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Xi Sigma Pi is the oldest forestry honor society in the United States. Its purpose is to provide recognition of outstanding forestry students and faculty in order to help promote excellence in the profession of forestry. The Alpha Gamma Chapter is in its 12th year at Iowa State University. Since its inception at Iowa State the Alpha Gamma Chapter has maintained its tradition of being an academic/service honorary rather than a purely academic honorary society.

The initiation of new members is the primary activity undertaken each year. As part of the initiation new members take part in a community service project. This year's initiates choose to work at the Camp Fire Camp Canwita and at the YMCA's Reactor Woods park. New undergraduate members included: Carla Duncan, JT McCubbin, Jeff Roe, and Mark Vitosh. Graduate Student initiates included: Mahboob Alam Ansari, Jianbang Gan and Jing Liu.

Aside from initiating new members Xi Sigma Pi also sponsors the Keith A. Bauer Memorial Book Award which recognizes an outstanding sophomore in forestry, and the G. B. MacDonald Senior Award to assist a graduating senior who is planning to attend graduate school. Xi Sigma Pi also contributes judges for the Forestry Consortium Awards at the Hawkeye Science Fair for both grade school and high school divisions.

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