



SIGMA TAU DELTA

INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

Hello, everyone. You've already been welcomed to our ceremony this evening, but please, let me welcome you again. On behalf of the Department of English, we are honored to have this opportunity to celebrate our students. We've already praised our award-winning students, but now it's time to welcome our newest initiates who are being inducted into Monmouth University's Delta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society.

I have been a proud member of Sigma Tau Delta since I was inducted as an undergraduate student, serving as chapter president during my own junior and senior years at Monmouth. And for the past seven years, I have had the privilege of serving first as the chapter's Alumni Liaison, then Co-Advisor, and now as chapter Advisor. In this capacity, I seek to help our chapter's members have a transformative experience and flourish both within the Monmouth University community and in their lives after Monmouth.

Our chapter, Delta Sigma, proudly represents all the areas of our English undergraduate and graduate programs: literary studies, composition and rhetoric, professional writing, creative writing, and English Education. Last year, many of our members sat in your shoes, waiting to be inducted, anxious for their futures, and ready to serve their community. The fact that you are here this afternoon means that you've already established yourselves within Monmouth's English Department as distinguished scholars. You've successfully met Sigma Tau Delta's rigorous standards of academic excellence, demonstrated by your GPA as well as your achievements in the major. You've shown your commitment to your scholarship through extensive coursework in English Studies. As new members of Sig Tau, your exemplary character, good fellowship, and service to the university and community demonstrate your abilities as leaders and role models for both your peers within the major and the campus community as a whole. By using all aspects of English Studies— including literature, language, writing, and rhetoric— we, the members of Sigma Tau Delta, seek to foster a love of literature and to promote literacy and education on our campus and in the surrounding community. And now, I would like to recognize our chapter President, Jennifer Rivera, and Vice President, Malia Padalino, and invite them to present the Officers' Address.

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