## HONOR SOCIETIES

At Fullerton College, Honors Societies provide opportunities for academically motivated and high-achieving students to engage in enriching activities, receive recognition for their accomplishments, and connect with a community of like-minded peers. These societies offer a platform for students to pursue intellectual growth, leadership development, and community service.

Fullerton College hosts several Honors Societies that recognize students from various disciplines, including Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) and Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS). Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society that celebrates academic achievement and provides opportunities for scholarship, leadership, and service. Alpha Gamma Sigma is a California Community College honor society that focuses on scholastic achievement, community service, and cultural enrichment.

Membership in these Honors Societies often comes with a range of benefits. Students gain access to exclusive resources, scholarships, and networking opportunities within their respective societies. They can participate in academic and leadership conferences, engage in community service projects, and collaborate on research or service-learning initiatives.

In addition to the recognition and opportunities, Honors Societies at Fullerton College foster a sense of community and camaraderie among high-achieving students. Members have the chance to connect with peers who share their passion for learning and excellence, fostering meaningful relationships and a supportive network.

Participation in Honors Societies not only enhances a student's academic profile but also provides a platform to develop valuable skills and experiences that can positively impact their future educational and professional endeavors. These societies encourage intellectual curiosity, leadership development, and engagement in community service, shaping well-rounded individuals.

Fullerton College's Honors Societies offer a pathway for students to challenge themselves academically, connect with peers who share similar interests, and make a positive impact in their communities. Through their involvement in these societies, students have the opportunity to cultivate a lifelong love of learning, leadership, and service while building a strong foundation for their future academic and career pursuits.

<u>Alpha Gamma Sigma:</u> Alpha Gamma Sigma, California Community College Scholarship Honor Society, was founded in 1926 through the efforts of William T. Boyce, then Dean of the College. Among the first to be chartered, the college's chapter is designated Epsilon.

Permanent membership in Alpha Gamma Sigma is awarded to students who meet **either** of the following criteria:

- 1. Cumulative 3.25 GPA or higher with 60 units completed (30 units at Fullerton College) and active membership in Alpha Gamma Sigma for two (2) or more semesters; or,
- 2. Cumulative 3.50 GPA or higher with 60 units completed (30 units at Fullerton College) with one (1) semester of active membership in Alpha Gamma Sigma.

Requirements subject to change.

Students may pick up an application for permanent membership in the Student Activities Office. See section on Honors for Scholarship.

Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX): Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX) is a national honor society established to recognize students who demonstrate superior academic performance in an established program of paralegal and law-related studies. LEX derives from the Latin root meaning "pertaining to the law" or "legal."

Students in the Fullerton College Paralegal Studies Program qualify for membership if they have:

- Completed at least two-thirds, or 18 units, of their required major coursework
- · A cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher for all college coursework, and
- A cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher for all Paralegal Studies major coursework

Applications for consideration may be obtained by emailing the Business and CIS Division Office at: fcparalegalstudies@fullcoll.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is the national scholastic honor organization for community colleges. In order to be eligible for Lifetime Membership in Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, a student must:

- have completed 12 units of coursework that may be applied to a degree
- · be enrolled in at least three units in the current term, and
- maintain a 3.25 GPA

For more information, contact the current Phi Theta Kappa officers at ptk.fullcoll@gmail.com or go to the chapter website, PTK.fullcoll.edu. Requirements subject to change.