CONSTITUTION
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Iota Beta Chapter of the Phi Alpha Honor Society
Eastern Washington University - School of Social Work - Cheney, WA 99004

Eager to promote a closer bond among students of social work and to further connections among those dedicated to the promotion of humanitarian goals and ideals, which quality educational preparation is deemed imperative, students, alumni, and faculty involved in social work education at Eastern Washington University resolve to sponsor a Chapter of Phi Alpha Honor Society, thereby to foster high standards of education for social work and to invite into membership those who have attained excellence of scholarship and distinction of achievement as students of social work.

ARTICLE I
The Supreme Law
This Chapter of Phi Alpha shall be affiliated with the organization known as Phi Alpha Honor Society. The Constitution, membership and program shall be consistent with the Constitution and Statutes of Phi Alpha.

ARTICLE II
Purposes
The purpose of this Chapter of Phi Alpha shall be:

Section 1. To recognize and promote scholastic achievement among students and faculty involved in the undergraduate or graduate social work program at Eastern Washington University.

Section 2. To recognize, improve and further the goals of social work in the community, state, nation and world.

Section 3. To stimulate interest in preparation for a career in social work.

Section 4. To encourage continued study and research at the undergraduate level, the graduate level, and in professional practice.

Section 5. To recognize those professional social workers and others whose service, contributions and leadership are held in esteem.

ARTICLE III
Government
Section 1. The supreme governing body shall be thePhi Alpha Board of Directors as defined in the April 2018 Phi Alpha By-Laws and Constitution.

Section 2. The governing body of this Chapter shall be the duly elected officers and the Executive Committee as defined in the By-Laws.
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ARTICLE IV
Membership
Section 1. Any undergraduate or graduate social work student at Eastern Washington University who meets the qualifications set forth in the Chapter By-Laws shall be eligible for active collegiate membership.

Section 2. Faculty members having an official connection with the social work curriculum may be granted membership upon invitation of the Board of Directors and approval of the Chapter membership.

Section 3. Honorary membership may be granted to professional social workers and others whose support of social work education and practice merit such recognition.

Section 4. Alumni membership is accessible to those collegiate members who wish to remain engaged with the Chapter post-graduation.

Section 5. Professional membership may be granted to professional social workers who meet the membership requirements outlined in the Chapter By-Laws.

ARTICLE V
Insignia
Section 1. The official logo of the society shall be the Phi Alpha Key which was approved by the National Honor Society Committee. The key shall be issued to and worn only by members of the society.

Section 2. Colors of the society shall be blue and gold as established by the National Honor Society Committee. Royal blue and light gold are preferred.

Section 3. Membership certification supplied by Phi Alpha shall be issued to all new members of the Chapter upon initiation.

ARTICLE VI
Meetings
An open Chapter meeting shall be held a minimum of one time during the academic year. Chapter members in the part-time community programs may hold an annual meeting in their community.

ARTICLE VII
Constitutional Amendments
Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Amendments may be proposed to the Board of Directors by any active member of the Chapter.