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Honorary Members Recognize Achievements

OUTSTANDING home economics women at Iowa State are recognized each year by various honorary organizations. The basis for selection are scholarship, personality, attitude and interest.

Mortar Board membership is the highest honor that Iowa State women can attain. Those who have distinguished themselves through leadership, scholarship and service are eligible. Each year this group sponsors Women’s Day. This year they wrote a creed for the women of Iowa State and presented it at the Women's Day Convocation.

Women students in the upper one-fourth of the senior class and the upper one-fifth of the junior class are eligible for membership in Omicron Nu, national home economics honorary. Fifteen per cent of the eligible seniors and 5 per cent of the juniors may be selected. Omicron Nu and Phi Upsilon Omicron, professional home economics honorary, sponsor Ellen H. Richard’s Day, which commemorates the founding of home economics. Another important activity of Omicron Nu is the tea given each year in honor of sophomores who have high scholarship.

Women chosen from the upper two-fifths of the junior and senior classes wear the pin of Phi Upsilon Omicron. Selection of members is based on scholastic ability, leadership, character and professional interest in home economics. They plan and conduct professional projects each year.

Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honorary, selects seniors in the upper one-fifth of their class. It is the highest scholastic honor on the campus.

Chi Delta Phi requires ability in creative writing. One course in creative writing or its equivalent in English also are essential.

Resplendent in their brilliant orange smocks are the pledges of Delta Phi Delta, art honorary. They must have an all-college average of 2.5 or more with a grade of "B" or above in all art courses.

Outstanding psychology students are honored by Psi Chi. Members are chosen from the upper one-half of the student body in scholarship and in the upper one-third in psychology. Twelve credit hours in this subject are required.

Every spring the women of Iowa State participate in Sor-Dor, a competitive song presentation sponsored by Sigma Alpha Iota, national music fraternity for women. Juniors and seniors with outstanding musical ability are selected for membership in this professional organization.

Membership in Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary and professional fraternity for women journalists, requires good scholarship, evidence of professional ability and meritorious work on at least three campus publications.

Women’s "I" awards are numerals awarded to students who have actively participated in at least three clubs of the Women’s Athletic Association. To receive an "I" award a woman must have a total of six points, each representing one quarter’s participation in one club. The members of "I" Fraternity are elected from this group. A recent all-college carnival sponsored by the fraternity was such a success that similar activities will be encouraged in the future.