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Academic Honor Societies

Honor societies at Rice include the following:

Phi Lambda Upsilon—national honorary chemical society promoting high scholarship and original investigation in all branches of pure and applied chemistry (Rice chapter: 1926).

Phi Beta Kappa—founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary to recognize intellectual achievement and the love of learning among students in the liberal arts and sciences (Rice chapter: March 1, 1929).

Pi Delta Phi—organized to interest French students in competing for high standing in scholarship (Theta chapter at Rice: May 1930).

Society of Sigma Xi—for the promotion of research in science (Beta of Texas chapter at Rice: March 23, 1938).

Tau Beta Pi Association—organized to interest engineering students in competing for high standing in scholarship (Gamma of Texas chapter at Rice: December 18, 1940).

Delta Phi Alpha—to promote an interest in the German language and literature (Gamma Xi chapter at Rice: April 1949).

Sigma Delta Pi—to promote an interest in the Spanish language and literature (Rice chapter May 14, 1953).

Tau Sigma Delta—national honor society in architecture and applied arts (Tau chapter at Rice: May 7, 1961).

Eta Kappa Nu—founded in 1904 at the University of Illinois for electrical engineering students to stimulate and reward scholarship as well as assist and encourage its members to grow professionally throughout their lives (Rice chapter: January 1981).

Omicron Delta Epsilon—to promote study in economics (Ricechapter: 1981).

Psi Chi—founded in 1929 at Yale University to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship and to advance the science of psychology (Rice chapter: April 23, 1990).

Chi Epsilon—the Civil Engineering Honor Society. It serves to recognize students of high scholarship, character, practicality, and sociability. Students are inducted into the society once or twice annually and are selected from the pool of upper division level civil engineering students. (Rice chapter: 1995).

For more information on these honor societies, please visit the Rice Clubs page at the following link: <http://clubs.rice.edu/> or the department associated with the Honor Society.

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