



PHI BETA DELTA Honor Society for International Scholars Beta Nu Chapter

Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars was founded in 1986 at the California State University, Long Beach. The following year, it was established as a national organization with 38 chartered chapters. Phi Beta Delta was the first national honor society dedicated to recognizing scholarly achievements in international education.

GOALS OF THE SOCIETY

To recognize the scholarly achievement of international students and scholars, U.S. students who have studied abroad, and staff who are involved in international activities;

To serve as a vehicle for the development of academic-based international programming;

To provide a network on each campus of faculty, staff and students involved in international endeavors; and

To extend this network to thousands of members in chapters across the United States and to other countries.

The Beta Nu Chapter of Phi Beta Delta was founded on May 6, 1992 with 56 charter members. Over the years, the Beta Nu chapter has worked closely with the University of Alabama at Birmingham Center for International Programs and has helped sponsor numerous educational programs and social events.

SYMBOLS OF THE SOCIETY

Phi (philomatheia) – love of knowledge

Beta (biotremmonia) – valuing of human life; and

Delta (diapheren) – achieving excellence

The crest of the Society was designed with a globe, a torch, the sun, a book, and a shield. The globe represents the international perspective of the Society's members. The torch symbolizes the leadership and influence of the Society. The sun stands for the energy from which all cultures draw strength. The book symbolizes the coining and sharing of knowledge. The shield represents the preservation of academic freedom. The Society's motto – *Scientia Mutua Mundi* (World's Shared Knowledge) is inscribed at the base of the crest.

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

STUDENTS

1. must be nominated by a UAB faculty member;
2. junior or senior standing, or be enrolled in graduate or professional school
3. completed one academic year or coursework at UAB
4. 3.0 GPA for undergraduates; 3.5 GPA for graduate students; if enrolled in a program in which no GPA is computed, must be in the top 10% of students in the program of study at UAB
5. demonstrated scholastic achievement in pursuit of academic studies abroad, in exchange programs, or through extensive participation in international programs of an academic nature

FACULTY/STAFF

1. must be nominated by two active members of Phi Beta Delta
2. have a demonstrated interest and involvement in international scholarly endeavors (i.e., teaching, research, service or program development)

DUES - New member annual dues and induction fee –

Faculty/staff	\$55.00
Students	\$50.00

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ARE ONLY ACCEPTED DURING EARLY SPRING OF EACH YEAR –
INFORMATION/DEADLINES ARE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Interested students, faculty and staff should complete and submit the appropriate applications, if they are eligible, to Doretta Potts, Chapter Secretary, e-mail: doretta@uab.edu.