

Inventory of the

**Sigma Tau Delta International English  
Honors Society**

Records

In the

Regional History Center

**RC 362**

### INTRODUCTION

Sigma Tau Delta Executive Director Dr. William Johnson donated the Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society collection to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on September 5, 2014. Additional material was donated in June 2015.

Property rights in the collection belong to the Regional History Center, literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

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### SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists of the records of the Sigma Tau Delta International English Honors Society from 1924 to 2015. These records are broken up into six series: Historical Records, Administrative and Financial Records, Publications, Awards and Scholarships, Correspondence and Mailings, and Conventions

The collection is arranged in chronological order and then alphabetically within series.

See also: (UA 11) Sigma Tau Delta 2015 International Convention T-shirt for the “Borderlands and Enchantments” Convention in Albuquerque, NM

### HISTORICAL SKETCH

Sigma Tau Delta International English Honors Society was founded in 1924 at Dakota Wesleyan University and from most recent counts has over 880 active chapters within the United States as well as internationally. The primary goals of Sigma Tau Delta are to confer distinction for high achievement in English language and literature in academia, to provide cultural stimulation and promote interest in English language and literature, to foster literacy, and to foster the discipline of English language, literature and writing.

In 1982, Sigma Tau Delta went through a reorganization process through which the Central Office was moved to Northern Illinois University. Also in 1982, Dr. William Johnson was appointed Executive Secretary (later renamed Executive Director). Dr. Johnson is the third person to hold this position in Sigma Tau Delta.

Sigma Tau Delta leadership also had a hand in establishing the National English Honor Society for High Schools and the Sigma Kappa Delta English Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges. Additionally, Sigma Tau Delta has been a certified member of the Association of College Honor Societies since 1972.

### SUBJECT TRACINGS

DeKalb (Ill.)  
 Northern Illinois University

Sigma Tau Delta

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
<b>Series I: Historical Records</b>		
1	1	History of Sigma Tau Delta, 1924-1987
	2	Constitution, 1925
	3	History of Xi Delta (NIU Chapter), 1972, 1981, 2006
	4	Sigma Tau Delta Member Pamphlets, Certificates and Bookmarks, 1971-2013
	5	Photographs, 1972-2000
	6	Brochures & Invitation to Membership Samples, ca. 1985
	7	Xi Delta Chapter (NIU) Report, 1998-1999
	8	National English Honor Society, 2005, 2012, n.d.
<b>Series II: Administrative and Financial Records</b>		
	9-10	Financial Ledger, 1953-1983
	11	Index to Board Minutes, 1969-1992
	12-52	Board Minutes and Reports, 1973-2003
2	1	Appendix 6, 1983-1999
	2	Long Range Plans, 1988-1993
	3-10	Audit, 1989-1990, 1994-1995, 1997-2003
	11-22	Budget, 1990-2002
	23	Board Contacts, 1995
	24	Board Nominations, 1996
	25-29	Committees, 1997-1999, 2001-2003
	30	Executive Committee Meeting, Spring 1998
	31	Chartered & Reactivated Chapters, July 1998
	32	Reviewed Financial Statements, 1998
	33-35	Chapter Activities, 1999-2000, 2002
	36	Handbook, April 1999
	37	Board Member Applications, Spring 2002
	38	Chapters in Trouble, 2002
<b>Series III: Publications</b>		
	39-46	The Rectangle, November 1927-Autumn 1962 [Incomplete]
3	1-15	The Rectangle, Spring 1963-Spring 1968, Spring 1970-2003

4	1-4	The Rectangle, 2004-2015
	5-6	Newsletter, Spring 1969-Fall 2009
	7	Scholars' Essay Series, Fall 1986
	8-11	The Sigma Tau Delta Review, 2004-2015
	12	Mind Murals, 2008-2009
	13	Open Ear of the Universe, 2011

#### **Series IV: Awards and Scholarships**

	14-17	Rectangle Writing Awards, 1985-1991, 1995, 1997-1998, 2000-2003
	18-26	Scholarship Winners, 1974, 1986-1993, 1995-1999, 2001-2002
5	1-2	Scholarship Winners, 2003
	3-5	Scholarships & Awards, 1993-1996, 2002
	6	Awards, 1998, 2000-2003
	7	Convention Writing Awards, 1998, 2000-2003, 2006-2007
	8	Outstanding Chapter Awards, 1998, 2000-2003, 2006-2007
	9	Literary Journal Awards, 1999-2000, 2002-2003
	10	Writing Awards, 1999
	11	Outstanding Sponsor Awards, 2000-2003
	12	Study Abroad Awards, 2000-2003
	13	Teaching Awards, 2000-2003
	14	Website Awards, 2000-2003
	15	Non-Conference Paper Awards, 2001-2003
	16	Project Grant Awards, 2001-2003
	17	Delta Award, 2002-2003
	18	Acceptance Forms, Biographies, Photographs, 2006-2007
	19	Essay Awards, 2006-2007
	20	Graduate Scholarship, 2006-2007
	21	Junior Scholarship, 2006-2007
	22	Regnery Scholarship, 2006-2007
	23	Scholarly Paper Awards, 2006-2007
	24	Senior Scholarship, 2006-2007
	25	Sigma Tau Delta Scholarship, 2006-2007

#### **Series V: Correspondence and Mailings**

	26	Executive Director/Secretary Report, 1981-1995
	27	Long Range Plans, 1988-1998
	28-34	Board/Bil's Briefs, September 1990-May 2002
	35	Regents Reports, 1991-1996
	36	Memos, 1993-1998
	37-80	Mailings, 1995-2003

5	81-86	Active and Inactive Chapters, 1995-2002
	87	Annual Report to the Association of College Honor Societies, 1995-1996
	88	Pins Needed, 1995
	89	Chapter Handbook (Master), ca. 1996
	90	Committees, 1996, 2003-2004
6	1	High School Inquiry, 1996-1997
	2	Scholarship Inquiry, 1996-1998
	3-12	Regnery Internship, 1996-1998, 1999-2003
	13	Membership Cards, 1997
	14	Impact Web Design, 1997-2000
	15	The Rectangle, 1998
	16-17	Awards, 1999-2000
	18	Convention, 1999-2001
	19-21	Scholarships, 1999-2000
	22	Schools by Semester/Year Joined Counts, 1999-2002
	23	Regionals, 2001
	24-26	Budget, 2002-2003
	27	Newsletter Counts, Fall 2002
	28	Board Committee Reports, Spring 2003
	29	Chapter Enrollments, June 2003

#### **Series VI: Conventions**

	30-63	Convention Programs, Agendas, Materials, 1970, 1974-1982, 1984-1986, 1988, 1990, 1992-2015, n.d.
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