

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

Alpha Kappa Delta  
Beta Alpha Psi (Accounting, Finance, and Information Systems Honor Society)  
Chi Alpha Sigma Student Athlete Honors Society  
Chi Sigma Iota (Counseling Academic & Professional Honor Society)  
Golden Key International Honors Society  
Honors Program  
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  
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 March 30, 2018, Admissions, Standards and Honors (ASH) Committee meeting:

The ASH Committee will consider requests for approval to wear appropriate insignia during Commencement on a case-by-case basis. Once approved by the ASH Committee, the request is granted and no further action is required.

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 minimum grade point average for admission to the honor society is 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale);
- OR
- Any other request that the ASH Committee determines to be appropriate.

Requests should be submitted to the ASH Committee at least one semester prior to the desired activation date via email to [acadsen@cmich.edu](mailto:acadsen@cmich.edu).

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.

Student members of multiple societies, including students with University Honors, are limited to wearing only one medallion of an approved honors society, including University Honors. Students are allowed to wear multiple items of other appropriate insignia (e.g. pins, cords, etc.) of societies approved by the ASH Committee.

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).

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