About Alpha Sigma Lambda

The Greek letters Alpha, Sigma, and Lambda, which form the name of our Society, have a special meaning to us. Alpha is the first letter in the Greek alphabet; therefore, it stands for ‘first.’ The letter Sigma corresponds to the letter ‘S’, and is symbolic of scholarship. Lambda corresponds to the letter ‘L’, and denotes leadership. Thus Alpha Sigma Lambda forms the framework of our motto, which is ‘First in Scholarship and Leadership.’

- Scholarship may be defined as advanced study in some special field. But this definition does not give consideration to the qualities of the scholar. True scholars humbly realize that learning is a continuing process and are keenly aware of their own inadequacies. They are never convinced of the finality of their findings and are dedicated to the task of seeking truth, no matter where it lies.
- Leadership is the activity of influencing people to cooperate in achieving some common goal or objective. It is the quality which urges people to pull together as one, yet allows them to contribute their uniqueness as individuals. Alpha Sigma Lambda desires of its members a continuing effort to cultivate the important qualities of leadership — a sense of purpose, enthusiasm, energy, integrity, decisiveness, and technical mastery.
- In the upper right quadrant of the Alpha Sigma Lambda key is an Open book which symbolizes the Love of Knowledge. Love of Knowledge is different from Knowledge itself. Knowledge alone is narrow and limited, while the Love of Knowledge is broad, seeking everywhere for the relationships which give meaning to time, place, culture, and history. It is our belief that men and women who aspire to the broad spirit of learning, this Love of Knowledge, will seek to catch the fullness of life even in the midst of their busy, utilitarian pursuit of special knowledge.
- In the lower left corner of the key is a Lighted Roman Lamp. For centuries, this has been the symbol of Wisdom. Wisdom is based on Knowledge, but it is more than Knowledge. It is characterized by the open mind and by readiness to decide, as Truth may point the way, without prejudice or passion.
- Extending vertically through the center of the key is a Burning Torch, the symbol of Life. It is displayed on our badge because we believe that Love of Knowledge and the pursuit of Wisdom are the cornerstones on which Life itself should be constructed.

Before you are the challenges to be mindful of the ideals toward which you strive:

- To gain not only Knowledge, but also the Love of Knowledge;
- To appreciate the relationships which your vocations bear to life as a whole;
- To keep an open mind, to give your best thoughts to the whole of life;
- And to discipline your spirit to a better understanding of the world in which you live.

‘I promise to uphold the ideals and further the aims of Alpha Sigma Lambda, believing that by so doing, I shall increase my value to my college and to my community.”
Name: ____________________________________________________________________________
(Please Print)

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________
(Street Address/PO Box #)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________ M#: __________________________

You are cordially invited to join the Sigma Beta chapter of the Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society at the University of Cincinnati - Blue Ash College

(Choose one of the following)

_____ I do not accept the invitation to join Alpha Sigma Lambda at this time. (no signature needed, please return form)

_____ I accept the invitation to join Alpha Sigma Lambda. (Please read and sign below)

Pledge of Membership

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______________________________________________
(Student Signature) (Date)

Return this application to:
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