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1) 2012 BETA GAMMA SIGMA OUTSTANDING CHAPTER APPLICATION

(For Premier Chapters – with 85-100% Membership Acceptance Rate during 2010-2011)

Congratulations! Your chapter has met the preliminary qualifications to be considered for the 2012 Beta Gamma Sigma Outstanding Chapter based on your chapter’s membership acceptance rate as indicated on the Survey of Membership Acceptance submitted to the central office.

Please complete the following questionnaire to explain in greater detail the activities, programs, projects and/or events of your chapter from January 2011 through December 2011 that might qualify you as a 2012 BGS Outstanding Chapter. To be named an Outstanding Chapter requires chapters to take advantage of programs and activities available through the Society and local programs that enhance the honor society culture at the chapter level.

Up to three BGS Outstanding Chapters will be selected for this recognition and will receive scholarship awards as listed below to present to a Beta Gamma Sigma member from their chapter. Up to six additional chapters could be named as Honorable Mention and receive 500 USD scholarships for their chapters.

| BGS Gold Chapter 1,500 USD Scholarship |
| BGS Silver Chapter 1,250 USD Scholarship |
| BGS Bronze Chapter 1,000 USD Scholarship |
| BGS Honorable Mention (Six Maximum – 500 USD Scholarships) |

Name of University/College: Saint Joseph’s University – Haub School of Business
Name of Dean: Joseph A. DiAngelo, Jr.
Name of BGS Chapter Advisor: Stephen Porth, Associate Dean
Individual submitting the application: W. Richard Sherman, Chapter Secretary-Treasurer & Co-chair
Contact Information: Email: rsherman@sju.edu Phone Number: 610-660-1662

• Based on our 2011 Membership of Acceptance Survey, our chapter acceptance rate 2010-2011 was 88.3%.

• We invited all eligible individuals for membership: (Please check all that apply)
  Baccalaureate X Masters X Doctoral Faculty

• The following accepted invitation to join Beta Gamma Sigma? (Please check all that apply)
  Baccalaureate X Masters X Doctoral Faculty

Met Collegiate Chapter Requirements (A chapter must meet all these requirements to qualify):

1. Held at least one Induction Ceremony X Spring 2011 and/or □ Fall 2011
2. Chapter audit committee completed audit of chapter’s financial records at the end of 2010-2011 FY (If financials kept by chapter) or is run through the Dean’s office Yes x No □ NA □
3. Elected a full slate of chapter officers: President and Secretary-Treasurer from the faculty, research or administrative staff Yes x No □
   Vice-President(s) who may be students or faculty, research or administrative staff. Yes x No □
4. Beta Gamma Sigma faculty members and/or Dean participated in chapter activities Yes x No □
5. Attended a Collegiate Chapter Officer Seminar in last three years (2009 – 2011) Yes x No □
   Seminar Location (s): W. Richard Sherman, Chapter Co-chair & Secretary-Treasurer attended March 19, 2010 in Baltimore, MD

Chapter Programs:
1. Qualified, and provided matching funds and awarded a Beta Gamma Sigma Scholarship for use in 2011-2012
   Yes ☑ No ☐
   Name of Recipient: **Elizabeth Caletka, Marketing major; Class of 2012**
   Our chapter provides additional BGS scholarships? Yes ☑ No ☐
   Name of Recipient: **Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Management major; Class of 2012**
   If yes, please explain further:
   Saint Joseph’s BGS Chapter was named as the Silver Medal Outstanding Chapter in 2010. We have a BGS Scholarship Committee and based upon the Committee’s recommendation, the Dean’s Matching Scholarship and the Silver Medal Scholarship were awarded to two of our finest students – Elizabeth Caletka & Elizabeth Fitzpatrick.

2. Nominated and presented a Chapter Honoree(s) award from January 2011 – December 2011 Yes ☑ No ☐
   Name(s)/Organization/Title: Lynn McKee; Senior V-P of Human Resources; Aramark

3. The Ethical Business Leadership (EBL) Program DVD and curriculum guideline provided by the Society was utilized from January 2011 – December 2011 Yes ☑ No ☐
   If yes, please explain further how these were utilized:
   The EBL program is used as part of our course and curriculum development through Saint Joseph’s University’s Pedro Arrupe Center for Business Ethics.

4. Ethical Business Leadership program was held from Jan-Dec 2011 Yes ☑ No ☐
   a. Did the chapter: participate in ☑ and/or sponsor ☑
   Please provide further explanation for each EBL program:
   In cooperation with the Pedro Arrupe Center for Business Ethics, Chapter participated in and sponsored Executive speakers:
   - Paul Beninger; Vice President of Pharmavigilence – Genzyme Corporation; September 24, 2010
   - Judy Ward; CEO – Advanced Enviro Systems; October 15, 2010
   - Joseph Mahady; President (retired) – Wyeth Pharmaceuticals; September 10, 2011
   - Thomas Vagrin; President – Manganaro Mid-Atlantic, LLC; October 30, 2011

5. Provided programs(s) which encouraged the advancement of business thought from Jan-Dec, 2011 Yes ☑ No ☐
   a. Did the chapter: participate in ☐ and/or sponsor ☑
   Please provide further explanation for each program:
   Co-sponsored Executive Lectures with the Academy of Food Marketing & the Executive MBA Program at SJU:
   - Howard B. Stoeckel, President & CEO - Wawa, Inc; October 21, 2010
   - Michael O’Pake, Pennsylvania State Senator; November 5, 2010
   - Brian Duperrault, Recipient of 2009 BGS Business Achievement Award, CEO - Marsh & McLennan; October 14, 2011
   - Dean Janeway, President & COO - Wakefern Food Corp; October 20, 2011

6. A service project was held from Jan-Dec 2011 that BGS members could participate in Yes ☑ No ☐
   a. Did the chapter: participate in ☑ and/or sponsor ☑
   Please provide further explanation for each program:
   - Philadelphia Cares Day – October 2011; partnered with community organizations to rebuild the inner city locations;
   - Philadelphia Marathon – November 2011; volunteered at Mile 11 Water Stop.

7. Our chapter celebrated BGS Founders’ Day Yes ☑ No ☐
   a. Our chapter participated in the BGS Founder’s Day “State of the Society” webinar? Yes ☐ No ☑
   Please provide further explanation on what you did to celebrate Founders’ Day:
   Information desk in atrium of Mandeville Hall (Home of the Haub School of Business); announcements & displays on electronic blackboard with information about BGS & the benefits of membership; student raffle held to promote interest

8. Our chapter awards a BGS “Professor of the Year” Award Yes ☑ No ☑

**Society’s Programs:**
1. Submitted a nomination for the 2011 or 2012 Medallion for Entrepreneurship?  
   Yes ☑  No □
   
   Name of nominee: Gerianne DiPiano for 2011
   Nominee was selected?  Yes ☑  No □  Don’t Know Yet □
   
   Name of nominee: John Post for 2012
   Nominee was selected?  Yes □  No ☑  Don’t Know Yet ☑

2. Submitted a nomination for the 2011 or 2012 Business Achievement Awards?  
   Yes □  No ☑
   
   Name of nominee: Ervian K. Haub for 2011
   Nominee was selected for award?  Yes □  No ☑  Don’t Know Yet □

3. Purchased and installed a bronze Beta Gamma Sigma key on campus as a symbol of excellence in 2011 year?  
   Yes □  No ☑  OR/ Our chapter previously purchased the BGS bronze key in 2004 (year).

4. Coordinated efforts with BGS Alumni chapter (if one exists in your area)?  
   Yes □  No ☑  NA □
   
   Name of alumni chapter: ______________________________________________________________________

5. Our chapter sent a student member(s) to the Student Leadership Forum in:
   
   Sent student, John Cavanaugh, to SLF in St. Louis (Nov 2010); will be sending student, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, to SLF in Charleston, SC (Feb 2012)
   
   ☐ February 2011, Tampa, FL  Student’s Name(s): ________________________________
   ☐ November 2011, Memphis, TN  Student’s Name(s): ________________________________

   Local Promotion of Chapter:  Chapter promoted Beta Gamma Sigma on Campus and/or within School of Business as follows: (Check all that apply):
   
   1. Bulletin Board/Display to educate students about Beta Gamma Sigma  ☑
   2. Articles in Campus/Community newspaper(s) □
   3. Beta Gamma Sigma chapter website.  ☑
      If yes, please provide the address: www.sju.edu/academics/hsb/resources/bgs/  
   4. Tapping Ceremony held to extend membership invitation  ☑
      If you do not “Tap” the students, how do you invite them to join BGS?  Email □  Snail mail □  Other □
      Please explain further: In addition to tapping, students are sent a formal letter of invitation which is sent to their home address. They also receive a follow-up email.
   5. Congratulatory letter to eligible students from dean and/or department chair  ☑
   6. Congratulatory/announcement letter to families and/or employers of eligible students  ☑
   7. Distributed the (free) information cards to potential BGS members  ☑
      If yes, please explain method:  A packet of information on BGS is sent along with the formal letter of invitation which is sent to the student’s home address.
   8. Distributed press releases to local papers for new BGS inductees  ☑
   9. Made follow-up contact to those not responding to the BGS invitation  ☑
10. Individual Faculty recognized eligible BGS students  
11. Provided honor cords, graduation stoles, or medallions for BGS graduates to wear at commencement  
12. List Beta Gamma Sigma graduates in commencement program  
13. Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society listed in school’s catalog and/or on school’s web site  
14. Beta Gamma Sigma chapter participated in Honors Council on campus (if applicable)  
15. Beta Gamma Sigma chapter hosts a reception/luncheon for members,  
a. Is this in conjunction with President or Dean’s Luncheon? Yes ☐ No x  

**OTHER INFORMATION:** You may attach significant chapter programs/activities/projects information, up to 10 additional pages, that you would like the committee to take into consideration when making their decision. Again, all information must pertinent to chapter activities held from January through December 2011. Applications can be sent to pbarnum@betagammasigma.org ALL applications must be received electronically by FEBRUARY 17, 2012.  

The Saint Joseph's University’s Chapter of **Beta Gamma Sigma** is delighted to submit this application for consideration as a 2012 Outstanding Chapter. We continue to make **Beta Gamma Sigma** an integral part of our life exhibiting honor, wisdom, and earnestness at the Erivan K. Haub School of Business. The University at large sponsors executive lectures, **BGS** Founder’s Week, and participates in the BGS Student Leadership Forum each year. We take pride in our tapping and induction ceremonies with meaningful faculty and institutional recognition of the best and brightest among our students. The unfailing and enthusiastic support of our Dean, Dr. Joseph A. DiAngelo, Jr., allows the SJU BGS Chapter to continue to embrace opportunities and pursue excellence in business education, professional development, and ethical leadership.

*Dr. Joseph A. DiAngelo, Dean*
This application documents the many activities in which our BGS students and faculty were engaged during the 2010-2011 academic year. Among the highlights of our Beta Gamma Sigma achievements were the successful nomination of Gerianne DiPiano, Founder, President & CEO of FemmePharma Global Healthcare, for the Beta Gamma Sigma Medallion for Entrepreneurship; W. Richard Sherman’s recognition as the 2011 Outstanding Chapter Advisor; the participation of John Cavanaugh at the Beta Gamma Sigma Student Leadership Forum in St. Louis; the awarding of Beta Sigma Scholarships to Elizabeth Caletka (Dean’s Matching) and to Elizabeth Fitzpatrick (Gold Medal Chapter); and being selected as a BGS Silver Medal Chapter.

2) BETA GAMMA SIGMA SCHOLARSHIPS

Dean’s Matching Fund Scholarship
Silver Medal Chapter Scholarship

3) BETA GAMMA SIGMA MEDALLION FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP - GERIANNE DIPIANO

Gerianne Tringali DiPiano’s life and career embrace all of the key criteria of the Beta Gamma Sigma Medallion for Entrepreneurship. A former pharmaceutical industry executive with over 20 years experience in areas including women’s health, Gerianne has held positions of increasing responsibility in sales, marketing, market and systems planning, medical affairs, new product developing, licensing and business development at several multinational companies such as Baxter HealthCare/ American Hospital Supply Corp., Bristol-Myers Squibb, Sterling-Winthrop and Wyeth. She holds a number of issued patents and numerous others are pending. She was named a Woman of Distinction by the Philadelphia Business Journal in 2006 and was recognized by Governor Rendell as one of Pennsylvania’s 51 Best Women in Business in 2007. Gerianne has also been named as one the 100 most inspiring individuals in the United States Pharmaceutical Industry and one of the top 12 entrepreneurs by PharmaVoice.
4) BETA GAMMA SIGMA FOUNDER’S WEEK – FEBRUARY 2011

Students learn about BGS at our Information Table during Founder’s Week

BGS Power Point Slides shown on electronic bulletin board in the lobby of Mandeville Hall — home of the Haub School of Business during Founder’s Week

Anne Fritz, BGS Student & Winner of the Founder’s Week Raffle

5) BETA GAMMA SIGMA TAPPING

Because the lists of eligible candidates were not available from the Registrar’s Office during BGS Founder’s Week, “tapping” of students occurred during the last week of March. Dressed in academic regalia, BGS faculty went into the classroom to recognize students whose academic achievements have garnered them the honor of being invited to join Beta Gamma Sigma, the International Honor Society of AACSB-accredited schools of business.
6) BETA GAMMA SIGMA INDUCTION CEREMONY – APRIL 17, 2011

Clearly the highlight of our Chapter’s activities is our Induction Ceremony. With the participation of our BGS faculty, this year’s induction honored Lynn B. McKee, Executive Vice-President of Human Resources at Aramark as our Chapter Honoree and George Sillup, Associate Professor & Chair of Pharmaceutical & Healthcare Marketing.

Dean DiAngelo welcoming this year’s BGS Inductees
Dr. Stephen Porth, Chapter President, delivers the BGS Ritual

Dean DiAngelo (with Provost Wachterhauser) congratulates BGS inductees

Joseph DiAngelo, Dean of the Haub School of Business; Lynn McKee, Chapter Honoree; Steve Porth, Associate Dean of HSB & BGS Chapter President
Lynn McKee, Chapter Honoree, with her husband, Provost Wachterhauser & Dean DiAngelo

Steve Porth, Provost Wachterhauser, Rick Sherman, George Sillup, Dean DiAngelo

At the Reception following the Induction Ceremony

Proud Parents with their BGS Student
7) BETA GAMMA SIGMA OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ADVISOR & SILVER MEDAL CHAPTER AWARD – APRIL 28, 2011

W. Richard Sherman receiving the BGS Outstanding Chapter Adviser Award & Dean DiAngelo receiving the Silver Medal Chapter Award in April 2011, at the AACSB/BGS Conference in New York City

8) ADVANCEMENT OF BUSINESS THOUGHT: BETA GAMMA SIGMA EXECUTIVE LECTURES

The Saint Joseph’s Chapter co-sponsors executive lectures, bringing business leaders to campus to share their insights and life stories with the University community.

October 21, 2010

Howard B. Stoeckel
President & CEO
Wawa, Inc.

November 5, 2010

Michael O’Pake
Pennsylvania CEO – Marsh & McLennan
State Senator

October 14, 2011

Brian Duperrault
BGS Business Achievement Award Recipient - 2009

October 14, 2011

Dean Janeway
President & COO
Wakefern Food Corp
9) ETHICAL BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

The Pedro Arrupe Center for Business Ethics was founded in 2005 as an intellectual resource for business ethics. The mission of the Arrupe Center is to assure that students are equipped to engage in careful, sustained, and critical reflection on ethical issues and are prepared to use that reflection in their business decision making. The BGS Chapter worked closely with the Erivan K. Haub School of Business’ Arrupe Center for Business Ethics in sponsoring lectures by various business leaders who stress the importance of the ethical dimension in business decisions and other life choices.

During the 2010-2011, the following executive speakers visited Saint Joseph’s University:

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10) BETA GAMMA SIGMA STUDENT LEADERSHIP FORUM

We continue to learn and grow within the BGS community with participation by Jack Cavanaugh, a senior accounting major & Beta Gamma Sigma Scholarship recipient, in the Student Leadership Forum in St. Louis (November 2010).
11) COMMUNITY SERVICE

Service is an important aspect of university life at Saint Joseph’s. Among other community outreach activities during the year, Beta Gamma Sigma students participated in Philadelphia Cares Day (October 23, 2011), a city-wide service day with over 12,000 volunteers.

Philadelphia Marathon – November 20, 2011

12) BETA GAMMA SIGMA – HOMEPAGE
Listing of Beta Gamma Sigma Students

HONOR SOCIETIES

ALPHA SIGMA NU (Undergraduate National Jesuit Honor Society): Caitlin Mary Birkhead, Maura J. Bernt, Maegen Brady, Gregory Joseph Cannarsa, Elyse Casey, Maggie Frances Castile, Catherine M. Chezik, Laurence Deviney, Daniel J. DiSabatino, Amy Kate Failong, Gabrielle Marie Fulco, Patrick Grey, Katherine Jeanne Herdman, Vi-Zanne Ho, Emily Grace Holmes, Joanna Melina Lopez, Danielle Nicol Lucchesi, Erin K. Mackey, James McCue III, Margaret E. McGannon, Douglas John McNicol, Maximilian McQuade, Jaclyn Petruzelli, Theresa Plummer, Kristy Salazar, Angelo Francesca Siegel, Joseph G. Terranova, Jennifer N. Wrublesky


HONORS PROGRAM

HONORS GRADUATES (Students who have successfully completed either departmental honors or university scholar and general honors and will receive special honors diplomas at graduation): Rebecca Germino, Erica Kane, Michael Pearl, Samantha Peruto, Kenneth Snyder

UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR: Rhianna Brennan

GENERAL HONORS (Students who have completed eight courses of their general education requirements in the Honors Program): Laura Bienkowski, Lauren Boyle, John Burke, Madalyn Czermak, Mark DeAngelis, Brian Deegan, Joseph Dineen, Alyssa Duffy, Robert Dunlin, Brendan Ercole, John Ferarre, Ann Fritz, Rebecca Germino, Sara Greene, Thomas Hagan, Kathleen Hennessy, Katherine Herdman, James Hill, Steven Kaminski, Erica Kane, Christopher Kender, Mary McCabe, Bridget McFadden, Margaret McGannon, Abby McGregor, Andrea Modica, Megan Murray, An Nguyen, Kelly Nottingham, Mary O’Donnell, Michael Pearl, Samantha Peruto, Jaclyn Petruzelli, Megan Rigler, Meghan Scheidemann, Kenneth Snyder, Alana Vagnozzi, Callie Walsh, Jennifer Wrublesky

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS (Students who have completed at least 6 credits of supervised research in their senior year): Maitie Aguerro, Caitlin Birkhead, Rhianna Brennan, Haley Brewer, Catherin Chezik, Kateney Couzamin, Gabrielle Fulco, Margaret Garvey, Rebecca Germino, Erica Kane, Samantha Koch, Michael Pearl, Samantha Peruto, Analecia Smith, Kenneth Snyder

The W. W. Smith Scholarship Prize Recipients ........................................... Christina Ayoub, Kathryn Brenner, Richard Bruno, Michael Davin, Catherine Duffy, Danielle Dowling, Alison Joyce, Jenny Seng, and Alana Vagnozzi

Medical Alumni Scholarship Recipients .................................................. Gregory Cannarsa, Danielle Lucchesi

Dr. Michael Smith, Class of 1966, Memorial Grant ........................................ Kimberly Brizzell, Daniel DiSabatino
14) SAINT JOSEPH’S UNIVERSITY’S CATALOG – LIST OF HONOR SOCIETIES

Academic Probation
Students who fail to maintain the required grade point average or an acceptable level of progress toward the degree are placed on probation by their Dean, acting on the recommendation of the Board on Student Academic Review. A student on probation is required to report to the Dean, who may prescribe appropriate remedial measures, and is not permitted to register for more than five courses a semester. (If circumstances warrant, the Dean may require a student on probation to limit his/her course load to four with no reduction in tuition.) Ordinarily, the period of probation will extend one semester, during which time the student must show sufficient improvement to raise his/her GPA above the minimum level. In extraordinary cases, one additional semester of probation may be allowed by the Board on Student Academic Review if the improvement during the first probationary semester indicates that the student will probably reach the necessary level by the end of the second probationary semester. A student may be permitted as many as three semesters of probation, provided that no more than two are consecutive.

A student on academic probation is ineligible to participate in major extracurricular activities, including intercollegiate athletics, or to serve as officer or director of any student activity.

Academic Dismissal and Suspension
A student who fails to make sufficient improvement in his/her level of performance or rate of progress during the period of probation is subject to academic dismissal by the appropriate Dean. While a student is normally granted at least one academic probation, the Board on Student Academic Review may recommend academic dismissal without any probation where the student’s cumulative grade point average is so low that an academic probation would not be in the student’s best interest. A student may also be dismissed or suspended from the University, i.e., prohibited from enrolling in and/or attending classes for a specified period of time, under the provisions of the Academic Honesty Policy.

Honors at Graduation
Honors at graduation will be awarded for grade point averages in all subjects as follows:
- summa cum laude: 3.85
- magna cum laude: 3.70
- cum laude: 3.50

Averages for honors will be computed on the basis of work completed at Saint Joseph’s in the day colleges only. To be eligible for honors at graduation, students must complete twenty courses in the day colleges.

Dean’s List
Students who achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a semester in which they complete at least 15 credits, all at Saint Joseph’s University, and have no grade below B will be included on the Dean’s list.

Phi Beta Kappa Society
Phi Beta Kappa was established in 1776 as a philosophical society. Eventually, it evolved into the paramount honor society for the liberal arts in America. Its major goal is to support, foster, and recognize the excellence of liberal arts scholarship in the institutions of higher education in America. There are presently 262 chapters in the United States: the Saint Joseph’s University chapter was established in 2001. The chapter is sheltered by the University and consists of the faculty and staff members who are members of the Society. These members carry on the business of the chapter and elect the student members each year.

Student members are elected in the second semester of the junior or senior year primarily on the basis of broad cultural interests, scholarly achievement, and commitment to the intrinsic value of learning. Eligible students must present a program including not less than 63 credit hours of liberal studies among the 120 or more credit hours required for the bachelor’s degree. In addition, they must have completed at least three full semesters of work (45 credit hours) in residence at Saint Joseph’s University and be fully registered, as a full-time student, for the fourth semester. They must have obtained the minimum grade point average (at Saint Joseph’s University) specified by the chapter. While this may vary slightly from year to year, usually it is 3.75 for juniors and 3.5 for seniors.

Liberal studies shall be considered to be those designed primarily for knowledge or understanding or appreciation of the natural and social world in which we live. Grades earned in applied or professional work may not be counted in computing the liberal arts hours or the grade point average for eligibility. Applied and professional work shall be understood to include all training intended to develop skills or vocational techniques; this work often leads to licensure or certification. Such courses are generally taken by students who are preparing for a specific type of job. Examples of courses not recognized by the national office of Phi Beta Kappa under the heading of “liberal studies” would be those in business administration, accounting, education, journalism, library science, military science, applied physical education, speech, applied art, applied music, social work, applied communication, and computer science.

Weight will be given to the breadth of the program of each candidate as shown by the number and variety of courses taken outside of the major. Weight will also be given to the balance and proportion of the liberal arts in the student’s degree program as a whole. Students who have violated the academic honesty policy of the University will not be eligible for membership.

Students who complete their college studies at the end of the Summer session or at the end of December, shall be considered for membership during the following spring. Election to membership in Phi Beta Kappa is wholly within the discretion of the local chapter, subject only to the limitations imposed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Chapter. No right to election shall accrue to any student solely by reason of fulfillment of the minimum grade point average for election to “membership in course,” and no reason need be given for non-election.

Beta Gamma Sigma
In the spring of 1917, a group of commerce students at the University of Wisconsin received permission from the faculty to organize a commerce honor society, which they called Beta Gamma Sigma. The purpose of the Society was to encourage and reward scholarship and accomplishment in the field of business studies among commerce students at the University. At about the same time, students at the University of Illinois and the University of California felt the need for such an organization on their campuses and respectively organized Delta Kappa Chi (DKC) and The Economics Club (TDC). In 1923, having become aware of their existence and common purpose, representatives of the three chapters met at Madison, Wisconsin, to consummate a merger that made Beta Gamma Sigma into a national organization.

Action was initiated in 1919 to establish Beta Gamma Sigma as the only scholastic honor society recognized by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). This organization, which was renamed AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, includes in its membership collegiate schools of business that meet high standards of eligibility required of accredited member institutions with respect to curricula, teaching staff, teaching loads, library and laboratory facilities. Beta Gamma Sigma amended its constitution in 1927 to restrict the installation of new chapters to collegiate schools of business which are accredited members of AACSB International.

The Mission of the International Honor Society Beta Gamma Sigma is to encourage and honor academic achievement in the study of business; to foster personal and professional excellence to advance the values of the Society, and to serve its lifelong members.