

# CREAM OF THE CROP

GPA Honor Societies reward students for working hard in their studies

The many grade point average honor societies at the College all had different objectives. While students were selected for membership based upon their cumulative or semester grade point average, once inducted into the societies there were many other aspects besides academic ability that went into being a part of the brotherhood.

Prospective members found out about their eligibility for membership either by receiving a formal invitation in the mail or being invited to an information session. The information sessions featured information about the activities of the fraternity from fundraising, service projects, and, in some cases, intramural sport teams.

Though each society had a slightly different purpose and mission, each was about more than just academics. Some, like the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, focused on outreach to the community, oftentimes especially aimed at high-schoolers. Through their

Planning for College Success program, NSCS volunteers paired up with local teens who were interested in college and answered their questions and provided the necessary guidance and advice.

Others, like the Gamma Psi chapter of the national honors fraternity Phi Sigma Pi, included a social aspect. "I figured that since PSP was an honors fraternity it probably wasn't anything I'd be interested in, but all the people were really nice, and I learned that it was more than just an academic fraternity," sophomore Jessica Johnson said. "In fact, one of the stipulations of membership is that you have to attend a certain amount of social, scholarship and service events. We even rented a beach house for the weekend," Johnson said.

While different in purpose and activity, all the honor societies gave special recognition and opportunities to those who worked hard on their studies.

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Brothers of the Flying Squirrel Family, a family of Phi Sigma Pi, attempt to enact their family namesake before formal. Phi Sigma Pi held formals in both the fall and in the spring to welcome new members and congratulate graduating brothers.

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Phi Sigma Pi brother Philippe Halbert shows off his two new littles Jessica Johnson and Charles Choi during their initiation. The two new littles were given family tree papers so they could see all the members of the Flying Squirrel Family from both the past and the present.



Brothers of Phi Sigma Pi Alexa Hoyne, Alyssa Wallace, and Erin Maskell remember the initiation ceremony by smiling for a quick photo. Wallace served as the President of the Gamma Psi chapter of PSP, and Hoyne worked as the initiate advisor responsible for preparing new initiates for entry into the brotherhood.



Jessica Hannah, Caitlin Bovary, and Carolyn Shinn pose for a photo to remember the Phi Sigma Pi initiation ceremony held in the Wren Building. Holding the ceremony in the oldest still-operating academic building in the country made the initiation seem more meaningful.



Newly initiated members of the Gamma Psi chapter of Phi Sigma Pi pose with their families after the reveal of their big brothers. While focused on continued academic excellence, brothers of Phi Sigma Pi also had social and philanthropic goals.

A member of Omicron Delta Kappa, an honor society for those on the Dean's List, gives sophomore Chelsea Cottle a voucher for two dollars at the Daily Grind. The outreach event was held for potential new members who received a 3.6 or higher in their previous semester's work.