All Aboard

SBD’s Online Member Registration and Processing System

This spring is when all SBD chapters will use our Online Registration System (ORS). The ORS system has been talked about in the past few Bridge newsletters. The system was created custom for SBD and our chapters to help facilitate the work of chapter officers and administrators. The system is not meant to take the place of induction ceremonies. The system will make less work for chapters, students, and our office. Almost half of our chapters are already using the ORS system and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive with some chapters asking for the system to do more work for them, such as sending emails of invitation and automatic reminders directly from the system. We intend to improve on this process every year. If your chapter is not signed up for the ORS system, please contact our office to go over the details at 888-723-7181.

ORS Best Practices & Benefits

Inviting Students: SBD recommends inviting students via a Tapping Ceremony. A Tapping Ceremony is when SBD chapter officers or SBD faculty members invite students to membership in the classroom. The Tapping Ceremony can become a grand tradition for your program. Tapping is even better when faculty wear SBD regalia the day of Tapping, because students will see that and get excited about who will be invited to SBD. Tapping is not required, and we know for some chapters it is impractical, but we hear the frustration of students being hard to reach with either emails or standard mail. Tapping students in person is a great way to eliminate this problem. The SBD office has specific invitation materials that can be used to invite students to use ORS.

Tapping accomplishes two important goals. First, Tapping gives the invited student their first level of recognition and it is among their peers which might not happen at the induction ceremony. Tapping helps students accept the honor of membership. Secondly, Tapping educates the non-invited students in the class about SBD and the opportunity they have to strive to be in the top of their class to become a member. The student’s drive, is the true benefit to the chapter and the program—a smarter student makes for a stronger program. Furthermore, when you think about your institutions alumni the best alumni members are those students that were positively affected by their academic experience. Members of an honor society, especially those that are personally invited to membership, are the future benefit to your program and institution.

I have been challenged by at least one chapter saying that their program is too large to be able to invite students in class. This challenge can be overcome by spreading the duties of inviting students among all the faculty. This requires the Dean and Chair of a program making sure all faculty members are passionate about SBD, and that is what makes a great chapter.

Tracking Registrations: Chapter officers have the ability to track what students have gone through the ORS process and get a report of all the information the students enter into ORS.

Ordering Memberships: There no longer needs to be an order for memberships with ORS. The SBD office will process your chapters memberships when the ORS deadline expires and send any regalia or chapter fees directly to the chapter along with the certificates and everything else that comes with membership.

No Accounts Payable: One of the biggest benefits we hear from our current chapters that use the system, is that they no longer have to work with accounts payable at their institution or worry about collecting money from students or keeping the money safe. All payments go directly to SBD.

Customizing ORS: The process can serve as more than the basic collection of information and money. The system can handle complex RSVP aspects, ask for chapter specific information, etc. Please contact the SBD office to go over more benefits of the ORS system and have it customized for your chapter.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Lady of Holy Cross College  LA  March 24, 1995
Metropolitan St. Univ. of Denver  CO  April 20, 1995
Coe College  IA  April 20, 1995
Chowan University  NC  April 26, 1995
Mount St. Joseph University  OH  April 27, 1995
Urbana University  OH  April 30, 1995
Washington College  MD  May 3, 1995
Concordia University-Irvine  CA  May 5, 1995
East Texas Baptist University  TX  May 22, 1995
Thomas University  GA  May 26, 1995
Ohio Wesleyan University  OH  June 4, 1995
Wilmington University  DE  June 13, 1995
Nova Southeastern University  FL  June 30, 1995
National University  CA  January 21, 2000
St. Norbert College  WI  February 24, 2000
Davis & Elkins College  WV  April 27, 2000
Holy Names University  CA  April 28, 2000
Virginia Wesleyan College  VA  May 8, 2000
Marymount Manhattan College  NY  May 9, 2000
Colby-Sawyer College  NH  February 7, 2005
St. Andrews University  NC  February 9, 2005
St. PETERSBURG College  FL  April 15, 2005
Heritage University  WA  May 4, 2005
Belleve University  NE  May 20, 2005
Hodges University  FL  June 22, 2005
Lehman College-CUNY  NY  February 3, 2010
Presbyterian College  SC  February 4, 2010
Wheaton College  IL  February 8, 2010
William Carey University  MS  April 26, 2010
Misericordia University  PA  May 13, 2010
Springfield College  MA  January 15, 2014
Lourdes University  OH  March 12, 2014
Anna Maria College  MA  April 23, 2014
McPherson College  KS  April 29, 2014

Many thanks to our chapter faculty advisors, officers, and administrators who do so much worthwhile and meaningful work to honor their students.

Keep up the good work!
It is so very much appreciated!

Thank you!

Chapter Officer Resources
Find all the current forms & information on our website
Click Here

Please help us update our member database
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Chapter Anniversaries

20 Year Anniversary

National University  CA  January 21, 2000
St. Norbert College  WI  February 24, 2000
Davis & Elkins College  WV  April 27, 2000
Holy Names University  CA  April 28, 2000
Virginia Wesleyan College  VA  May 8, 2000
Marymount Manhattan College  NY  May 9, 2000

15 Year Anniversary

Colby-Sawyer College  NH  February 7, 2005
St. Andrews University  NC  February 9, 2005
St. PETERSBURG College  FL  April 15, 2005
Heritage University  WA  May 4, 2005
Belleve University  NE  May 20, 2005
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Wheaton College  IL  February 8, 2010
William Carey University  MS  April 26, 2010
Misericordia University  PA  May 13, 2010

10 Year Anniversary

1 Year Anniversary

Springfield College  MA  January 15, 2014
Lourdes University  OH  March 12, 2014
Anna Maria College  MA  April 23, 2014
McPherson College  KS  April 29, 2014

Hello from your Executive Director

Hello everyone. Spring is coming! Spring is coming!

It may not seem like it, but spring will be here before you know it. Spring is the season to honor your best and brightest students and we will be helping you do that with the ORS online process. We want to make honoring your students as easy as possible and ORS helps make that possible. ORS is a scalable tool so let us know what and how much work you want ORS to do for your chapter, and we most likely can make it happen.

As we get close to the end of celebrating SBD’s 20th Anniversary, I want to thank the chapter officers that have contributed to our Invest 20 campaign. For those who have not contributed, you can still participate by contributing $20 for every year you have been a member of SBD or $20 for every year your chapter has been established. Please contribute by visiting our website; www.sigmabetadelta.org/contribute. Your continued support has allowed our society to grow and strengthen over the past 20 years and has prepared us for the future.

Please remember to supply our office with what I call the final two tasks for a chapter each year. Send us a Fellowship applicant and the yearly chapter certification report. Please click here to find the forms on our website. The Certification report helps us maintain the non-profit status for each chapter and Fellowship applicants help us support our goal of encouraging scholarship.

SBD has changed the details of our society’s Quadrennial Conference. SBD felt that we could better serve our chapters and members by restructuring some of our events. More information will be forth coming about our Quadrennial.

One more note. We want to make sure that SBD is shown proudly and well known around your school, so please visit our website to view our merchandise. We will gladly supply mugs or shirts, etc. FREE to our chapter officers to make sure all of your students know about SBD.

Here’s to a beautiful spring and fantastic induction ceremonies.

Sincerely,

Peter Banholzer
sigmabetadelta@umsl.edu
888-723-7181

Remember—each chapter can induct two Honorary Members annually. This is a great way to honor Alumni, incorporate local business and civic leaders with your chapter and school, or to honor school Presidents and Administrators.

Find all the current forms & information on our website
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Update Contact information
Please Welcome Our New Chapters Installed Since September 2014

- **Central State University**
  - Wilberforce, OH
  - Installed: January 21, 2015
  - Faculty Advisor: Prof. Chali Nondo

- **Miami Dade College**
  - Miami, FL
  - Installed: November 13, 2014
  - Faculty Advisor: Lynn Arguelles

- **Champlain College**
  - Burlington, VT
  - Installed: November 7, 2014
  - Faculty Advisor: Dr. Victor Stone

- **Lake Sumter State College**
  - Leesburg, FL
  - Installed: November 24, 2014
  - Faculty Advisor: Dr. Sandi Zeljko

- **Morningside College**
  - Sioux City, IA
  - Installed: October 13, 2014
  - Faculty Advisor: Molly Williams

- **Truett-McConnell College**
  - Cleveland, GA
  - Installed: December 3, 2014
  - Faculty Advisor: Dr. Janet Forney

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**Membership Fee Freeze**

Our office receives many calls this time of year asking if the membership fee has increased. I am very happy to say that membership fees remain at a one-time life-time fee of $50. This is the 8th year in a row SBD has not increased our membership fee. We believe this is a great point of pride that we can offer students the opportunity to be recognized for their high academic achievement at a reasonable fee. We thank our many SBD donors for all their contributions to help keep the membership fee affordable and the SBD Board members who have made many large donations to keep membership in reach for many students. Continued support has allowed our society to grow and strengthen over the past 20 years and has prepared us for the future.

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**SBD Partners with Nationwide Insurance**

Nationwide Insurance approached SBD to begin a partnership that offers lower insurance rates to our members. Many honor societies have similar partnerships but SBD is taking our relationship with Nationwide a step further. Nationwide has also partnered with SBD to offer **internships** to incoming SBD members. The internship(s) will be an eleven week, full time, paid internship at a Nationwide regional office or corporate center. Nationwide also offers relocation assistance. Click here to find an application form and information.

You can sign up for lower rates at: www.nationwide.com/sigmabetadelta

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**Member Benefits**

**Association of College Honor Society**

SBD is a member society of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS)

SBD members are eligible for benefits through ACHS

Membership in an ACHS member society carries with it a tangible acknowledgment of merit for Federal employment. As long as the applicant meets the requirements as described in the job announcement, honor society membership may fulfill one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level in numerous professional and technical occupations in the Federal Service.

Student members of each ACHS member society may qualify for internships and scholarships with the [Washington Internship Institute](http://www.washingtoninternship.org), [The Fund for American Studies](http://www.fas.org), [The Washington Center of Internships and Academic Seminars](http://www.washingtoncenter.org), and [The PhD Project](http://www.phdproject.org).

Please visit the [ACHS website](http://www.achs.org) for more information.
From the Sigma Beta Delta Board of Directors.....

“As a result of the work of student and faculty members, the Board of Directors of Sigma Beta Delta encourages its members to actively Support Organ and Tissue Donation. The Board takes this action in recognizing this as an opportunity in achieving our mission of serving humankind.” To sign up as a donor click here.

Invest $20 for another 20
Sigma Beta Delta began honoring high achieving students in March, 1994. To celebrate 20 years of achievement while looking to build for the next 20 years, Sigma Beta Delta is asking that every member donate $20 for every year of membership. This campaign will advance SBD’s future aspirations to inspire and support business education and to strengthen the future of our society.

Sigma Beta Delta has donated over $100,000 in Fellowship awards to students over our twenty years. Contributions to this campaign will help increase the dollar amount and the quantity of awards SBD gives to incoming members for their future in business education. Contributions to this campaign will also go toward supporting Sigma Beta Delta’s Student Leadership Academy. Contributions will help advance our efforts to strengthen local chapters and member initiatives and help keep membership affordable for future top performing students to be honored for their accomplishments.

Please support Sigma Beta Delta’s future by contributing to Invest 20 at www.sigmabetadelta.org/contribute

SBD Store Updates
SBD Tassel Coming in March—Some of our chapters have been asking for custom SBD tassels. They will be in stock soon so keep checking our merchandise page on our website. The custom tassel has the SBD key logo just like our honor cords.

SBD Napkins—Buy SBD logo napkins for your induction ceremony in our store.

Chapter news
The Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society chapter at Davenport University in conjunction with the West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum will present a Green Office Expo on Monday, March 9th at the Davenport University Lettinga Campus from 11:30am to 2:00 pm. The event will feature exhibitions, speakers and a sustainable lunch for those interested. Exhibits will introduce attendees to the various ways office managers and workers can make their workplaces and operations more sustainable through recycling, composting, energy efficiency, green cleaning, purchasing, food preparation, waste minimization, employee education, clothing, volunteerism and more.

Life University’s Sigma Beta Delta honor society chapter displayed their chapter’s commitment to following SBD’s challenge to live a life of distinguished service to humankind by holding a Toy Drive for “Toys for Tots” during their holiday break. The chapter collected three boxes of toys from the campus community. The chapter donated the toys for children from 3 months to 12 years of age to their local “Toys for Tots” location at 1730 Cumberland Point Dr in Marietta, GA. Sigma Beta Delta thanks Life University’s Assistant Professor of Business Sailaja Pydimarri for leading their chapter to be an example for all.

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Through our partnership with Bloomberg Businessweek, Sigma Beta Delta offers new inductees a one year subscription to Businessweek as part of their membership. Sigma Beta Delta is committed to supporting all of our members by offering;

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