

Xi Sigma Pi

As forestry enters the 1990's, the profession must experience a renewed quest for excellence and dedication. One mechanism for recognizing achievement in the field of forestry is Xi Sigma Pi, the oldest forestry honors society in the United States. This society emphasizes high scholastic achievement, outstanding character, and public service.

Iowa State is home to the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Xi Sigma Pi. During the fall of 1990, this chapter welcomed nine new members. The initiates included: John Fish, Dave Hansen, Chris Lenth, Kristen Weber, Komar, Charles Lufumpa, John Mattila, Chris Mupimpila, and W. H. Premachandra. During the initiation banquet, member and guests were treated to an enjoyable slide tour covering the work and current activities of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. The informative and wide-ranging presentation was given by Jerry Schnepf, the Foundation's director.

The Alpha Gamma Chapter assists with two awards that are presented to forestry students at the spring game banquet. The Keith Bauer Award is given to an outstanding sophomore in memory of a former graduate student. The G. B. McDonald Memorial Senior Leadership Award for Advanced Studies is awarded to a graduating senior who will be attending graduate school the following year.

Another spring activity involving Xi Sigma Pi is the Hawkeye State Science Fair. Members serve as judges for the Forestry Consortium Awards.

The current chapter leadership is provided by forester Curt Krambeer, associate forester Robert Bardon, ranger Scott Davis, and secretary/fiscal agent Gary Bahr. Dr. Paul Wray serves as chapter advisor.

As an organization, Xi Sigma Pi works to

maintain a high standard of scholarship in forest resources management education. The society works for the improvement of the forest resources management profession and the promotion of a fraternal spirit among people in forestry-related activities.

Xi Sigma Pi is based on the fundamental qualities of eternal friendship, honor, and earnest endeavor. The Alpha Gamma Chapter challenges its members and all resource professionals to maintain high standards of these important qualities.

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