orden de los Descubridores***

All active members of Sigma Delta Pi are invited to submit their original designs by May 1, 2008 to be considered for adoption for the current Order of the Discoverers, one of the Society's highest honors (see national by-laws at [www.sigmadeltapi.org/bylaws.html](http://www.sigmadeltapi.org/bylaws.html) for this Order's description). For each year of the next triennium (2007-10), the Executive Committee will choose the design that best captures the spirit of this Order, and the corresponding designer will receive a \$300 cash award. At the conclusion of the third year of the contest (May 1, 2010), the Executive Committee will determine if one of the three winning designs is suitable for adoption as the official emblem of the Order of the Discoverers. If the Committee indeed selects a design for adoption, the corresponding designer (who must be an active member of Sigma Delta Pi at the time of submitting their design) would receive an expenses-paid trip to attend and be recognized at the 2010 Triennial Convention ("expenses-paid" refers to airfare, lodging and meals). The Executive Committee reserves the right to refrain from awarding the annual \$300 prize in any of the years of the triennium if the Committee determines that there is an inadequate pool of designs for consideration.

# Merit-Based Scholarships for ACHS/WII Internship Program

The Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) and the Washington Internship Institute (WII) are pleased to announce that all inducted student members of Sigma Delta Pi are eligible to receive a \$500 merit-based scholarship for the ACHS/WII Internship Program. For application details, please visit [www.ielnet.org/admissions-scholarships.shtml](http://www.ielnet.org/admissions-scholarships.shtml).

## Chapter Adviser Handbook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

Sigma Delta Pi announces the online publication of the 2nd edition of the Chapter Adviser Handbook (downloadable at [www.sigmadeltapi.org/adviserhandbook.html](http://www.sigmadeltapi.org/adviserhandbook.html)), which reflects numerous updates from our inaugural 2001 issue. All chapter advisers, student directors and chapter officers are encouraged to download this indispensable guide. Hard copies will be sent to all chapters this fall.

## Apparel and Ceremony Paraphernalia

Kalamazoo Regalia is the only authorized seller of Sigma Delta Pi's official honor cords (for graduating members), stoles (for  $\Sigma\Delta\Pi$ -related ceremonies and/or graduations), ceremony items (e.g., official registry), apparel and select paraphernalia for our interested members. Online purchasing is available at [www.honorgrads.com](http://www.honorgrads.com).

## Inactive Chapters

For chapters of inactive status—those without an induction of new members for three or more consecutive years—may reactivate free of charge simply by completing a chapter reactivation form found at [www.sigmadeltapi.org/indexforms.html](http://www.sigmadeltapi.org/indexforms.html). The completed form and accompanying materials should be sent directly to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer who will inform the institution of their application's status within 24 hours of receipt of the packet.

## Website

[www.sigmadeltapi.org](http://www.sigmadeltapi.org)

Please visit our website regularly to access current announcements and news, the national by-laws, the national chapter directory, chapter reactivation petitions, the official order form for certificates and pins, the annual report form, rituals, the 2007 issue (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) of the *Chapter Adviser Handbook*, *Sigma Delta Pi History*, and details on scholarships and awards.

## Ritual for Initiation Ceremonies

Chapter Advisers are reminded that the official ritual for your induction ceremonies is also available at the webpage [www.sigmadeltapi.org/elritual.html](http://www.sigmadeltapi.org/elritual.html). Hard copies may be obtained for \$3 each (plus \$4 shipping and handling) through the Executive Secretary-Treasurer (Mark P. Del Mastro, Modern Languages, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C. 29409). Since this is a private document, we ask that chapters not share it with nonmembers (please do not publish on your chapter websites).

## Downloadable Order Form, Membership Dues & Lists

Please forward dues for new initiates to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer no later than **TWO WEEKS PRIOR** to the chapter initiation so students may have their pins and certificates in time for the ceremony. Dues should be forwarded with a **current order form** found at our national website: [www.sigmadeltapi.org/indexforms.html](http://www.sigmadeltapi.org/indexforms.html). **After** each induction ceremony, a chapter should send a list of the new members, with name of chapter, institution and date of initiation, to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer: Mark P. Del Mastro, Modern Languages, The Citadel, Charleston, SC 29409; e-mail: [delmastrom@citadel.edu](mailto:delmastrom@citadel.edu); fax: 866-920-7011.

## ***Premio José Martel***

Congratulations to Dr. Dale J. Pratt of Brigham Young University for receiving the 2007 José Martel Award at Sigma Delta Pi's Triennial Convention in San Diego on August 4.

Once every three years, Sigma Delta Pi honors one of our most outstanding chapter advisers with a check for \$1000.00 and a beautiful certificate. The next call for nominations will be made in the fall of 2009, and the next award will be presented in 2010.

## ***Premio Minaya Álvar-Fáñez***

Sigma Delta Pi congratulates Professor Efraín E. Garza of the University of Northern Colorado for being selected as recipient of the Minaya Álvar-Fáñez Award for his exemplary initiative in encouraging and assisting with chapter activities at her institution. Professor Garza was presented with a plaque and a check for \$100. This award may be presented yearly to one Chapter Adviser who will be chosen on the basis of the annual reports that each active chapter submits at the end of the academic year.

## ***En el foco***

Each academic year, on our webpage entitled "En el foco," Sigma Delta Pi features a different chapter for its outstanding activities. For the fall of 2007, we are pleased to congratulate California State University, Fullerton as our featured chapter. Read about their numerous projects and activities at [www.sigmadeltpi.org](http://www.sigmadeltpi.org).

## **Anniversary Certificates**

Chapters planning to commemorate founding anniversaries are asked to notify the National Office ([delmastro@citadel.edu](mailto:delmastro@citadel.edu)) three weeks prior to the event. Upon request, a complimentary certificate will be sent to chapters for 10, 25 and 50 year celebrations.

## ***Reposteros***

Sigma Delta Pi banners are still available to chapters through our National Office. For further details and a photo, visit the "El Repostero" link at our website (within "Chapter Resources" at [www.sigmadeltpi.org](http://www.sigmadeltpi.org)).

## ***Entre Nosotros***

Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Mark P. Del Mastro, also serves as Editor of *Entre Nosotros*. The next issue will appear in the spring of 2008.

To submit material (please, in Spanish only) for publication, please forward by **e-mail** to **[delmastro@citadel.edu](mailto:delmastro@citadel.edu)**. For inclusion in the next spring edition, please send by October 1 and include the name of the chapter adviser with all submissions. Material sent after this date will be considered for the following issue. Photographs must be sent electronically as a jpg or .gif file and accompanied with names of both the individuals pictured and the chapter. Hard copies will not be considered for publication, nor will they be returned.

## **Chapter E-mail**

Please send e-mail addresses to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Mark P. Del Mastro, at **[delmastro@citadel.edu](mailto:delmastro@citadel.edu)**.

## **Address Corrections**

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