



Gamma Sigma Alpha
National Greek Academic Honor Society

Information Packet
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History of GAMMA SIGMA ALPHA

1989

- Gamma Sigma Alpha (ΓΣΑ) was founded November 9, 1989 at the University of Southern California
- First ΓΣΑ display unveiled at the 1989 Association of Fraternity Advisors (AFA)
- National Interfraternity Conference (NIC) Annual Conference in Dearborn, MI

1990

- Official Seal and Badge adopted in Fall 1990
- University of Wisconsin-Madison establishes the second ΓΣΑ Chapter

1991

- First meeting of the ΓΣΑ Board of Directors at the AFA/NIC Annual Meeting
- California State University-San Bernardino establishes the third ΓΣΑ
- National Panhellenic Conference features ΓΣΑ in the Fall issue of the PH Factor

1992

- National membership certificate designed and printed
- ΓΣΑ establishes six new chapters
- Board of Directors establishes a National Charter

1993

- Official charters are sent to all ΓΣΑ chapters
- ΓΣΑ chapters initiate 1,102 Greek scholars and the 38th chapter is established

1994

- ΓΣΑ chapters initiate 1,384 Greek scholars and the 64th chapter is established
- Lists of the ΓΣΑ members are compiled and sent to their respective national organizations

1995

- ΓΣΑ chapters initiate 1,722 Greek scholars and the 91st chapter is established
- ΓΣΑ begins to solicit contributions for the first edition of the ΓΣΑ Literary Magazine
- New badge design features ΓΣΑ letters is approved

1996

- Northwestern State University in Louisiana chartered as the 100th chapter
- ΓΣΑ chapters initiate over 2,000 Greek scholars
- Buttons and ribbons are introduced to increase visibility at conferences

1997

- ΓΣΑ initiates more than 2,500 Greek scholars and the number of chapters climbs over 120
- Honor cords and podium banners are made available to all members and chapters
- ΓΣΑ receives the NIC Laurel Wreath Award at the AFA/NIC Annual Conference

1998

- ΓΣΑ initiates approximately 2,500 Greek scholars and the 132nd chapter is established
- ΓΣΑ co-sponsors the NASPA Interfraternity Luncheon
- ΓΣΑ collegians from Northwestern University, Purdue University and the University of Michigan are panel participants at the NIC/NPC Academic Forum

1999

- ΓΣΑ initiates approximately 2,500 Greek scholars and the 141st chapter is established
- ΓΣΑ is incorporated and receives 501.c.3 status as a not-for-profit organization
- ΓΣΑ establishes a website

2000

- ΓΣΑ chapters initiate approximately 3,000 Greek scholars and the number of chapters exceeds 145
- ΓΣΑ co-sponsors the NASAP Interfraternity Luncheon
- ΓΣΑ hires a public relations consultant and begins to place advertisements in Perspectives
- ΓΣΑ co-sponsors the AFA Annual Meeting, supplies notepads and presents a program at the conference

2001

- ΓΣΑ initiates approximately 3,000 Greek scholars and the number of chapters climbs above 150
- ΓΣΑ begins funding graduate research on academic issues at Bowling Green State University (BGSU)
- ΓΣΑ continues to co-sponsor the NASPA Interfraternity Luncheon
- ΓΣΑ adopts a new tagline: Achieve More!

2002

- ΓΣΑ initiates over 2,500 members and the 154th chapter is chartered at San Diego State University
- ΓΣΑ continues its research initiative in partnership with BGSU and the AFA Foundation, results made available via the website at www.gammasigmaalpha.org
- ΓΣΑ begins presenting regional awards for academic excellence
- ΓΣΑ continues to co-sponsor the NASPA Interfraternity Luncheon

2003

- ΓΣΑ initiates almost 2,750 members and the 163rd chapter is chartered at Elmhurst College
- ΓΣΑ begins presenting \$1,000 graduate scholarships
- ΓΣΑ presents its academic excellence awards at the regional conferences
- ΓΣΑ continues its research initiative with BGSU and providing sponsorship to the NASPA Interfraternity Luncheon

2004

- ΓΣΑ grows to 173 chartered chapters
- ΓΣΑ presents \$2,500 in graduate scholarships to students attending The John Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, The Medical School at the University of Pennsylvania, and Arizona State University Law School.
- ΓΣΑ continues to present regional academic awards at the five regional conferences.
- Outcomes from the sponsored research initiative at BGSU are presented at the AFA Annual Meeting and a NASPA regional conference.
- ΓΣΑ continues as a sponsor of the NASPA Interfraternity Luncheon

2005

- ΓΣΑ presents 3 graduate scholarships to initiated members attending the University of South Wales, University of Michigan and Harvard University Law School
- ΓΣΑ continues to present regional academic awards at the five regional conferences
- ΓΣΑ gives scholarships to three attendees at the Association of Fraternity Advisors Annual Meeting
- ΓΣΑ continues as a sponsor of the NASPA Interfraternity Luncheon

2006

- ΓΣΑ grows to 176 chartered chapters
- ΓΣΑ begins a strategic planning process
- ΓΣΑ continues as a sponsor of the NASPA Interfraternity Luncheon
- ΓΣΑ awards two graduate scholarships to Erica Martin at University of North Dakota and Katrina Mueller at Central Michigan University
- ΓΣΑ expands the research initiative with BGSU to involve other institutions
- ΓΣΑ supports scholarships for three Greek advisors at the AFA Conference in New Orleans

2007

- ΓΣΑ grows to 187 chartered chapters
- ΓΣΑ begins "Got Grades" public relations initiative
- ΓΣΑ presents graduate study scholarships to members attending University of Alabama-Birmingham and James Madison University
- ΓΣΑ gives scholarships to two attendees at the AFA Conference
- ΓΣΑ continues to sponsor the NASPA Interfraternity Luncheon and present regional academic awards

2008

- ΓΣΑ initiates over 2,000 Greek scholars during the 07-08 academic year
- Headquarters is officially moved from the University of Southern California to Indianapolis, Indiana within the North American Interfraternity Conference suites, effective August 1, 2008.
- An external Executive Director is hired

2009

- ΓΣΑ charts 4 new chapters in the Spring of 2009, bringing total of chapters to 204
- Six undergraduate members of ΓΣΑ are awarded scholarships to assist in graduate study pursuits.



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CHAPTER PETITION FORM

GAMMA SIGMA ALPHA NATIONAL GREEK ACADEMIC HONOR SOCIETY PETITION TO ESTABLISH A NEW COLLEGIATE CHAPTER

Name of Institution: _____

Contact Person: _____

Shipping Address: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Greek Advisor _____

Phone _____ Email _____

We, the undergraduate members of sororities and fraternities at (Institution) _____ do hereby request to be granted a charter of Gamma Sigma Alpha for our campus. Each of the undersigned Greek members is in good standing with his/her chapter, has fulfilled the academic eligibility requirement of Gamma Sigma Alpha (3.5 cumulative GPA out of 4.0 as a junior 160 or more units) or 3.5 out of 4.0 in any junior or senior semester), and has submitted the \$25 per inductee national membership fee.

Name (Print legibly, name will appear as printed on membership certificate) Affiliation

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- 2.
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- 9.
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- 18.
- 19.
- 20.

Continue for as many pages as necessary. There is no minimum or maximum number required for chartering.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO ENCLOSE A CHECK MADE OUT TO "GAMMA SIGMA ALPHA" FOR \$25.00 PER INDUCTEE.
*This fee covers membership certificate and pin. Graduation cords are sold separately.

If you wish to be invoiced to allow payment via credit card, you must fax completed form to Aimee Ash, 317.872.1134 and allow 2 business days for processing invoice. Order WILL NOT ship until payment is confirmed.

Signature of University Administrator who has verified academic records of students petitioning for the charter.

Signature

Title

Date

RETURN TO:

Aimee Ash, Executive Director
Gamma Sigma Alpha
3901 W. 86th Street, Suite 390
Indianapolis, IN 46268



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SAMPLE LETTER TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

GAMMA SIGMA ALPHA
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Date

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Dear _____,

Congratulations! Your outstanding academic achievement makes you eligible to become a founding member of Gamma Sigma Alpha on our campus. Gamma Sigma Alpha is a National Greek Academic Honor Society. I hope you will seize the opportunity to become a lifetime member of Gamma Sigma Alpha and join over 15,000 Greek scholars from over 200 campuses in this prestigious organization. In doing so, you will give honor to the Greek ideal of scholarship and foster a positive image of Greeks in academics.

Our induction will be held on _____ at _____. There will be a (reception, informal gathering, meet & greet) following the ceremony. Please return the attached membership form with your check for _____ by _____. This fee includes the pin and membership certificate you will receive at the ceremony (and the graduation cords if you opt to include that for your students). If your parents or special friends would like to attend, please feel free to invite them.

I look forward to congratulating you in person on _____. If you have questions, please e-mail me at _____.

Interfraternally,

Greek Advisor (IFC/PH/NPHC/NALFO, etc)



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Sample Membership Information for Chapter Induction Records

*This information is not required by the national office, but most institutions find it valuable to maintain records of their own.

Name: _____ Greek Affiliation: _____

E-mail: _____ Campus Phone: _____

Campus Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Permanent Phone: _____ University ID Number: _____

Name as you would like it to appear on the membership certificate (please print):

Check included: _____ \$35 for membership dues and graduation honor cords

_____ I plan to attend the induction ceremony on _____

_____ I'm unable to attend the induction ceremony, please contact me about an alternate induction



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SUGGESTED CHAPTER PROGRAMMING IDEAS

Below is a list of suggested activities that have proven successful for Gamma Sigma Alpha chapters across the country. Have one you want to add? E-mail to director@gammasigmaalpha.org.

Monthly recognition/appreciation of faculty.

Create an Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award

Provide faculty advisors with "mini-grants" of up to \$50 to spend on their chapters for academics.

Take out a campus newspaper ad listing GSA members each semester (list the new members names, affiliation and major).

Take out a campus newspaper ad listing all Greeks who achieve Dean's List status each semester.

Create an All-Greek academic recognition event.

Greek library study-a-thon.

Purchase a large dictionary for each chapter.

Purchase a rare book for the campus library

Provide tickets for attendance at campus/community cultural events - concerts, plays, exhibits, historical tours for members.

Give scholarships to attend leadership conferences, or for tuition and fraternity-related expenses (i.e. UIFI).

Enter a team in Greek Week and other All-Greek University events.

Sponsor academic enrichment programming - Greek study sessions for general education requirements, act as tutors, sponsor sessions on study skills such as time management, listening, note-taking, writing paper, preparing of exams.

Hire a tutor for 101 classes (English and Math) and offer to all new members of the Greek Community weekly.

Underwrite the costs of All-Greek scholarship recognition - plaques, certificates, etc.

Team up GSA members with faculty mentors.

Become a member of the campus Honors Assembly and a part of campuswide academic recognitions ceremonies.

Enter the names of GSA members in the commencement programs (where other honor society members are listed).

Create a Faculty Advisors program for your Greek Community.

Gamma Sigma Alpha Chapters by State *Revised Fall 2009

ALABAMA

Auburn University
Huntingdon College
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of North Alabama
University of South Alabama
University of West Alabama

ARIZONA

Arizona State University
Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff
University of Arizona

ARKANSAS

Arkansas Tech University
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
University of Arkansas, Little Rock

CALIFORNIA

California State University, Fullerton
California Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State University, Northridge
California State University, San Bernardino
Occidental College
San Diego State University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of the Pacific
University of the Redlands

COLORADO

Colorado State University
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Denver
University of Northern Colorado

CONNECTICUT

University of Connecticut

FLORIDA

Florida State University, Tallahassee
University of Florida, Gainesville
University of Miami
University of North Florida
University of South Florida

GEORGIA

Brenau University
Georgia Southern University
Georgia State University
Kennesaw State University
Mercer University
University of West Georgia
Valdosta State University

IDAHO

University of Idaho, Moscow

ILLINOIS

Eastern Illinois University
Elmhurst College
Illinois Wesleyan University
Lake Forest College
Northern Illinois University
Northwestern University
Southern Illinois University
University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana
Western Illinois University

INDIANA

California University of Pennsylvania
Indiana State University
Indiana University Southeast
Purdue University
University of Evansville
University of Southern Indiana

IOWA

Coe College
Iowa State University
Simpson College
University of Iowa

KANSAS

Baker University
Pittsburg State University
University of Kansas
Washburn University

KENTUCKY

Centre College
Morehead State University
Murray State University
Northern Kentucky University
Western Kentucky University

LOUISIANA

Northwestern State University, Natchitoches
Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond

MARYLAND

Mc Daniel College
Salisbury State University
University of Maryland, Baltimore
University of Maryland, College Park

MASSACHUSETTS

Babson College
Bridgewater State College

MICHIGAN

Albion College
Eastern Michigan University

MICHIGAN (CONT.)

GMI Engineering & Management Institute
Grand Valley State University
Kettering University
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University, Houghton
Oakland University
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Wayne State University
Western Michigan University

MINNESOTA

Minnesota State University, Mankato
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

MISSISSIPPI

University of Mississippi
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg

MISSOURI

Central Missouri State University
Drury University
Northeast Missouri State
Truman State University
University of Missouri, Columbia
Washington University, St. Louis

NEVADA

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Nevada, Reno

NEW HAMPSHIRE

New England College

NEW JERSEY

Fairleigh Dickinson University
Jersey City State College
Monmouth University
Rider University
Rutgers University, New Brunswick

NEW MEXICO

Eastern New Mexico University, Portales
New Mexico State University
University of New Mexico

NEW YORK

Adelphi University
Colgate University
New York Institute of Technology
Pace University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Slippery Rock University
St. John's University, Staten Island
St. John's University, Queens
St. Lawrence University
State University of New York at Delhi
State University of New York, Oneonta
State University of New York at Plattsburgh

NORTH CAROLINA

Appalachian State University
Barton College
Elon College
North Carolina Wesleyan College
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina, Greensboro
University of North Carolina, Wilmington

NORTH DAKOTA

University of North Dakota

OHIO

Ashland University
Bowling Green State University
Capital University
Case Western Reserve University
Denison University
Kent State University
Marietta College
Miami University
Mount Union College
Ohio Northern University
Ohio State University, Columbus
University of Akron
University of Toledo
Wittenberg University

OKLAHOMA

University of Oklahoma

OREGON

Oregon State University
Willamette University

PENNSYLVANIA

Bloomsburg University
Clarion University
Dickinson College
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Kutztown University
Lycoming College
Moravian College
Pennsylvania State University
St. Francis University
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
University of Pittsburgh
Ursinus College
Washington & Jefferson College
West Chester University

SOUTH CAROLINA

University of South Carolina
Clemson University

TENNESSEE

Austin Peay State University
Christian Brothers University
Cumberland University
East Tennessee State University

TENNESSEE (CONT.)

University of Tennessee- Martin

TEXAS

Baylor University

Midwestern State University

Southern Methodist University

St. Mary's University

Texas A&M University, College Station

Texas Christian University

Trinity University

University of Houston

University of North Texas

University of Texas- Arlington

University of Texas-Austin

University of Texas—Pan American

UTAH

Southern Utah University

Weber State University

VERMONT

University of Vermont

VIRGINIA

College of William and Mary

Longwood College

Radford University

Randolph-Macon College

University of Virginia College at Wise

Virginia Polytechnic Institute- State University

Virginia Wesleyan College

WASHINGTON

University of Puget Sound

University of Washington

Washington State University

WEST VIRGINIA

Bethany College

Davis and Elkins College

West Virginia Wesleyan College

WISCONSIN

Beloit College

Lawrence University

St. Norbert College

University of Wisconsin-Madison

University of Wisconsin--Oshkosh

University of Wisconsin-Platteville

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

CANADA

University of British Columbia

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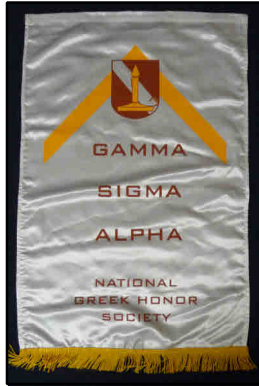
MATERIAL ORDER FORM

Name _____ E-mail _____ Phone _____

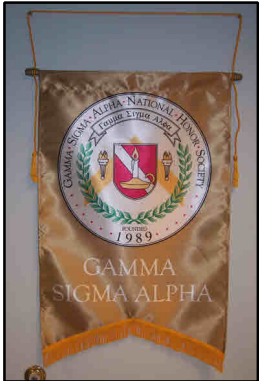
Institution _____ Shipping Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Greek Advisor _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____ Fax _____



Classic Banner Design



New Banner Design



Badge Cut-Out

Number of Initiates _____ at \$25 each, totals _____

*Membership initiation request form must accompany this form

Number of Graduation Cords _____ at \$10 each, totals _____

Date of graduation: _____

Gamma Sigma Alpha banners are \$ 80 each for classic (while supplies last):

Number of banners ordered _____, totals _____

Gamma Sigma Alpha banners are \$ 100 each for new banner design:

Number of banners ordered _____, totals _____

Gamma Sigma Alpha Badge Cut-Outs (for use in ritual) are \$20 each:

Number of cut-outs ordered _____, totals _____

Gamma Sigma Alpha Replacement Badge (if lost) are \$10 each:

Number of replacement badges _____, totals _____

Name of Initiate for badge replacement _____

Year of Initiation _____

Gamma Sigma Alpha Replacement Charter (if lost) are \$10 each: _____

* There is the option of a powerpoint slide of the seal that can be used in place of the banner. If desired, simply e-mail director@gammasigmaalpha.org.

Additional Ritual Materials:

- www.batteryoperatedcandles.net :Battery operated tea candles- round and taper available
- www.amazon.com :Search-Anything book- \$5.99 for a roll book
- www.candlelightsolutions.com/mountain-laurel-6-candle-ring.html : Set of 2 laurel wreaths for \$24
- <http://www.themagickalcat.com/> :Search- Mini Taper Candle Holder -Brass Chamberstick Style-Candle holder for \$5.50

**If you don't have all of the exact items, improvise as best you can. The important thing is the presentation of the ritual.*

Please add \$25 if you need rush shipping. _____ Total _____

Send this form with your check made out Gamma Sigma Alpha to:

Aimee Ash, Executive Director
Gamma Sigma Alpha
3901 W. 86th Street, Suite 390
Indianapolis, IN, 46268

*If you wish to be invoiced to allow payment via credit card, you must fax completed form to Aimee Ash, 317.872.1134 and allow 2 business days for processing invoice. Order WILL NOT ship until payment is confirmed.