

# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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## ACCOUNTING ADVOCATES

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The Accounting Advocates are accounting majors who assist K-State's Accounting Department to recruit top students. To become an Advocate, students must have junior standing with at least a 3.0 GPA, complete an application, and be interviewed by past Accounting Advocates and members of the accounting faculty.

Accounting Advocates are responsible for hosting three events per year. The first event is a conference for high school teachers and counselors, designed to help key teachers and counselors get a better understanding of the opportunities the accounting profession has to offer. The second event is a conference for high school juniors and seniors and focuses on encouraging top high school students to consider accounting as a career. The third event is an honors banquet for students who have excelled in the introductory accounting courses. In addition to their work on the conferences, the Advocates are responsible for making presentations to college and high school students whenever the opportunity arises.

## ALPHA KAPPA PSI

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Alpha Kappa Psi is a professional fraternity for students majoring in business administration or economics. Alpha Kappa Psi is the oldest business fraternity in the CBA. To be eligible for membership in the fraternity, a student must be a first semester sophomore or above and have a minimum K-State GPA of 2.5.

The purpose of Alpha Kappa Psi is to facilitate and encourage scholarship in business students, provide opportunity for leadership through participation in committee and fraternity activities, and develop citizenship through community service. Activities during the year include meetings, tours, guest speakers on business-related topics, community service, and fund raising projects.

## BEGINNING A PROMISING PROFESSION (BAPP) CLUB

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The BAPP Club provides an opportunity for freshmen and sophomores who are current or prospective business majors to get acquainted, gain information on careers in the various business majors, and get involved in the CBA. Students plan, organize, and direct club activities so that they develop planning and execution skills valuable in future careers. Student leadership helps make the club responsive to student needs and insures significant impact from annually elected leaders. The Student Government Association officially recognizes this club which is open to all interested students. Information on who to contact and what's happening with BAPP Club is available in CBA Student Services – 107 Calvin Hall.

## **BETA ALPHA PSI**

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Beta Alpha Psi is the national honors fraternity for financial information professionals. The purpose of the fraternity is to encourage and to recognize scholastic and professional excellence in the fields of accounting, finance, and information systems. The Epsilon Theta Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi was installed in April 1978 to provide a suitable forum for activities of interest to students. Typical activities include guest speakers at meetings, interaction with professionals, tours of firms, socials, and community service.

Because a major objective of the chapter is to encourage and give recognition to scholastic and professional excellence, the following pledge requirements have been established:

1. Have declared a major in accounting, finance, or management information systems;
2. Have completed, in addition to two years (60 semester hours) of collegiate courses, at least one upper-level course in accounting beyond Accounting for Business Operations and Accounting for Investing and Financing or their equivalents;
3. Have attained a cumulative grade point average in upper-level accounting courses of at least 3.0 (where A is equal to 4.0); and
4. Have attained at least a cumulative grade point average of 3.0, or have attained at least a 3.25 cumulative grade point average on the most recent 30 semester hours.

Beta Alpha Psi recognizes academic excellence and complements members' formal education by providing interaction among students, faculty, and professionals, and fosters lifelong learning, service and ethical conduct.

## **BETA GAMMA SIGMA**

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In the Spring of 1907, a group of commerce students at the University of Wisconsin received permission from the faculty to organize a commerce honor society, which they proposed to call Beta Gamma Sigma. The purpose of the society was to encourage and reward scholarship and accomplishment in the field of business studies among commerce students at the University. At about the same time, students at the University of Illinois and the University of California felt the need for such an organization on their campuses and respectively organized Delta Kappa Chi and The Economics Club. In 1913, having become aware of their co-existence and common purpose, representatives of the three societies met at Madison, Wisconsin, to consummate a merger which made Beta Gamma Sigma into a national organization. The objectives of the founders and of the Society today are set forth in Article II of the Constitution;

The purpose of this Society shall be to encourage and reward scholarship and accomplishment among students of business and administration, to promote the advancement of education in the art and science of business, and to foster integrity in the business operation.

Election to membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest scholastic honor that a student in the CBA can attain. To be eligible for membership, students must rank in the upper seven percent of their junior class, the upper ten percent of their senior class, or the upper twenty percent of those in the graduate programs of business.

In addition to recognizing outstanding scholarly accomplishment of those receiving their professional training in business, the National Society also confers National Honoree Awards upon a limited number of persons who have made a meritorious contribution to society through

outstanding business and managerial leadership.

## **BUSINESS AMBASSADORS**

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The CBA Ambassadors are students selected each year to promote the recruitment and retention of students and to enhance student and faculty relationships.

Ambassadors are responsible for the annual CBA Telefund drive and other activities.

Ambassadors also assist as facilitators in the freshman Business Orientation course. The students plan and organize all of their own activities. The Ambassador program provides opportunities for the students to further develop their leadership, communication and organizational skills.

To be selected as an Ambassador, students must be enrolled full-time in the CBA, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and have completed 2 semesters in residence at K-State.

## **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION STUDENT COUNCIL**

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The CBA Student Council is a group of fifteen students elected each year to represent the students of the CBA. Business Council is responsible for special projects that involve all business clubs, (i.e. Majors Fair in the fall and All-University Open House in the spring).

The objectives of Business Council are to promote unity within and further the best interests of the CBA at K-State, promote better communication within the college, and inform CBA students of special interest events.

To be eligible for election to Business Council, a student must be enrolled full-time in the CBA, have at least a 2.5 GPA for the total period enrolled at K-State, and have completed two semesters of residence at K-State by the end of the semester in which elections are held.

## **ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB**

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The K-State Entrepreneurship Club was founded in April, 2003. The purpose of this organization will be to provide students with knowledge on what it takes to be a successful entrepreneur. Members will receive a chance to meet other who share the same interest and to exchange business ideas. Guest speakers will also give presentations at meeting allowing members to acquire information through individuals with real life experience.

## **STUDENT FINANCE ASSOCIATION**

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The K-State Student Finance Association (SFA) is a student group organized to provide both current and prospective finance students the opportunity to meet with persons having a common interest in finance. It provides an opportunity to become acquainted with both professionals and employers in the fields of financial management, banking, insurance, and other finance related areas, thereby strengthening the ties between executives in business and students preparing to enter business. Such contact may encourage students to choose a career within the field of

finance.

The SFA activities are planned, organized, and directed by the students. Thus, students gain skills and experience in these areas of management preparing them for their future roles as professional financial managers.

## **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ASSOC. NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

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The Financial Management Association (FMA) National Honor Society was established in 1974 to encourage and reward scholarship and achievement in finance among undergraduate and graduate students at colleges throughout the U.S., Canada, and Great Britain.

The minimum qualification for membership in the FMA National Honor Society is a 3.25 grade point average overall and a 3.25 grade point average in all finance and finance-related coursework (on a 4.0 scale). Undergraduate students must be in either their junior or senior years, and graduate students must have completed at least one-half of their required coursework. Graduate students GPA must be at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

## **FUTURE FEMALE EXECUTIVES**

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Future Female Executives (FFE) is a member of the network of National Association for Female Executives, NAFE. FFE is NAFE's first collegiate chapter! NAFE currently has 200,000 members worldwide and more than 200 local chapters and is the largest organization for professional women in the country.

The local member network has monthly speakers addressing issues such as networking, resume building, interviewing skills and sexual harassment in the workplace. Annually, the chapter organizes a one-day workshop, which includes topics that are of interest to student members. Its main focus is to prepare K-State students for their upcoming careers. Membership is open to all students in all majors campus wide, but currently most are women undergraduate business majors.

## **MARKETING CLUB**

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The K-State Marketing Club is a student group affiliated with the American Marketing Association. The primary objectives of the group are:

- To encourage students to choose a career within the field of marketing;
- To stimulate interest and encourage scholarship of students presently in the marketing curriculum;
- To serve as an effective medium for the exchange and distribution of information on marketing problems, policies, and methods;
- To strengthen the ties between executives in business and students preparing to enter business;
- To provide students with the opportunity to participate in organizing, planning, directing, and

controlling an organization dedicated to the promotion and advancement of the art and science of marketing.

The program's focus is clearly on the student's: scholastic and professional development, including selection of his/her major field of study; encouragement of excellence in that study; and familiarity with current marketing action and people responsible for that action.

## **MIS CLUB**

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The MIS Club is composed of students enrolled in or interested in the MIS degree track and others interested in management of information systems and computer technology. The mission of the MIS Club is to provide a solid foundation for College of Business Administration students beyond the classroom by encouraging professional development and increasing exposure to the Management Information System industry.

The club's activities are planned and organized by its members. Each member is encouraged to serve on a club committee facilitating a part of the organization. Members participate in local meetings, tours of business in the MIS industry, tutoring for the MIS classes, a fall trip to the COMDEX Convention in Las Vegas, fund raising activities, and interaction with industry and corporate representatives during informational and recruiting meetings. The club also offers short term technology consulting and web site design.

## **MULTICULTURAL BUSINESS STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

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The Multicultural Business Student Association (MBSA) is open to all students at K-State.

The purpose of the MBSA is to encourage scholarship in business students and promote cultural competency and awareness in the CBA and the broader community. Members of the MBSA have opportunities to develop their leadership skills through participation in committee and organizational activities. Activities during the year include meetings, tours, guest speakers, fund raising projects, and production of a diversity related conference.

## **OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT CLUB**

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Operations Management Club is a student group affiliated with both the Project Management Institute (PMI) and the Council of Logistics Management (CLM). The club is composed of management majors and others with an interest in operations management, project management, and supply chain management. The mission of the club is to provide students with and opportunity to get beyond pure classroom learning and to interact with practicing managers.

The club activities include organizing guest speakers, touring local and regional business to learn about their operations, and attending the meetings of professional organizations such as CLM and PMI. Through these activities students not only learn more about operations management and related topics, they also get to interact with the larger business community in ways that may further their careers.

## **PHI BETA LAMBDA**

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Phi Beta Lambda is the collegiate version of the national association, Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. Although social events are a part of the activities, the focus is business and leadership development. The mission of PBL is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. Business and education are brought together when students preparing to enter the business world interact with those persons already working in the business world.

## **SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (SHRM)**

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SHRM is a student chapter of a larger professional organization for human resources management professionals. This organization is jointly sponsored by the CBA and the Industrial and Organizational Psychology Department at K-State. It is also affiliated with the Topeka professional SHRM chapter. In a typical semester, visit a company and have guest speakers. Once a year there is a "Shadow Day" during which students have an opportunity to meet with HR professionals in the work place. There are plenty of opportunities to network with existing professional SHRM chapters such as the one in Topeka. Other benefits that accompany membership include a yearly subscription to *HRMagazine* and the SHRM newsletter (and many additional fliers on training events, and job vacancies, etc.). These nicely supplement academic studies and keep members up to date with current events, new laws, court cases, new practices and so on in the field of human resource management.

## **STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE (SIFE)**

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SIFE is an international, nonprofit organization supported by numerous individuals, foundations, and corporations. Its singular mission is to work in partnership with higher education and business to provide college students with the leadership experience of teaching others how market economies and businesses operate and how to use this knowledge to better themselves, their communities, and their countries. Throughout the year students develop and implement as many as 20 different projects. These projects include education, fundraising and service. Each year, SIFE teams from colleges and universities across the country participate in SIFE Regional Competitions. Here they meet and compete against other chapters in stimulating presentations. The best of these will progress to the national competition. These competitions provide a unique opportunity to build and foster relationships with a wide variety of local and national business leaders. SIFE membership is open to any K-State student with an interest in the free enterprise system.

## **STUDY ABROAD ADVOCATES**

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The Study Abroad Advocates (SAA) are business students with international experiences that assist the CBA with promoting study and work abroad opportunities to students in the CBA. The SAA also serve as mentors for international students in the CBA. To become a SAA, students must have studied or worked abroad.

## **TAU ALPHA CHI**

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Tau Alpha Chi (T.A.X) is a national honorary association whose objective is to encourage and give recognition to scholastic and professional excellence in the field of taxation. T.A.X also provides opportunities for association among members and professionals in the area of taxation.

To become a member of T.A.X., students need to be an accounting major and have completed at least 60 semester hours including at least two introductory (ABO and AIF) and two upper level accounting courses (Accounting Process and Controls and Taxation 1), of which Taxation 1 must be in residence. Both overall and accounting GPA must be at least a 3.0. The student must have received either an A or B in their tax course(s).