



Phi Beta Kappa at LSU

[Phi Beta Kappa](#) is the nation's oldest academic honor society. It was founded in 1776 at the [College of William and Mary](#). For more than two centuries, it has advocated the ideas of liberal education as a basis for a lifelong love of learning and as a way to broaden the perspectives of students, whatever their chosen field of endeavor.

The LSU chapter was installed in 1977 as Beta of Louisiana. (The Alpha of Louisiana chapter is at Tulane University.)

The LSU chapter has two primary functions: To select students for election to Phi Beta Kappa, and to enhance the quality of intellectual life on campus, e.g. by inviting leading scholars and scientists to visit, and interact with, the university and local community.

LSU's prestige as an academic institution is enhanced by the presence of a Phi Beta Kappa chapter and its ability to award students such a high honor. Active participation in the LSU Chapter provides an opportunity for faculty to serve the campus and promotes the intellectual and professional development of students and faculty.

The LSU Chapter welcomes new colleagues who are members of Phi Beta Kappa. We encourage you to contact us and look forward to hearing from you.

We invite all interested persons to find out more about our Chapter by visiting our website at: http://www.lsu.edu/student_organizations/phibetakappa/