Why Join DES?

By joining Delta Epsilon Sigma, you become part of a National Scholastic Honor Society for students, faculty, and alumni of colleges and universities with a Catholic tradition.

Since 1939, member academics, like yourself:

- recognize the achievement of their colleagues
- foster scholarly activities
- and help to build a sense of intellectual community among members.

Delta Epsilon Sigma also gives national recognition to outstanding work accomplished by member colleges and chapters.

A total of 77 chapters are part of Delta Epsilon Sigma National Scholastic Honor Society.
The Department of Catholic Studies inducts undergraduate and graduate students of Seton Hall University to Delta Epsilon Sigma (Alpha Mu local chapter), a National Scholastic Honor Society for students of Catholic colleges and universities in April of each year. Delta Epsilon Sigma has been represented at Seton Hall University since 1941, only two years after the society’s foundation in 1939.

Requirements:
To be eligible for membership in the Society, candidates must have a record of outstanding academic accomplishment, have shown dedication to intellectual activity, and have accepted their responsibility of service to others. Undergraduate students shall have completed at least fifty percent of the credit requirements for their baccalaureate degrees and rank not lower than the highest twenty percent of their class in scholarship.

Junior and senior undergraduate students must have at least a 3.5 or higher GPA, as well as received one faculty nomination in order to be nominated for membership to Seton Hall’s Alpha Mu Chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma.

Graduate students shall have completed one half of the credit requirements for their degree and shall have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent.

Faculty, administrators, and staff members are eligible for election to membership upon recommendation of the local chapter. Alumni of an institution are eligible for election to membership if they have graduated cum laude or have fulfilled the general requirements of membership in some other manner.

Benefits of Membership

- Life-long subscription to the *Delta Epsilon Sigma Journal* containing essays, scholarly articles, poetry and short stories.
- Opportunities to apply for $1,000 scholarships for study during senior year and first year of graduate school.
- J. Patrick Lee Prize for Service $1,000 award.
- Opportunity to participate in a national writing competition for a prize of $500.