

Delta Alpha Pi International Honor Society

Working for an aDAPtable World



About Us

Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society was founded in 2004 at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania. In 2006 the Honor Society became national, and was incorporated as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization in 2008 with the name of Delta Alpha Pi International Honor Society (DAPI). Become a part of this growing organization that celebrates and supports academic achievement for post-secondary students with disabilities. Join over 100 institutions of higher education who have established a chapter to recognize students' academic achievement.

Purpose

- Because of the negative stereotyping associated with disability, students have been reluctant to identify themselves publicly.
- DAPI Honor Society presents an opportunity to change that perception by recognizing students with disabilities for their academic accomplishments.
- In addition this honor society facilitates development of skills in leadership, advocacy and education for participating students.

The three Greek letters have specific meaning.

Δ Delta – D for Disability, but also the triangle, symbol of strength. Members of Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society demonstrate strength as leaders on campus to help break down the barriers of negativism. Also, they serve as mentors and role models for other students with disabilities.

Α Alpha – A stands for Achievement. Alpha is the beginning, and academic achievement must come first. But A also stands for advocacy because students must advocate for themselves before they can advocate for others. Members of Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society enhance advocacy skills for themselves and for the rights of all individuals with disabilities to be included fully in society.

Π Pi – P represents Pride, pride in academic achievement and in other accomplishments, not just as students with disabilities, but as members of the university community. Pi is a mathematical symbol that we learned to use in elementary arithmetic classes. So Pi is an appropriate symbol for education. Members of Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society participate in activities designed to educate the community and society regarding disability issues and the need to apply the principles of universal design in learning.

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Membership Criteria

Membership in the Epsilon Iota chapter of Delta Alpha Pi at MATC shall be open to current undergraduate students who have presented with a documented disability and work with faculty / staff / administrators in Student Accommodation Services, or who self-identify as an individual with a disability; who have completed a minimum of 24 credits; who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.10 (on a 4.00 scale); and who have demonstrated an active interest in disability issues. Current undergraduate students who meet the above criteria and have achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50 (on a 4.00), scale will be designated as graduating with honors and will receive cords to wear at graduation. An application and a one-time \$15.00 membership fee is required to join the society.