

Students in  
with



Communication  
Honors

The Official Newsletter of Sigma Chi Eta

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## News & Notes

### National Officer Applications

Due: Oct 28

[http://www.natcom.org/nca/  
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### NCA Convention 2005 Boston, MA

Nov 17-20, 2005

Sigma Chi Eta  
Business Meeting:  
Saturday, Nov 19  
2:00 - 3:15 p.m.  
Location: Sheraton  
Room: Exeter A

### Student Organizations Reception

Saturday, Nov 19

5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

RSVP to:

[sbaker@natcom.org](mailto:sbaker@natcom.org)

### 2006 Chapter Renewals

Due: Dec 1, 2005

Cost \$25

[http://www.natcom.org/nca/  
Template2.asp?bid=69](http://www.natcom.org/nca/Template2.asp?bid=69)

### Take Me Out to NCA's Reception for Undergraduate Student Organizations



When: Saturday, November 19th from 5:00  
p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Where: NCA Executive Director's Suite

RSVP to: [sbaker@natcom.org](mailto:sbaker@natcom.org)

*Take Me out to the Ball Game!* features a Fenway Park theme, with warm refreshments like soft pretzels with spicy mustard, or roasted peanuts, popcorn, and of course cracker jacks! Assorted Ben & Jerry's ice cream bars will satisfy the sweet tooth. Wash the goodies down with a selection of soft drinks, water, coffee, and specialty teas. Due to room constraints, space is limited to the first 75 RSVPs so reserve your chapter's spot now!

## SCH Prepares for NCA Convention

Items of interest at the 2005 NCA annual Convention include:

- The Sigma Chi Eta annual business meeting Saturday, November 19 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. in room Exeter A at the Sheraton. The election of the student National Officers will occur at this time. The meeting will also address constitutional amendments necessary for SCH's application to the Association of College Honor Societies and the creation of a national awards program.

- Student authored paper presentations will take place in Liberty C room at the Sheraton.  
Dates and Times:  
Friday, Nov 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and 5:00 to 6:15 p.m.

### Wanted: A Few Good Names

Help create the official name of the Students in Communication with Honors newsletter.

Submit names to [sbaker@natcom.org](mailto:sbaker@natcom.org) by November 1, 2005.

The winning name will be unveiled at the National Convention in Boston during the business meeting November 19, 2005.

## Chapter Spotlight

Each edition of the SCH newsletter will feature a chapter that is making a contribution to their school and community by actively demonstrating the purposes of this honor society.

Submit nominations to:

[sbaker@natcom.org](mailto:sbaker@natcom.org)

Please include:

- 1.) Chapter Name and Contact Information
- 2.) School Name
- 3.) Chapter Name
- 4.) A description of the specific activities initiated by the chapter and how this contributes to the values of SCH.
- 5.) Photos (if available)

## Advisor Spotlight

Each edition of the SCH newsletter will feature an advisor who is making a contribution to his/her respective Sigma Chi Eta chapter and encouraging the purposes of this honor society.

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Please include:

- 1.) Advisor Name and Contact Information
- 2.) School Name
- 3.) Chapter Name
- 4.) A description of the specific activities initiated by the advisor and how this contributes to the values of SCH.
- 5.) Photos (if available)

## Spotlight on the Xi Chapter

The Xi chapter, only in its second year at Ohlone College in Fremont, CA, is already making a strong impression on campus. For two years in a row the Valedictorian at Ohlone has been a member of Sigma Chi Eta.

Highlights of Xi activities include:

- A panel presentation of SCH at the 2005 Western States Communication Association Convention;
- A rock concert fundraiser for a new Speech Lab;
- Participation in the college's Unity Week- "Color of Fear" movie screening and discussion and a "Being Filipino-American" performance;
- Hosting a speech and debate night;



Members of Ohlone College's Xi chapter participate in the candlelighting portion of their induction ceremony.

- Winning both state and national forensics tournaments;
- Holding a panel discussion on careers in communication;
- Holding bi-monthly chapter meeting and an induction ceremony installing 11 new members.

## Advisor Spotlight: Brenda Ahnholz

Brenda Ahnholz has been at the helm of Ohlone College's Sigma Chi Eta chapter since Xi was established in December 2004. In her two years of leadership the club has inducted 21 members, produced two Valedictorians, and a student body president.

NCA's particular interest in community colleges sparked her desire to establish Ohlone's own chapter of Sigma Chi Eta.

"Twice as many U.S. students go to community colleges as go to universities," said Ahnholz. "As faculty, we do not do a lot of research, but we do educate more students."

She offers advice to fellow advisors to prompt student members to participate in the society's growth by creating routines and rituals. While students still require leadership from advisors, once continuity is established it is easier to garner participation.

Xi advisor Brenda Ahnholz (seated front row far left) at the chapter's 2004 induction ceremony.



## Famous Students of Communication\*

Christine Gregoire  
Governor of  
Washington State  
B.A. Speech  
University of  
Washington

Tennessee Williams  
Playwright  
B.A. Theatre  
University of  
Missouri

Connie Chung  
TV News Reporter  
B.A. Journalism  
University of  
Maryland  
College Park

\*Source: Kevin Gillen and Alec Hosterman  
Indiana University South Bend

## Blog This!

What items of interest would you like to share with the SCH Faculty Advisory Board?

Vist the Sigma Chi Eta Blog to share your comments!

<http://www.sigmachieta.blogspot.com>

## The NCA Convention: 90 Years Past

The National Association of Academic Teachers of Public Speaking (now know as the National Communication Association) held its first convention at Chicago's Congress Hotel November 25 -27, 1915. The National Council of Teachers of English, whom the NAATSP defected from the previous year, met simultaneously in Chicago's Auditorium Hotel.

- Rates at the Congress Hotel were: room with detached bath, \$2; one person room with private bath, \$3; two person with private bath, \$5.
- The first convention addressed problems of research in the communication field that affected many of the problems the discipline faces today. James M. O'Neil's Presidential address focused on the outlook of the discipline. Panel presentations included these subjects: The Freshman Course in Public Speaking, Research Problems in Voice and Speech, Research Problems in the Science of Speech Making.
- The association was also presented with a series of resolutions to be discussed and voted upon. These resolutions addressed topics such as: college entrance requirements in reading and speaking, improvement of speaking contests in high schools, establishing summer school for teachers, and the standardization of elementary courses in colleges and universities.
- The convention concluded Saturday afternoon with a business meeting open only to members of the National Association<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Resource: *The Past is Prologue: A Brief History*, Published in 1989 by the Speech Communication Association

## Connect with the SCH Faculty Advisory Board

The SCH Faculty Advisory Board consists of three chapter advisors who volunteer their time to assist the National Office with the growth and development of the honor society. The current board will serve until the 2006 NCA Convention.

The faculty advisors are:

- Allison Ainsworth  
Gainesville College
- Jeffrey Tyus  
Sinclair Community College
- Melinda Womack  
Santiago Canyon College

The board seeks feedback from chapters as the society prepares to meet in November for the annual business meeting. Items of interest can be submitted through the SCH Blog. Chapters should post a comment under the "Business Meeting" discussion thread.

### How to Post:

- 1.) Email Individual Posts:  
[sbaker@natcom.org](mailto:sbaker@natcom.org) with your post
- 2.) Become a Blog Member:
  - a. Email request to be added to member list to [sabaker@natcom.org](mailto:sabaker@natcom.org)
  - b. Receive a confirmation email from Blogger
  - c. Click on the link provided in the email
  - d. Create an account with a user name and password
  - e. Begin posting!

*Want to share an opportunity with the Sigma Chi Eta community?*

*Submit announcements to [sbaker@natcom.org](mailto:sbaker@natcom.org)*

## Announcements

- The National Office is accepting nominations for the 2005-2006 Sigma Chi Eta National Officers.

The positions are:

- **President** - Conducts the annual business meeting, appoints members to those committees which are necessary for conducting the honorary, works with the National Director and the Faculty Advisory Board of Sigma Chi Eta in granting the society's awards, and establishes the agenda for the annual student meeting.
- **Vice-President** - Solicits and coordinates the selection of programs for the NCA annual convention, takes over the office of President in the event of the resignation of the President, and presides over the national business meeting in the absence of the President.
- **Secretary** - Records the minutes of the annual business meeting and conducts any correspondence as deemed necessary.

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to download an application. You do not need to be present at the business meeting to run for an office but attendance is strongly encouraged.

Deadline to submit applications is October 28 and the election will be held November 19 at the business meeting.

- **New Sigma Chi Eta Chapters:**

### **Darton College**

Albany, GA

Chartered Phi on October 7

<http://www.darton.edu/programs/Humanities/speech/orgs.php>

- **Chartering Anniversaries:**

**September:**

Gainesville College - 1 year

Dixie College - 1 year

**October:**

Delgado Community College - 3 years

**December:**

Bakersfield College - 1 year

Ohlone College - 2 years