



# SIGMA PI SIGMA

The physics honor society

## Sigma Pi Sigma Chapter Project Award Proposal

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<b>Project Proposal Title</b>	Zone Wide Sigma Pi Sigma Induction
<b>Name of School</b>	Henderson State University
<b>Sigma Pi Sigma Chapter Number</b>	2798
<b>Total Amount Requested</b>	500.00

### Abstract

In order to increase awareness and participation in Sigma Pi Sigma, Henderson State University is hosting a zone wide Sigma Pi Sigma induction to be held at the Zone 10 conference. Advisors for all chapters in Zone 10 will be provided information to nominate their eligible students through the MyHonorSociety portal. The ceremony will be held at the Zone Conference Host, LA Tech as a part of the meeting. Hosting a larger ceremony for multiple chapters that all Society of Physics Students may attend will impart a special sense of honor to the ceremony, as well as inspiring all SPS students in their scholarly pursuits.

## Proposal Statement

The entire Proposal Statement should be no more than 2 pages, and organized as follows.

### **Overview of Proposed Project**

As the Society of Physics Students and Sigma Pi Sigma try to improve the awareness of Sigma Pi Sigma and increase the number of active Sigma Pi Sigma chapters, Zone 10 would like to hold a zone wide Sigma Pi Sigma induction at the Zone meeting occurring in the Spring at Louisiana Tech. This would not only provide an opportunity for inactive chapters to be revived with new inductions, but also provide a platform for new chapters to be started. Dr. Shannon Clardy, the Zone 10 Zone Councilor, along with Joseph Dees, the AZC for Zone 10, developed this idea as a way to build community within the zone and inclusion in and awareness of Sigma Pi Sigma.

The goal of the project is to bring a greater sense of honor and prestige to Sigma Pi Sigma inductions while offering those Sigma Pi Sigma chapters that have not had an induction in recent years a time and place to renew their Sigma Pi Sigma chapter. In addition, the ceremony will provide new chapters the opportunity to get involved in Sigma Pi Sigma and charter a new chapter.

By holding the induction at the Zone 10 meeting in the spring, the inducted students have a greater sense of honor in front of a larger audience of their peers. The ceremony will also provide an open platform to discuss what Sigma Pi Sigma is and how it benefits the SPS chapter and provides a lasting benefit to those inducted. This will improve the awareness of Sigma Pi Sigma throughout the zone. For those who would like to be inducted, but cannot attend in person, we can arrange a video link so that they may be a part of the ceremony.

Last year the Zone 10 Conference had around 60 students and faculty in attendance, and through continued outreach and awareness, we hope this years will have over 100 in attendance.

### **How Proposed Project Meets the Purpose of the Award**

By holding an induction at the Zone 10 conference, it will raise awareness of Sigma Pi Sigma within the physics community represented at the zone conference. Some of the schools in the zone do not have an active Sigma Pi Sigma Chapter, while others have not held an induction for several years. We hope that this will be a gateway to holding future inductions at the zone conference and creating more prestige to being invited and inducted into the society.

### **Plan for Carrying Out Proposed Project**

Dr. Shannon Clardy, the Zone Councilor for Zone 10, as well as Joseph Dees, the Associate Zone Councilor for Zone 10, will be in charge of planning and organizing this event. Through continued communication with the chapters in the zone we will be able to monitor the participation in the event and plan accordingly. We will be sending out several emails to the SPS chapter advisors, as well as the student presidents to ensure each chapter is aware of the opportunity, and will develop a flier as more of the details of the induction ceremony are ironed out.

We have already extended an invitation to Brad Conrad, Director of SPS and Sigma Pi Sigma, as well as Jim Borgardt, President of Sigma Pi Sigma, to attend the event. We will also be reaching out to existing Sigma Pi Sigma members within the zone.

We have already reached out to Louisiana Tech, as the hosts for this years Zone 10 Conference, to ensure that we would have time allotted for the induction. They have agreed that it is a great idea and would like to see it carried out, not only this year, but also in years to come.

## **Project Timeline**

- Mar 27-28 Induction Ceremony at Zone 10 Conference
- Mar 20 Final arrangement of location, logistics, and planning
- Mar 3 Request national office forward inductee certificates, pins, and other swag for all participating chapters to Dr. Clardy at Henderson State University
- Mar 2 All Inductee paid fees to join
- Feb 17 reminders to inductees to pay fee by Mar 2
- Feb 10 inductee invitations arranged through each local chapter in MyHonorSociety portal
- Feb 1 work with chapter advisor to check eligibility of new inductees
- Jan 20 email advisors with plans for joint induction ceremony including requirements for nomination, how to set up invitations in MyHonorSociety portal, and information about participating in the joint ceremony

## **Project Evaluation Plan**

The induction will be deemed successful upon evaluation of two key metrics.

Participation of existing chapters is greater than 4

New Sigma Pi Sigma Charters of at least 2

## **Budget Justification**

The budget is based upon needs to ensure that all inductees are able to travel to the host location, afford the cost of inductions, and to provide refreshments for those attending the induction.

