



ALPHA BETA KAPPA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OVERVIEW

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Most trade, technical, business and vocational schools and colleges were established in the Twentieth Century as an outgrowth of the Industrial Revolution. Many were small and they offered highly specialized short practical courses. The majority of these institutions were proprietary and until the organization of associations of schools there was no system of accreditation. Now we have certificate schools, junior colleges, and four-year degree granting institutions. Although many of these institutions currently have Honor Rolls, Dean's Lists and special recognition events for exceptional students, there was no national society for private proprietary and nonprofit postsecondary institutions until the National Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society was officially established.

The purpose of the society is to help private postsecondary schools, institutes, colleges and universities, and their students and alumni, through the encouragement and recognition of superior academic work and shop, studio, and laboratory training in honorable fields of endeavor. Alpha Beta Kappa seeks to promote and reward personal integrity and excellence in mental and physical work and skills without regard to race, color, sex, creed, or national origin. Membership is based on merit. **Charters for chapters of Alpha Beta Kappa are granted to accredited schools, colleges and institutes which offer programs or courses in generally recognized fields of study or training; or which qualify for State or Federal assistance.** The quality of the program and not its grade level is paramount in considering applications for Charters.

The qualifications for membership are: excellence in classroom, shop, studio, and laboratory work; leadership and service in class and school activities; and personal integrity and good moral character. Although grading systems vary, student candidates should have marks of "A" or rank in the upper ten percent of the graduating class. Each member receives a personalized Certificate of Membership, Gold Key with the words "Excellence" and "Integrity" stamped thereon, Alpha Beta Kappa Narrative, and special Letter of Congratulations from the society.

Alpha Beta Kappa helps to recruit and retain students, encourages them to reach their potential, recognizes their achievements, and affords a measure of evaluation for graduates and their Alma Mater. It is hoped and believed that Alpha Beta Kappa will do in its field much of what older societies have done for their institutions.



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Alpha Beta Kappa is the premiere national honor society for America's private postsecondary schools, institutes, colleges and universities. Alpha Beta Kappa places chapters in institutions which have demonstrated high standards over a period of many years in the education and training of women and men in the numerous fields, trades and occupations essential to modern society. The purpose of the Society is to encourage and recognize superior student academic achievement, character, and leadership.

Membership Privileges and Honors

- National Student Recognition
- Reference Alpha Beta Kappa on all Future Resumes
- Lifetime Membership (no annual dues)
- Letters of Reference (upon request)
- Responds to all inquiries from employers, colleges, graduate schools, and scholarship committees.
- Networking Opportunities with other Alpha Beta Kappa Chapters
- Personalized Membership Certificate — Certificate profile the honor student, their institution, and Chapter.
- All Certificates include the Alpha Beta Kappa Gold Seal of Distinction.
- ABK Gold Key — Members receive the distinctive Alpha Beta Kappa Gold Key. Each honor student also receives a special congratulatory letter from Alpha Beta Kappa and a narrative about the society.

Institutional Benefits

- Each institution is given a chapter and unique chapter name.
- Each institution receives its own Official Charter.
- Institutions operate ABK chapters independently and contribute in determining their own initial standards and selection criteria.
- Participation in Alpha Beta Kappa supports admissions and helps to recruit better students.
- Alpha Beta Kappa membership publicly demonstrates that the institution is quality-driven.
- Alpha Beta Kappa membership helps to promote programs and institutional effectiveness.
- Alpha Beta Kappa membership builds morale; and serves as a tremendous tribute to faculty.
- Alpha Beta Kappa honors are also presented to outstanding students, faculty, and staff. At many chapters, honorary memberships are presented to community leaders, elected officials, and special guest speakers.
- Alpha Beta Kappa membership demonstrates that the institution is committed to students. More importantly, membership brings honor and earned recognition to those individuals who have worked so diligently to learn a marketable skill.

Alpha Beta Kappa Special Services

- Alpha Beta Kappa Honors are promptly delivered to your institution (or directly to students) and all recognition materials arrive ready for ceremonial presentations.
- Alpha Beta Kappa Honors are the highlight of most graduations and Alpha Beta Kappa honor cords bring added distinction to most formal ceremonies.
- Alpha Beta Kappa maintains complete historical records for each chapter.

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The National Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society Talking Points

STAUTZENBERGER COLLEGE

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Most private career schools like Stautzenberger College, community colleges, and universities were established in the 20th Century as an outgrowth of the industrial revolution. To recognize the academic achievements of these students, the National Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society was officially established.

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The general qualifications for membership are: excellence in classroom, leadership and service in class and school activities; strong personal integrity and good moral character.

At **Stautzenberger College** the selection of our Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Students was also based upon the following selection criteria:

1. Cumulative GPA – must maintain a 3.5 CGPA or better
2. Student Application Responses
3. Two Letters of Recommendations - One instructor and one professional or two instructor
4. Overall attendance must be 90% or higher
5. Student must have been a Stautzenberger College student for at least two quarters
6. Student must be active in, at minimum, one non-academic activity
7. Student must submit current resume

To officially honor our Alpha Beta Kappa outstanding students, each individual elected to membership today receives a Personalized Certificate with the Official Gold Seal of Distinction, the Alpha Beta Kappa Honorary Gold Key, and a special letter of congratulations from the President of the Society.

As a member of Alpha Beta Kappa here at **Stautzenberger College** you will always serve as an inspiration to our current students. Your achievement will also serve as a tremendous tribute to our instructors and staff for many years to come.

By words and example, the Members of the Alpha Beta Kappa National Honor Society reflect the concern, modesty, friendly spirit and good nature that characterize the qualities found in true leaders. You are to be commended; and hopefully, this accomplishment will inspire you to reach new levels of achievement in your life, both personally and professionally.

Congratulations!



STUDENT APPLICATION
STAUTZENBERGER COLLEGE CHAPTER

Student's Full Name: _____
(as it will appear on the Membership Certificate)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Alt: _____

Program: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

List any non-academic activities, honors, community services, etc: _____

What courses did you find the most interesting or challenging in your studies thus far? Why? _____

What are your career objectives? Why did you choose your field of study? _____

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ALPHA, the first letter of the Greek alphabet, stands for Athena, the Goddess of Wisdom and patroness of the arts, crafts, and sciences. She bespeaks the spirit of truth and is armed with a spear of lightening. Alpha also means the first of anything and it is the name of the brightest star in a constellation.

BETA, the second Greek letter, represents Brasidas, a distinguished Spartan General who fought with courage and gave his life in the fourth century B.C. He planned, organized and followed through in his cause. His life reminds us of our opportunity and duty to "fight the good fight."

KAPPA, tenth Greek letter, stands for Kudos, meaning glory, credit and praise. Accordingly, A.B.K. means recognition and praise for those who have worked valiantly and successfully in one or more fields of the applied arts and sciences.

THE STAR

The Star represents our ideals and dreams. The five points stand for the broad fields of Trade, Technology, Science, Industry, and General Studies. Those who labor and achieve in these fields do not oppose, rather they support and advance the liberal arts.

Alpha Beta Kappa believes in the pursuit of truth and excellence in all fields and hopes to recognize institutions and individuals who have achieved and who hold forth the promise of future growth and service, especially in the areas represented by our star.

THE LAUREL BRANCHES

The laurel branches indicate honor and distinction. Since the days of ancient Greece, laurel has been the badge of successful achievement. The laurel tree is evergreen and its leaves are aromatic.

THE OFFICIAL FLOWER AND COLORS

The official flower of the fraternity is the red carnation and the colors of the order are red and blue. The Latin Motto of Alpha Beta Kappa is "Faciemus," meaning "We shall build." Accordingly, members of the fraternity are life-long builders. They will ever strive to help others, their Alma Mater, and the society wherein they are leaders.