**Societies and Programs Approved to Wear Insignia at Commencement**

Alpha Kappa Delta

Alpha Kappa Psi

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

Formula SAE (Chippewa Racing)

Golden Key International Honors Society

Honors Program

Innovation and Online

INSciTE Certificate (Integration of Science, Technology, and Engineering)

Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Omicron Nu Honors Society

Lambda Pi Eta (Communications Honor Society)

Leader Advancement Scholars

McNair Scholars

Mortar Board

National Science Teaching Association

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 Alpha Delta (Pre-Law Fraternity)

Phi Delta Epsilon (Pre-Medical Fraternity)

Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society

Phi Kappa Lambda National Music Honors Society

Phi Kappa Phi (Honor 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)

Public Service Residential College

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

Wakeling Gendron Entrepreneur Scholars

GUIDELINES

The following guidelines concern the wearing of insignia at Commencement. The guidelines were last modified at the October 25, 2024, 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);

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* 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. The exception is for Study Abroad students, who may incorporate up to 4 national (non-US) flag images on their Study Abroad Honors stole.
* 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](mailto: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](mailto:acadsen@cmich.edu).