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Hello. Congratulations! You have received this email because your current cumulative GPA is 3.00 or higher which makes you eligible to join Psi Alpha Honor Society. I have submitted your names to the national chapter and am waiting for the membership certificates and other materials that will establish the chapter formally in our department. Once we have those materials we'll have the induction process; since we're in the middle of moving and the end of the semester is nearly here (for us and the social work school where the national society is housed) it is probably realistic to expect this to happen the first part of January.

Please note that you must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 each semester in order to remain a member; if your GPA falls below 3.00 then you are no longer eligible for membership.

Once we formally organize, then we must decide on a community service project for next semester to fulfill the 10 hour community service requirements so please begin to think about projects.

I will notify you once we have received the membership materials; I am also looking into T-shirt prices so we can order T-shirts for everyone that has our chapter name and insignia on them. I'll keep you posted.

Copied below is the information from the national office regarding membership.
Psi Alpha Honor Society (<http://www.phialpha.org/>)

The purposes of Phi Alpha Honor Society are to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work.

"Through Knowledge - the challenge to serve."

National Qualifications for Individual Membership:

1. An undergraduate student is eligible for membership after achieving the following national requirements and meeting local chapter requirements:
 - a. Declared Social Work as a major.
 - b. Achieved sophomore status.
 - c. Completed 9 semester hours or 12 quarter hours of required social work courses.
 - d. Achieved an overall grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
 - e. Achieved a 3.25 grade point average in required social work courses.
 - f. Completed 10 hours of community service during the academic year.

2. Membership is available to all full-time social work faculty.
3. Each chapter may select two persons each year for honorary membership. This recognition is available to persons outside the program who have made significant contributions to the program and/or society. Membership certificates for honorary members are provided by the National Office without cost to local chapters. Dr. Valerie Radu is the Faculty Advisor.

Peace.

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"Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood." (Helen Keller)

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