



BLUE KEY HONOR SOCIETY

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PHYSICALLY DISTANCED BLUE KEY NEW MEMBER INITIATION

IDENTITY

Blue Key Honor Society is a general honor society that bases its eligibility on all-around leadership in student life, high scholastic achievement, service to others, citizenship, and an adherence to principles of faith. Blue Key Honor Society is unique in that it recognizes upper-class students at colleges and universities throughout the nation for an exemplary and balanced record of achievement inside and outside the classroom. The organization celebrates and honors the many accomplishments of its membership. The special qualities of Blue Key members as they model service to others include intellectual curiosity with a desire to acquire knowledge, modeling a significant pattern of leadership which contributes to the institution's student and campus life, service to the community and citizenship, expressing humility through moral character and integrity, and a strong sense of faith in word and deed.

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Blue Key Honor Society recognizes deserving students who have a demonstrated record of success and excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. The Society salutes observable meritorious achievement and continued growth, development, and leadership by example. It recognizes the uppermost percentile of students who have a distinguished and balanced record in all areas.

Individuals selected for Blue Key must meet these criteria as outlined below:

1. **Scholarship-Members** must have a distinguished achievement in classroom and meritorious activity that recognizes significant contributions to the advancement of knowledge, learning and scholarly performance. The member must have an ambition for intellectual attainment and development.
2. **Leadership-Members** must have a distinguished record of leadership and achievement in student organizations, student life, professional associations or institutional organizations that promote community service, life skills, professional development, or institutional advancement.
3. **Service-Members** must have a distinguished pattern of service to others, to campus life, or to the greater community. The individual must have a strong desire to serve others and improve the welfare of others in society.
4. **Character and Integrity-Members** must have a distinguished pattern of honesty and trustworthiness in personal behavior. They shall be reputable among peers as well

as with institutional and community leaders. Moral character, spiritual principles, and beliefs mark the individual as a person of faith and adherence to moral convictions.

BLUE KEY HISTORY

Blue Key evolved from faith in the sincerity and ability of college students held by founder, Major Bert C. Riley. The Society had its foundations, first, in his idea that real American college and university student leaders are individuals of faith who uphold the law and believe that worthwhile progress can be made through the orderly processes of evolution and not revolution. Second, in his belief that students are individuals willing to accept responsibility, cooperate with faculty, work with their fellow students, demonstrate the capability of putting across ideas and ideals, and create the right attitude that will do much to improve student

The official Blue Key is an oblong Waldemar key-charm similar to the Phi Beta Kappa key. On the surface appears an oval with a raised border; within the oval is a cross; on top of the cross appears an eagle with wings spread; in the claws of the eagle is a wreath of laurel and arrows; at the feet of the eagle on the lower point of the cross is a star. These symbols appear in gold relief. The cross represents the religious aspect of Blue Key; the eagle represents government; the star represents our university; the laurel wreath and arrows reflect the member's personal achievements and a willingness to fight for ideals as acknowledged in the Blue Key Oath. The four bars in relief from cross extending to the edge of the oval symbolize the support of the individual is pledged to give the nation, the state, the institution, and community in promoting the best interests of all in appreciation for the members' education and training. Outside the oval encompassing these symbols are the four corners of the Blue Key in azure blue French enamel. Blue represents sincerity, spirituality, compassion, a sense of giving, truth, and dignity.

The motto of Blue Key Honor Society shall be ZO HYPERETON (zoh ee-pee-reh-tohn), which translated, "Serving I Live," may be interpreted to mean, "I express my own life and character in what I am able to accomplish for my fellow man."

Congratulations on your acceptance as a member of Blue Key Honor Society!

New Member Name:

New Member Signature:

Date:

Chapter President's Signature: