



# ETA SIGMA PHI

THE NATIONAL CLASSICS HONORARY SOCIETY

FOUNDED 1914

The purposes of **Eta Sigma Phi** are to develop and promote interest in classical study among the students of colleges and universities; to promote closer fraternal relationship among students who are interested in classical study, and to stimulate interest in classical study, and in the history, art, and literature of ancient Greece and Rome. Members are elected by local chapters which have been chartered by the society. Most members are undergraduates but chapters can also initiate graduate students, faculty, and honorees. There are 182 chapters of Eta Sigma Phi throughout the United States.

## Benefits of membership include:

- a membership card and certificate
- subscription to *Nuntius*, the biannual newsletter of the society
- an annual national convention including a certamen and banquet
- the opportunity to give academic presentations before an audience of peers and scholars
- annual sight translation exams in Latin and Greek
- honors cords and sashes for graduation
- bronze and silver medals of achievement
- eligibility for summer travel scholarships to Greece, Rome or southern Italy
- eligibility for a Latin teacher training scholarship

“Eta Sigma Phi is important to me and to the world of classics lovers at large because so few people can grasp the beauty and complexity that is the Classical world. Eta Sigma Phi allows us the chance to share our passion with others, along with classics jokes and puns and all the fun etymology of our language.”--**Stephanie Walker of Delta Chi chapter at St. Olaf College, 2004-2005 Megas Prytanis**

“I think it’s really important that undergraduates also have a national organization to belong to, and a national conference at which to network, share research, and just have fun. I look forward to the national conference every year and getting to visit with old friends and make new ones. The local chapters are great for the same reasons — finding students with common interests to study and socialize with.”-- **Katherine Morrow Jones of Eta Gamma Chapter at Loyola University New Orleans, 2004-2005 Mega Hyparchos**

“Eta Sigma Phi is important to me because it enables me to associate with people who share the same love of Classical Studies that I do. It is important to the world because the legacy of the Classics is one of unparalleled importance. It needs to be preserved.” **Richard Harrod of Gamma Omicron Chapter at Monmouth College, 2004-2005 Megas Chrysohylax**

“Eta Sigma Phi plays an important role in the study of Classics. More than anything else, Eta Sigma Phi provides an opportunity for students of the ancient world to communicate on a national level and to exchange ideas on how to improve the awareness and appreciation of Classics in their respective communities. The national conventions are a great way for us all to meet and share our love for antiquity. Eta Sigma Phi makes the study of Classics a profoundly social activity, and it soundly refutes that tired notion that Latin and ancient Greek are “dead languages.” Eta Sigma Phi stands in sharp contrast to the idea that the study of Classics is a thing of the past, as we find new and exciting ways to think and talk about ancient history.”-- **Andrew O’Brien of Beta Psi at Rhodes College, 2004-2005 Megas Grammateus**

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