

## **Dear Current and Prospective Pi Sigma Alpha Members:**

### **What is Pi Sigma Alpha?**

Founded in 1920 at the University of Texas, Pi Sigma Alpha is the national honor society for undergraduate and graduate students of political science. Over 460 chapters have been established in colleges and universities in the United States.

### **Benefits of Membership:**

Membership in an honor society is a worthy distinction in itself, and as a measure of academic achievement can provide a tangible advantage in a competitive world. All Pi Sigma Alpha members, regular and honorary, receive a certificate of membership and permanent enrollment in the membership rolls maintained by the National Office. Upon request, the National Office will provide letters verifying membership to prospective employers or graduate schools. Because Pi Sigma Alpha is a member of the Association of college Honor Societies, the United States Office of Personnel Management guarantees a higher entry-level grade to Pi Sigma Alpha members entering government service. Members are entitled to wear the Pi Sigma Alpha key at any time or the medallion with cap and gown at graduation and on other official occasions.

Pi Sigma Alpha gives students the opportunity for valuable administrative experience as chapter officers or organizers of chapter activities. Chapters can compete for the Chapter Activities Grants awarded each year by the National Office. Members are also eligible to compete for the Pi Sigma Alpha Graduate Scholarship, the Graduate and Undergraduate Best Paper Awards, and a one-year student membership in the American Political Science Association, funded by the National Office for one student selected by each chapter each year.

### **Membership Criteria:**

If you meet the following criteria and are not already a member, you are eligible for membership in Pi Sigma Alpha:

- full-fee paying undergraduate students of Boise State University
- 3.0 overall GPA
- 3.5 GPA in all political science courses taken
- major program in political science
- completed three of the following classes - POLS 101, POLS 102, POLS 141, or POLS 231
- completed at least two upper division courses in political science

**Please join the faculty of the Department of Political Science, your fellow classmates, as well as many political science alumni from Boise State in becoming a member of Pi Sigma Alpha.**