



RHO CHI

The Honor Society of the National Communication Association
University of Missouri at St. Louis Chapter

HISTORY

Lambda Pi Eta is the official communication studies honor society of the National Communication Association (NCA). As an accredited member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS), ΛΠΕ has nearly 420 active chapters at colleges and universities worldwide.

Lambda Pi Eta was founded in 1985 at the University of Arkansas. Lambda Pi Eta became a part of the National Communication Association (NCA) in 1988, and the official honor society of the NCA in July 1995.

Lambda Pi Eta represents what Aristotle described in his book, Rhetoric, as the three ingredients of persuasion: Logos (Lambda) meaning logic, Pathos (Pi) relating to emotion, and Ethos (Eta) defined as character credibility and ethics.

Rho Chi, the official chapter of Lambda Pi Eta at University of Missouri at St. Louis was founded in the fall semester of 2004.

GOALS

The goals of Lambda Pi Eta and the Rho Chi chapter include:

- (1) Recognize, foster and reward outstanding scholastic achievement in communication studies;
- (2) Stimulate interest in the field of communication;
- (3) Promote and encourage professional development among communication majors;

- (4) Provide an opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas in the field of communication;
- (5) Establish and maintain closer relationships between faculty and students; and
- (6) Explore options for graduate education in communication studies.

ELIGIBILITY

To become a member, students must:

- 1) be a communication major or minor
- 2) completed at least 60 semester hours total
- 3) completed at least 12 semester hours in communication
- 4) have a cumulative GPA of 3.25
- 5) have a communication GPA of 3.25

APPLICATION

If a student meets the eligibility criteria, s/he must complete an official **Permanent Record of Election** form and submit it with a check for \$50 (includes initiation and a one-time membership fee) to Rho Chi/Heisel, University of Missouri at St. Louis, One University Blvd., Department of Communication, 590 Lucas Hall, St. Louis, MO 63121. Students who are accepted for membership will receive a *certificate of initiation*, an *emblem of membership* and *honors chords* to be worn during the commencement ceremony.

MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS AND BENEFITS

As a member of Rho Chi, students will be invited to attend national communication conferences, apply for selective scholarships, and take part in social and academic events and community service projects.

Membership in Lambda Pi Eta and other honor societies have many benefits. Highly achieving students have the opportunity to meet with well-known members in the communication discipline community. Attendance at conferences will expose students to the latest in research and encourage engagement in workshops and short courses in timely topics of interest. Students interested in continuing their education in MA or Ph.D. programs may network with others in the field to find the most appealing opportunities available to them.

CONTACT THE ADVISOR

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