Alpha Phi Sigma is preparing to celebrate 75 years of Academic Excellence, Leadership, Service, and Unity. Join us March 22-24 at the 2017 annual conference in Kansas City, Missouri, for a well deserved celebration.

To ensure that you continue receiving the Docket and other correspondence from the Alpha Phi Sigma Headquarters, please add headquarters@alphaphisigma.org to your address book.
The Alpha Phi Sigma National Board meets every year at headquarters to discuss the previous conference, plan for the upcoming conference, discuss scholarships, awards, grants, as well as other APS business.

National Council members, Advisors, Student Officers, and Headquarters personnel worked diligently for two whole days to better serve all Alpha Phi Sigma members. The main “event” was the planning for our 75th anniversary conference to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, next March.

Throughout the two full working days, all the board members shared great comradeship and enjoyed the warm South Florida sun. We heard your comments and concerns and we are committed to always making our conferences a great experience for all members.

Take a look at the faces on the National Board that represent all of you this year.

Back row from left: National Advisor Dr. Emmanuel Onyeozili from University of Maryland–Eastern Shore, National Advisor Ivy Yarckow-Brown from Missouri State University, National Advisor William Nay from San Jose State University, Council member Dr. Andrew Giacomazzi from Boise State University, Council member Dr. John McLaughlin from Fairmont State University, and Council member Dr. Tamara Wilkins from Minnesota State University–Mankato.

Center row left: Assistant Director Adriana Jansen, National Advisor Dr. Deanna Shields from Fairmont State University, Executive Director Dr. Regina Shearn, national student President Saadia Feliciano from University of Maryland Eastern Shore, national student Secretary Chantel Thompson from University of Maryland Eastern Shore, national student Vice President Morganne Phillips from Fairmont State University, National Advisor Dr. Lorna Grant from North Carolina Central University, Executive Secretary Romina Rodons, and national student Treasurer Sarah Dacosta from University of Maryland–Eastern Shore.

Front row left: Headquarters Membership Secretary Hugo Chung and headquarters Secretary John Eddings.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

National Student Officers 2017-2019

Are you interested in running for the position of National Student Officer for the 2017-2019 term? Herewith the guidelines to apply.

**PRESIDENTIAL SLATE**

The President, Secretary, Treasurer & Advisor run as a slate and must be from the SAME College/University.

Requirements / Guidelines

- Letter of Intent from the Chapter running for Presidential Slate (President, Secretary and Treasurer) must be submitted to the Alpha Phi Sigma Headquarters no later than January 27th, 2017.
- The Letter of Intent shall bear the signatures of the Chapter Advisor, the Chief Administrator of the Department, and the Chapter President. These signatures are necessary and will indicate that support will be given to the nominated National Student Officers.
- A Letter of Willingness from the Chapter Advisor to run for the National Advisor for a 2-year term, along with the nominated slate.
- Chapter submitting a letter of intent to run for national officers must be in good standing. Headquarters must have the Chapter’s Bylaws, Financial Report, and Activity Report on file. Also, Chapter dues must be current.

⇒ Presidential Slate and Vice-President Slate must be from DIFFERENT Colleges/Universities.
⇒ Nominations shall be announced on the Alpha Phi Sigma website and if time permits in The Docket. CAMPAIGNS may begin after acceptance, but no sooner than October 1, 2016.

**VICE PRESIDENT SLATE**

The Vice President & Advisor run as a slate and must be from the SAME College/University.

Requirements / Guidelines

- Letter of Intent from the Chapter running for Vice President must be submitted to the Alpha Phi Sigma Headquarters no later than January 27th, 2017.
- The Letter of Intent shall bear the signatures of the Chapter Advisor, the Chief Administrator of the Department, and the Chapter President. These signatures are necessary and will indicate that support will be given to the nominated National Student Officer.
- A Letter of Willingness from the Chapter Advisor to run for the National Advisor for a 2-year term, along with the nominated Vice-President.
- Chapter submitting a letter of intent to run for national officers must be in good standing. Headquarters must have the Chapter’s Bylaws, Financial Report, and Activity Report on file. Also, Chapter dues must be current.

Elections will be held at the 2017 National Conference in Kansas City, Missouri

The 2017 Annual Chapter Dues, Financial Reports and Activity Reports must be received prior to March 1st, 2017 in order for chapters to vote in the March 2017 National Student Officers elections.
Announcing...

**Missouri State**

Alpha Phi Sigma announces that the Sigma Mu Sigma Chapter at Missouri State University is a candidate for Presidential Slate.

---

**2016-17 Scholarships & Awards of Excellence**

All Applications **Must** Include a Scholarship/Award Cover Sheet to be considered. **No exceptions.**

All applications are due on **January 30, 2017.**

**All Scholarships MUST be submitted electronically to** headquarters@alphaphisigma.org

Please put the name of the Scholarship or Award name in the subject line.

Please read the guidelines for scholarships or awards carefully.

---

**2016-17 Alpha Phi Sigma Community Service “Theme of the Year” Project Award**

**INTERDICTION to ADDICTION**
Is your chapter helping to celebrate our 75th anniversary?

We are accepting give-away items from your chapter and/or university to be placed in our 75th anniversary tote bags. The items may promote programs at your university and/or your chapter’s activities.

These items may include but not be limited to:
- Frisbees
- Jar openers
- Sticky note pads
- Folders
- Key chains
- Mini flash lights
- Calendars
- Bags and Totes
- Note cubes
- Paper weights
- Magnets
- Memo holders
- Highlighters
- Pens
- etc.

We are requesting a quantity of 150 items to assure that every participant receives your donation.

ALPHA PHI SIGMA MEMORABILIA

In commemorating our 75th anniversary, we are reaching out to our members to help us celebrate by searching your (attic) for any Alpha Phi Sigma memorabilia you have from your college days. These may be old mugs, cups, shirts, pens, certificates, pins, etc. If you are attending the conference, bring the items with you so that we can display them. If you are unable to attend the conference, you may mail the items to headquarters for inclusion in our archives.

Alpha Phi Sigma Headquarters
Nova Southeastern University
3301 College Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314

CHAPTER DUES

According to the Alpha Phi Sigma standing rules, the chapter dues of $50.00 are due to the National Headquarters on January 1, 2017. Chapter dues not paid to National Headquarters by March 1, 2017, will have a $10.00 late fee assessed.

Types of payments accepted are: university, chapter, or cashier's checks, money orders, and credit cards. Please call Headquarters at 954-262-7004 to receive a PayPal invoice or to pay with the chapter's debit/credit card.

Chapters that pay their dues by January 1, 2017 will have their university and chapter name placed on the 75th Anniversary Commemorative T-shirt which will be available for purchase online or at the National Conference in Kansas City, MO, March 22-24, 2017.

Chapter Advisors that pay the chapter dues before January 1, 2017 will receive a complimentary 2017 conference T-shirt.

Mail chapter dues to: Alpha Phi Sigma, Nova Southeastern University, 3301 College Ave, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314

Activity & Financial Reports

The following items are to be submitted to National Headquarters by the dates indicated:

- 2016-17 Financial Report - Due April 30, 2017. If applying for the Chapter Goal Award or Chapter Star Award, both Chapter and Financial Reports have to be postmarked by January 30, 2017.

- 2016-17 Activity Report - Due April 30, 2017. If applying for the Chapter Goal Award or Chapter Star Award, both Chapter and Financial Reports have to be postmarked by January 30, 2017.

- Current Chapter By-laws are due on January 1, 2017 (if current by-laws are not on file)

- A sample of chapter by-laws can be found on-line to use as a guide. Go to our website and click on “Resources” Then By Laws Template.
advance your education.

Amplify your skills in criminal justice and sociology and become a leader in your field with these graduate programs from Mercyhurst University’s Ridge College of Intelligence Studies and Applied Sciences.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION
Master of Science or 12-credit graduate certificate

This program offers administrative and management preparation for leadership positions within criminal justice and social service organizations. The focused curriculum includes courses on criminology, comparative criminal justice, organizational dynamics and victimology, among other topics.

DATA SCIENCE
Master of Science

This program trains students as data scientists, able to retrieve, organize, combine and clean data from a variety of private and public data sources. Graduates will be able to apply techniques to detect patterns and make predictions to support strategic decision-making.

APPLIED INTELLIGENCE STUDIES
Master of Science or 12-credit graduate certificate

This internationally recognized program prepares students as analysts capable of leading analytic teams in business, law enforcement and national security. Graduates learn how to analyze a wide variety of data using different techniques and methodologies, as well as how to communicate their findings for decision-makers. Available on campus or online.

Learn more at mercyhurst.edu/APS.
Alpha Phi Sigma is committed to helping our members maintain communication through our national publication *The Docket*. We offer an advertisement package for $1300 that may be initiated at any time during the year, and will run for one full year. The package includes:

1. Full page ad in the Spring, Summer, and Fall issues of *The Docket*.
2. Banner for one year in the Alpha Phi Sigma Website [www.alphaphisigma.org](http://www.alphaphisigma.org) in the Graduate & Law School Section.

For additional information on advertisements and distribution of University materials at the National Conference you may call headquarters or contact the editor at ajansen@alphaphisigma.org

**Applications and Forms**

- Must use current application forms available on our web site at: [http://www.alphaphisigma.org/applications-1.html](http://www.alphaphisigma.org/applications-1.html)
- Applications must be submitted on **white paper** only.
- Original application with advisor’s signature must be submitted in ink.
- **Applications are editable, all forms MUST be typed.**
- Application fee is $50.00 per student.
- Applications must be received prior to applicants graduating.
- Membership begins when Headquarters mails Certificate of Membership.
Golden Alumni and National Board member Bill Nay traveled throughout Europe during the summer with his lovely wife Karen. Bill made it a point to share his Alpha Phi Sigma enthusiasm, coins, and patches with law enforcement in each of the countries visited. The pictures below show the officers in France, Italy, Austria, Germany, and the Netherlands.

He also presented Alpha Phi Sigma patches to two Amsterdam Police Officers. One of them was transgender and she gave Bill a special lanyard made to support the LBGT community within the Police Department: "Roze in Blauw"
WELCOME

New Chapters
Indian River State College ~ Pi Beta Iota
Fort Pierce, FL
Miami Dade College ~ Pi Beta Theta
Miami, FL

Reactivated Chapters
Louisiana State University - Shreveport
Lambda Sigma Upsilon
Shreveport, LA

Honorary Members
Robert H. Stagg, M.S.
East Carolina University ~ Omega Alpha
Raleigh, NC
Jeremy M. Hendrickson, M.S.
Penn State Harrisburg ~ Pi Alpha Epsilon
Middletown, PA

Golden Alumni
Jose Martin Flores
San Jose, CA
San Jose State University, San Jose, CA
Meredith C. Buchanan
Anchorage, AK
Capella University, Brooklyn, NY

New Faculty
Colby L. Valentine, Ph.D. ~ Epsilon Beta, Long Island University, LIU Post, New York, NY
Timothy W. Kinlock ~ Nu Omicron, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD
Kristen H. Tull ~ Nu Omicron, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD
Pierre Pacheco ~ Pi Beta Iota, Indian River State College, Port Saint Lucie, FL
Brenda A. Rante ~ Pi Beta Iota, Indian River State College, Port Saint Lucie, FL
Darren D. Mingear ~ Pi Beta Iota, Indian River State College, Vero Beach, FL
Leigh Anne Clay ~ Pi Beta Iota, Indian River State College, Port Saint Lucie, FL
Richard L. Dewey ~ Pi Beta Iota, Indian River State College, Port Saint Lucie, FL
Kimberle A. Massnick ~ Pi Beta Iota, Indian River State College, Stuart, FL
Kate E. Bradford ~ Pi Beta Iota, Indian River State College, Palm City, FL
Raimundo J. Socorro ~ Pi Beta Theta, Miami Dade College, Miami, FL
Justin C. Spaulding ~ Omega Upsilon, State University of New York, Canton, De Kalb Junction, NY
Christine Tartaro, Ph.D. ~ Lambda Tau, Stockton University, Galloway, NJ
Shawn P. Ingalls, Ph.D. ~ Lambda Beta, Cazenovia College, Whitesboro, NY
Jesse J. Norris ~ Phi Theta, SUNY - Fredonia, Amherst, NY
Roderick W. Jones, Ph.D. ~ Sigma Upsilon Sigma, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Wilmington, NC
Joseph L. Nedelec, Ph.D. ~ Gamma Theta Pi, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
Samantha Hauptman, Ph.D. ~ Pi Alpha, University of South Carolina, Upstate, Spartanburg, SC
Ahmet Guler, Ph.D. ~ Iota Sigma, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, State College, PA
Sean E. Martin, Ph.D. ~ Eta Alpha, Point Park University, Pittsburgh, PA
David E. Lien ~ Kappa Delta Epsilon, Keiser University, Sunny Isles, FL
Arthur R. Gonzales ~ Eta Theta, University of Phoenix, Riverside, CA
NSU’s Online Criminal Justice Program Named one of the Nation’s Best for Veterans

Once again, Nova Southeastern University (NSU) has been recognized for providing students with one of the nation’s top online academic programs. U.S. News & World Report has released its rankings of top online graduate programs for veterans, and NSU’s Criminal Justice program was ranked in a tie for 21st.

“For more than 50 years, NSU has worked hard to create programs that provide academic opportunities for students that meet their varied needs,” said George Hanbury, Ph.D., President and CEO of NSU. “One segment of our student population that’s growing is our veterans, and we want to ensure we provide them with educational opportunities that best suit their needs as they transition back to civilian life.”

Dr. Hanbury said that this latest honor is in keeping with NSU’s Vision 2020, where the university will be recognized by accrediting agencies, the academic community and the general public as a “premier, private, not-for-profit university of quality and distinction.” This is the second time NSU’s criminal justice program has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report – earlier this year the online program for all students was ranked 22nd in the country.

This is the third year that U.S. News & World Report has issued these rankings, which identify programs that provide veterans with high-quality, flexible online educational options. According to the report, to be eligible, programs had to be part of an institution of higher learning that is certified for the GI Bill, be participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program or be a public institution that charges in-state tuition for out-of-state veterans. In addition, to be ranked, a school had to be part of the top 75% of schools in the overall 2015 Best Online Programs rankings by the publication (NSU was in the top 22 programs overall.)

“We’ve worked hard to position our criminal justice program as one of the premiere programs online and I’m very proud of this recognition,” said Kimberly Durham, Psy.D., dean of NSU’s Institute for the Study of Human Service, Health and Justice. “It’s a reflection of the program’s faculty – they are truly at the heart of what distinguishes our program from others.”

NSU’s criminal justice graduate program is unique as it’s offered entirely online. This format allows students to participate in courses from anywhere in the world and provides flexibility in completing a master’s degree while providing time for students to continue their current career if need be. NSU's master's program in criminal justice is designed for those interested in careers in several areas, including, but not limited to: police officer; detective; FBI special agent; DEA agent; Secret Service special agent; Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agent; and Federal Air Marshall.

For more information about NSU’s criminal justice program, please visit us online at http://www.nova.edu/humanservices/index.html

Nova Southeastern University's Masters in Criminal Justice program is ranked in the top 25 of US News and World Report's Best Online Graduate Criminal Justice Programs list.

Law enforcement, crime prevention, and the justice system have become extremely complex and sophisticated. Our programs emphasize training and research to help students develop the multidisciplinary perspectives, skills, and knowledge bases needed by those involved in administering public safety and child protection.

Students select from multiple concentrations, ranging from behavioral sciences to organizational leadership and beyond, to focus on their career and personal interests.

Offered entirely online
M.S.—36 credits | Ph.D.—60 credits

For more information call 800-541-6682 ext 27563, email us at gradschool@nova.edu or visit us at www.nova.edu/humanservices
Justice may be blind, but it isn’t perfect. In the Canadian legal system, it’s not asked that someone be found absolutely and undeniably guilty, only that their guilt is proven beyond a reasonable doubt. It’s a standard that allows for some uncertainty, and it means that sometimes innocent people are held responsible for crimes they didn’t commit. As the justice professionals of the future, the University of Guelph-Humber’s Alpha Phi Sigma chapter, the Justice Studies honour society, drew attention to this problem with Wrongful Conviction Day on October 3rd.

In UofGH’s atrium, they presented the stories of famous miscarriages of justice like Steven Truscott and David Milgaard, and encouraged UofGH students to rethink the stigma that comes from being a suspect or arrested.

The day is Alpha Phi Sigma’s second annual Wrongful Conviction Day, which last year brought John Artis to campus, who was found guilty of murder alongside boxer Rubin “The Hurricane” Carter in the 1960s and later exonerated.

“We learn that our justice system is nearly perfect, but of course it has its flaws,” says Sandy Labib, President of Alpha Phi Sigma. “Somebody can be found guilty based on incorrect facts or bias, and we want to raise awareness about that.”

The most stunning recent example of this comes from Maria Shepherd, who was Wrongful Conviction Day’s keynote speaker this year at UofGH. For 25 years, Ms. Shepherd was considered guilty of manslaughter, but in a subsequent appeal, her name was cleared in just a few minutes. She spoke to the UofGH audience about how it happened.

In April of 1991, Ms. Shepherd’s three-year-old step-daughter began vomiting, gasping for air and fell into a coma. She was rushed to the hospital but nonetheless died two days later. A subsequent autopsy by pediatric pathologist Dr. Charles Smith claimed that she had died as a result of abuse, and so Ms. Shepherd was charged with manslaughter and held responsible for her step-daughter’s death.

Though she was innocent, Ms. Shepherd was up against the expert testimony of Dr. Smith, which was described as the “linchpin” of the crown’s case. She was worried about the threat of a long sentence and that the Children’s Aid Society would take away her three other children. These factors led her to plead guilty to the crime, and she was subsequently sentenced to two years in prison. For the 25 years since, she’s been considered guilty of killing her child.

It wasn’t until 2007 that Dr. Smith’s work was placed under scrutiny. His methods were reviewed by other professionals who concluded that Dr. Smith’s findings were wrong and that his opinions were “unreliable in the extreme” and “inappropriate and misleading”. He was stripped of his medical license, and the incident led to a reconsideration of the credibility of expert testimony.

When Ms. Shepherd had her appeal this February, with new evidence after the revelations about Dr. Smith, her conviction was overturned.

“We’re hoping that hearing Ms. Shepherd’s story gives everyone a different perspective on our legal system and its process,” says Miss Labib. “People need to understand these problems and how they can happen. Just because someone is labelled as a criminal doesn’t always mean it’s true.

Ms. Shepherd spoke along with her son, Jason, about the experience of her conviction and the fallout it had on her life, her family, and what’s changed since her appeal.

Dr. Glenn Hanna
Assistant Program Head,
Justice Studies
University of Guelph-Humber
Alpha Phi Sigma Fine Jewelry Collection

Alpha Phi Sigma has a very unique and fashionable jewelry line designed by Honorary Member Ken Jernigan. Most rings and the Greek letter charm are available in yellow gold, white gold, and silver. These are pieces you can wear proudly for a lifetime. Check out the pricing and order online. Pricing starts as low as $35.

You may preview the jewelry online at [http://www.kenjernigan.com/Alpha-Phi-Sigma/](http://www.kenjernigan.com/Alpha-Phi-Sigma/)
NEW MERCHANDISE

Alumni T-shirt—heather gray. $14.00

Baseball T-shirts, printed front & back $27.00
Heather/red or light blue/dark blue

V-neck t-shirts $18.00
Heather green, heather orange, blue

Zipped hoodie $42.00 (2XL $48)
Dark blue/navy. Printed front and sleeve

Fleece zipped jacket $44.00 (2XL $48)
Navy. Embroidered. Zipped pockets
High neck

Carabiners $2.50 each
3 inches. Available in red & blue

Stylus Pen $2 each
Blue, orange & green

Lanyard $9.00
Blue with gold lettering

6’ x 2.5’ Banner with Stand $150
Sweat pants $29.00
Navy. Elastic cuff. Drawstring

Sweat pants $29.00
Black. No cuff. Drawstring

Stainless travel mug $14.00
Wrap around text

Cobalt blue cup $9.00

Hooded sweatshirt with pockets $34.00
Available in crimson and orange

License plate frame $15.00
Silver

Two color hooded sweatshirt with pockets $36.00
Available in heather/navy & heather/red
ALL Honor Regalia order forms MUST be signed by the chapter Advisor.

The order form MUST include the Member’s full name and year initiated (full name and year listed on the certificate).

Please allow 3-4 weeks for shipping and handling.

There will be NO expedited shipping for orders received within 15 days of graduation.

Honor Regalia orders are sent to the Advisor ONLY. Alpha Phi Sigma is not responsible for Honor Regalia not reaching student on time for graduation. Please order promptly; don’t delay.

No exchanges or returns of Honor Regalia.

New 75th Anniversary Merchandise

Front Large 75th 3-color Design
$15

Small front 75th commemorative shirt w/ names of school/chapters that pay the annual chapter fee prior to January 1, 2017. Pre-order Now $15

Collectable 75th Anniversary Coin
Pre-order Now $8

Shipping & Handling Costs

- Up to $30 = $5.95
- $30.01 to $50 = $6.95
- $50.01 to $70 = $7.95
- $70.01 to $100 = $8.95
- $100.01 to $200 = $12.95
- $200.01 to $300 = $17.95
- Over $300 = $19.95
Alpha Phi Sigma does not share members' personal information with third parties. We do not share membership lists for research, data, promotions, nor for any other reason. Alpha Phi Sigma will respond only to an authorized agency's inquiry to confirm a specific member. We respect the confidentiality and privacy of our members. Alpha Phi Sigma maintains high standards and procedures to conform to the ethical policies of the Association of College Honor Societies.