

Chapters and Universities

Alpha - Cornell University
Beta - University of Illinois
Gamma - Penn State University
Delta - Michigan State University
Epsilon - Ohio State University
Zeta - Rutgers University
Eta - Washington State University
Theta - University of Maryland
Iota - North Carolina State University
Kappa - Virginia Tech
Lambda - University of Minnesota
Mu - University of Florida
Nu - Auburn University
Xi - New Mexico State University
Omicron - Purdue University
Pi - Clemson University
Rho - University of Wisconsin-Madison
Sigma - Southern Illinois University
Tau - University of Georgia
Upsilon - California Poly, San Luis Obispo
Phi - South Dakota State University
Chi - Colorado State University
Psi - Texas A&M University
Omega - Kansas State University
Alpha Beta - University of Tennessee,
Knoxville
Alpha Gamma - University of Nebraska
Lincoln
Alpha Delta - Oklahoma State University
Alpha Epsilon - University of California-
Davis
Alpha Zeta - University of Wisconsin-
River Falls

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Alpha Eta - Delaware Valley College of
Science & Agriculture
Alpha Theta - Iowa State University
Alpha Iota - Texas Tech University
Alpha Kappa - Mississippi State University
Alpha Lambda - Florida A&M University
Alpha Mu - Temple University
Alpha Nu - Utah State University
Alpha Xi - Texas State University- San
Marcos
Alpha Omicron - University of Arkansas
Alpha Pi - University of Wisconsin-
Platteville
Alpha Rho – Oregon State

*See your institution on the list?
Chapter not active?
Contact PAX National to find out
what it takes to activate a new
chapter or reactivate a dormant
chapter. It's easier than you think!*

**Pi Alpha Xi
The National Horticulture
Honor Society**

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The History of Pi Alpha Xi

The idea of an honor society came from an impromptu after-dinner discussion among representatives of several universities attending the International Flower Show held in New York City in 1923. A group of individuals from Cornell University, led by the late Arno Nehrling, developed the organization, wrote the first constitution and ritual and designed the insignia or key. The installation of the Alpha Chapter was at Cornell University on June 1, 1923. Originally, Pi Alpha Xi was for floriculture and ornamental horticulture; however, today it embraces all horticultural disciplines and has grown to 40 chapters with approximately 14,000 members. Chapters are located in the United States at four-year institutions with programs in horticulture.



Pi Alpha Xi Mission

The organization was established to foster good fellowship among students, educators and professional horticulturists. The society mission is to promote high scholarship, fellowship, professional leadership and the enrichment of human life through plants.



Eligibility

Pi Alpha Xi, the Honor Society for Horticulture, recognizes junior and senior students with high scholastic achievement who demonstrate a strong interest in horticulture. Graduate students and faculty with an emphasis in horticulture are also eligible. Students must have a minimum overall academic average of B (3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale). Individual chapters may require a higher GPA. Candidates should also show promise for continued activity and commitment to the field of horticulture.



Susan Miyasaka – Water lilies (Nymphaea), Denver Bot. Garden

Annual Photography Contest

As a member of Pi Alpha Xi, you are encouraged to submit digital photographs representing horticulture to the Annual Pi Alpha Xi Photography Contest. Competition categories and rules are available at the Pi Alpha Xi website (<http://ashs.org/pax/>). Winners are announced during the annual business meeting held in conjunction with ASHS. Funds from the contest support the Pi Alpha Xi scholarship program. Pi Alpha Xi established an open photography contest in 1996 to be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the American Society for Horticultural Science. The purpose of the contest is to promote Pi Alpha Xi (PAX) to ASHS membership, to support Pi Alpha Xi's scholarship program and to encourage horticulture-related photography. Contestants need not be members of Pi Alpha Xi to participate.