

## *Chapters and Universities*

Alpha - Cornell University  
Beta - University of Illinois  
Gamma - Penn State University  
Delta - Michigan State University  
Epsilon - Ohio State University  
Zeta - Rutgers University  
Eta - Washington State University  
Theta - University of Maryland  
Iota - North Carolina State University  
Kappa - Virginia Tech  
Lambda - University of Minnesota  
Mu - University of Florida  
Nu - Auburn University  
Xi - New Mexico State University  
Omicron - Purdue University  
Pi - Clemson University  
Rho - University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Sigma - Southern Illinois University  
Tau - University of Georgia  
Upsilon - California Poly, San Luis Obispo  
Phi - South Dakota State University  
Chi - Colorado State University  
Psi - Texas A&M University  
Omega - Kansas State University  
Alpha Beta - University of Tennessee,  
Knoxville  
Alpha Gamma - University of Nebraska  
Lincoln  
Alpha Delta - Oklahoma State University  
Alpha Epsilon - University of California-  
Davis  
Alpha Zeta - University of Wisconsin-  
River Falls

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Alpha Eta - Delaware Valley College of  
Science & Agriculture  
Alpha Theta - Iowa State University  
Alpha Iota - Texas Tech University  
Alpha Kappa - Mississippi State University  
Alpha Lambda - Florida A&M University  
Alpha Mu - Temple University  
Alpha Nu - Utah State University  
Alpha Xi - Texas State University- San  
Marcos  
Alpha Omicron - University of Arkansas  
Alpha Pi - University of Wisconsin-  
Platteville  
Alpha Rho - Oregon State

*See your institution on the list?  
Chapter not active?  
Contact PAX National to find out  
what it takes to activate a new  
chapter or reactivate a dormant  
chapter. It's easier than you think!*

### **Pi Alpha Xi The National Horticulture Honor Society**

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Honor Society*

## *The History of Pi Alpha Xi*

The idea of an honor society came from an impromptu after-dinner discussion among representatives of several universities attending the International Flower Show held in New York City in 1923. A group of individuals from Cornell University, led by the late Arno Nehrling, developed the organization, wrote the first constitution and ritual and designed the insignia or key. The installation of the Alpha Chapter was at Cornell University on June 1, 1923. Originally, Pi Alpha Xi was for floriculture and ornamental horticulture; however, today it embraces all horticultural disciplines and has grown to 40 chapters with approximately 14,000 members. Chapters are located in the United States at four-year institutions with programs in horticulture.



## *Pi Alpha Xi Mission*

The organization was established to foster good fellowship among students, educators and professional horticulturists. The society mission is to promote high scholarship, fellowship, professional leadership and the enrichment of human life through plants.



## *Eligibility*

Pi Alpha Xi, the Honor Society for Horticulture, recognizes junior and senior students with high scholastic achievement who demonstrate a strong interest in horticulture. Graduate students and faculty with an emphasis in horticulture are also eligible. Students must have a minimum overall academic average of B (3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale). Individual chapters may require a higher GPA. Candidates should also show promise for continued activity and commitment to the field of horticulture.



## *Annual Photography Contest*

As a member of Pi Alpha Xi, you are encouraged to submit digital photographs representing horticulture to the Annual Pi Alpha Xi Photography Contest. Competition categories and rules are available at the Pi Alpha Xi website (<http://ashs.org/pax/>). Winners are announced during the annual business meeting held in conjunction with ASHS. Funds from the contest support the Pi Alpha Xi scholarship program. Pi Alpha Xi established an open photography contest in 1996 to be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the American Society for Horticultural Science. The purpose of the contest is to promote Pi Alpha Xi (PAX) to ASHS membership, to support Pi Alpha Xi's scholarship program and to encourage horticulture-related photography. Contestants need not be members of Pi Alpha Xi to participate.