

SIGMA DELTA PI AWARDS

2007-08

(Information also available at our website: www.sigmadeltapi.org)

The T. Earle Hamilton Scholarship

This award is named in memory of Honorary President and President Emeritus, T. Earle Hamilton, who died October 2, 1996. Hamilton served as President of Sigma Delta Pi for a total of fifteen years (1960-68 and 1972-77). He wrote and published a history of Sigma Delta Pi in 1994-95 to commemorate our seventy-fifth anniversary.

The highest ranked applicant who accepts one of the scholarships for study in Spanish America in Summer 2007 will receive this award. The scholarship will consist of a supplement to the basic award.

The Richard E. Chandler Scholarship

This award is named in honor of President Emeritus and Honorary President, Richard E. Chandler. He served as President of Sigma Delta Pi for a total of fifteen years (1977-92) during which time 141 new chapters were installed.

The highest ranked applicant who accepts one of the scholarships for study in Spain in Summer 2007 will receive this award. The scholarship will consist of a supplement to the basic award.

El Premio Ignacio y Sophie Galbis

The *Premio Ignacio y Sophie Galbis* is named in memory of Ignacio Galbis, our former Executive Secretary-Treasurer, who, along with his wife Sophie, served Sigma Delta Pi for more than two decades with uncommon love, dedication, and efficiency. This award will be presented each year to the chapter whose annual report of activities is judged to be indicative of genuinely outstanding work in supporting our purposes.

El Premio Gabriela Mistral

Any active chapter may nominate one outstanding student per year for *El Premio Gabriela Mistral*. The awardee, who may be either a graduate or undergraduate student, must be an **active member** of Sigma Delta Pi, as defined in the national by-laws (www.sigmadeltapi.org/bylaws.html). Nominations, together with supporting documentation, including several letters of recommendation and a current transcript, should be sent to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Winners will be given a handsome certificate.

Capítulos de Honor y Mérito

Outstanding chapters will be designated *Capítulos de Honor y Mérito* and will receive a special certificate and recognition in *Entre Nosotros*. These chapters will be selected on the basis of annual reports that each active chapter is asked to submit at the end of the academic year.

El Premio Octavio Paz

Chapters that maintain *Capítulo de Honor y Mérito* status for a complete triennium will be awarded the *Premio Octavio Paz*. The next award will be presented to the corresponding chapter representatives at Sigma Delta Pi's Triennial Convention in 2010.

El Premio Minaya Álar-Fáñez

This award may be presented yearly to one Chapter Adviser for exemplary initiative in encouraging and assisting with chapter activities. The awardee will receive a plaque and a check for \$100 and will be chosen on the basis of the annual reports that each active chapter submits at the end of the academic year.

El 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 of each year chapters must simply have their current websites linked to the "Directory of Chapters" page of Sigma Delta Pi's national website (www.sigmadeltapi.org) by submitting their Internet addresses to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer (delmastrom@citadel.edu). Websites will be judged on the basis of information provided, navigability, appearance, innovation and current maintenance. The selected chapter will receive a handsome plaque.

El Premio José Martel

Once every three years, at the national triennial convention, Sigma Delta Pi honors one of our most outstanding chapter advisers with a check for \$1000.00 and a beautiful plaque. The next call for nominations will be made in the fall of 2009, and the subsequent José Martel Award will be presented in 2010.

A nominee for this award must have served at one college or university as a successful chapter adviser for five consecutive years with at least one initiation annually, be currently serving as chapter adviser, and be nominated by a chapter or by a member of the Executive Council. The nomination must document the accomplishments of the adviser in connection with the chapter, as well as the adviser's other academic attainments. Supporting letters from the nominee's dean and another high college official must accompany the nomination. It is suggested that the chapter activities from the previous five years be enumerated and described, and that a résumé detailing the nominee's professional activities be included.

The Premio José Martel commemorates the service of Dr. José Martel, who died August 22, 1979, at the age of 96, after serving Sigma Delta Pi loyally and unselfishly for over half a century in many capacities: chapter adviser, vice president, honorary president, faithful counselor, orator on national occasions, and polished author in the rewriting of parts of our ritual and in the preparation of certificates of award. The *Premio José Martel* was first presented in December, 1971, at the triennial convention in New York to Dr. Lucía D. Bonilla of Hunter College, CUNY.

El Premio Jorge Luis Borges

Established in 2007 as one of Sigma Delta Pi's most prestigious honors, this recognition for lifetime achievement will be reserved for those persons who have demonstrated sustained and exemplary dedication to the work of the Society. Nominations detailing the nominee's relevant contributions must be sent to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer by a chapter or a member of the Executive Council; awardees will be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, and the award presented in a venue determined by the same committee. The inaugural recipients were Drs. Richard E. Chandler and John H. LaPrade who were honored on August 4, 2007 at the Triennial Convention in San Diego, CA.

The Orders:

La Orden de los Descubridores

One of the highest honors conferred by Sigma Delta Pi, the Order of the Discoverers recognizes (1) outstanding teachers of Spanish or Hispanic studies at the college or university level; (2) outstanding community-college or high-school teachers of Spanish, with a proven record of excellence in teaching, who were elected to membership in Sigma Delta Pi while in college; (3) Chapter Advisers and regional Vice Presidents who have given distinguished service to Sigma Delta Pi; (4) others--such as government officials, professional people, and university personnel--who have served the cause of Sigma Delta Pi in an exceptional way.

Nomination to this order may be made by a local chapter (by unanimous vote of all active members and approval of the Chapter Adviser), or by a national or regional officer, and must be sent together with a detailed supporting letter and résumé of the nominee, to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. He will examine the nomination and notify the nominating chapter or officer of his decision within three weeks, unless additional information is needed. If this award is granted, the nominating party must purchase the plaque and confer the honor at an appropriate ceremony of a local chapter.

La Orden de Don Quijote

So that membership in the Order of Don Quijote, one of Sigma Delta Pi's highest honors, may continue to have full meaning, it shall be controlled by the national office, requiring the approval by a majority vote of a committee chaired by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer and comprised of at least three past inductees of this Order. The corresponding plaque and pin must be purchased through the Executive Secretary-Treasurer and presented at an appropriate ceremony to the honoree. Membership in this order shall be restricted to: (1) nationally or internationally distinguished scholars in the field of Hispanic studies; (2) distinguished teachers of Spanish who are employed in an accredited four-year college or university, or retired from such service, and have published extensively in the field of Hispanic studies; and (3) college officials, members of the clergy, officers of service clubs or fraternal organizations, members of the judicial, legislative, or executive branches of our federal or state governments, and other such professional people who have served our cause in a very distinguished manner and who would honor us by accepting this award.

Nomination to this order may be made by a local chapter (by unanimous vote of all active members and approval of the Chapter Adviser), or by a national or regional officer, and must be sent together—preferably via e-mail—with a detailed supporting letter and résumé of the nominee, to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer (delmastrom@citadel.edu). He/She shall distribute the nomination to the committee members and relay the final decision to the nominating chapter or officer within three weeks, unless additional information is needed.