

Societies and Programs Approved to Wear Insignia at Commencement

Alpha Kappa Delta
Beta Alpha Psi (Accounting, Finance, and Information Systems Honor Society)
Central Bridge
Chi Alpha Sigma Student Athlete Honors Society
Chi Sigma Iota (Counseling Academic & Professional Honor Society)
Delta Kappa Pi
Golden Key International Honors Society
Honors Program
Kappa Delta Pi
Kappa Omicron Nu Honors Society
Lambda Pi Eta (Communications Honor Society)
Leader Advancement Scholars
McNair Scholars
Mortar Board
National Society of Collegiate Scholars cords
National Society of Leadership and Success
Nonprofit Student Leadership Alliance (Certified Nonprofit Professional)
Nu Rho Psi
Office of Residential Life Paraprofessionals
oSTEM (Out in Science, Engineering, Technology, and Mathematics)
Phi Alpha (Social Work Honor Society)
Phi Delta Epsilon (Pre-Medical Fraternity)
Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society
Phi Kappa Lambda National Music Honors Society
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia (Music Fraternity)
Phi Theta Kappa (Community College Honor Society) –
Pi Alpha Alpha Public Administration Honors Society
Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society
Pre-Medicine and Osteopathic Society
Psi Chi (Psychology International Honor Society)
Sexual Aggression Peer Advocates (SAPA)
Sigma Pi Sigma (Physics Honor Society)
Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) honor cords
Society of Women in Business
Student-Athlete graduation stoles
Study Abroad/International Country sashes
Veterans Military Recognition cords

GUIDELINES

The following guidelines concern the wearing of insignia at Commencement. The guidelines were last modified at the October 7, 2023, Admissions, Standards and Honors (ASH) Committee meeting:

ASH Committee will review requests that meet the following requirements:

- The honor society is recognized as a Registered Student Organization (RSO) at Central Michigan University. The RSO status must be active at the time of commencement;
- OR
- The honor society is a member of the Association for College Honor Societies (ACHS);
- OR
- In the event that the honor society is not a RSO nor a member of the ACHS, it must meet the following criteria:
 - The honor society is a nationally recognized organization with a national constitution and guidelines for membership. The constitution and bylaws of the local chapter must adhere to the national standards.
 - The honor society is a professional organization that requires a specific number of hours of service or other comparable demonstrations of professional experience.
 - The honor society is a CMU organization with an active faculty sponsor or advisor.
 - The minimum grade point average for admission to the honor society is 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale);
- OR
- The ASH Committee determines that the requestor has made a compelling case that participation in the organization reflects high achievement in:
 - Academics (never less than 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale),
 - Professional standing (official title or proof of training),
 - Relevant field experience (minimum 15 hours), or
 - Service (minimum 15 hours).

The design, production, and wearing of stoles, cords, medals, or other insignia must follow these guidelines:

- Ideally, insignia should be provided by the organization. If members are expected to produce their own insignia, color and logos should conform to specific images provided by the organization.
- CMU-based organizations wishing to design their own insignia must consult with University Communications (<https://www.cmich.edu/offices-departments/university-communications/brand-guidelines>) to ensure the design conforms to CMU branding guidelines. Production of the insignia is at the organization's discretion.
- Multiple cords are allowed. Cords designed by CMU organizations must either be CMU-approved maroon and/or gold, or the official colors of that organization/field.
- Only one medal may be worn; ribbon color must either be CMU-approved maroon and/or gold, or the official color(s) of that organization/field.
- Only one tassel may be worn; it should be either the color specified for the wearer's degree (https://www.cmubookstore.com/shop_product_detail.asp), or a tassel provided by an approved honor society/organization.
- One cultural stole may be worn in addition to one honors stole, for a maximum of two. Students may not wear individually-designed stoles with multiple organizational logos.
- Decorations on caps are not endorsed by CMU.

For reference: <https://www.cmich.edu/about/university-leadership/office-president/commencement/cords-and-medallions>

- Requests should be submitted to the ASH Committee via email to acadsen@cmich.edu. Submission deadlines are October 15 for December commencements and March 15 for May commencements.
- Appeals to the ASH Committee decisions will go to the Academic Senate.
- The ASH Committee shall maintain a list of all societies and their insignia approved for graduation attire.

Requests and questions should be directed to the Academic Senate Office, Park Library 400; phone: 989.774.3350; email: acadsen@cmich.edu.