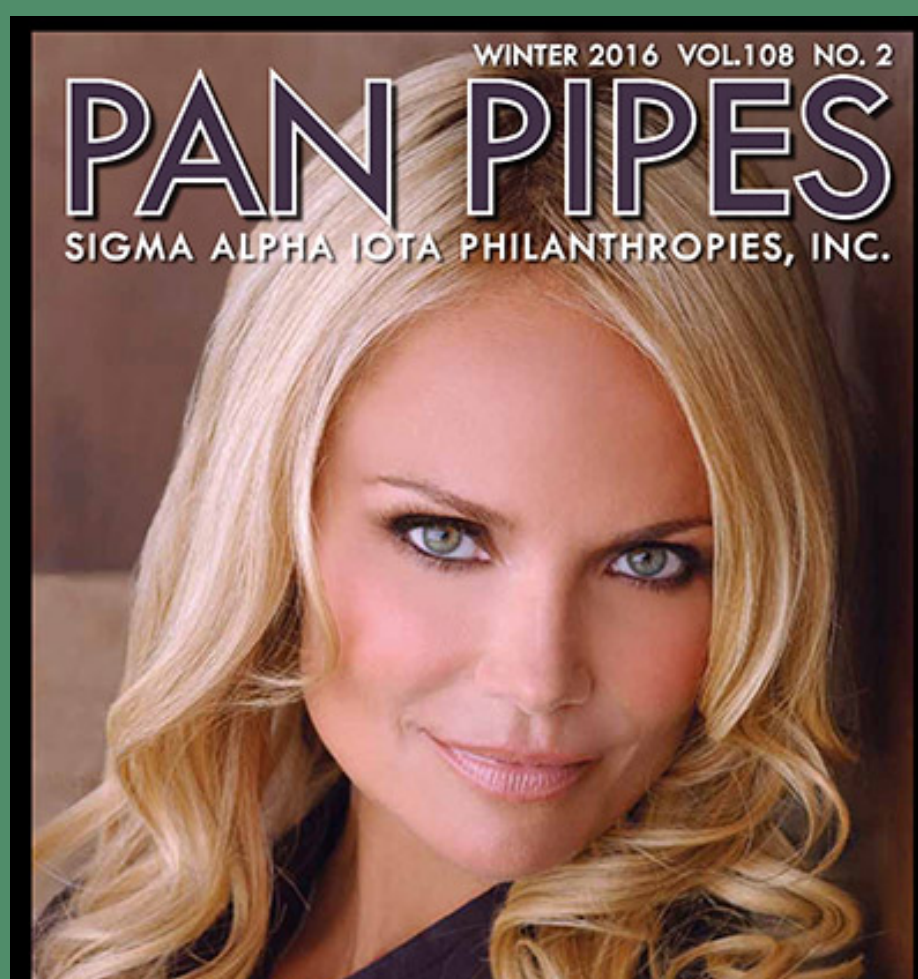


DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ON HOW TO NOMINATE & INITIATE A DISTINGUISHED MEMBER!



LORETTA LONG
MEMBER LAUREATE



**KRISTEN
CHENOWETH**
HONORARY MEMBER



DAVID HOLSINGER
**NATIONAL ARTS
ASSOCIATE**

Chapters may nominate a person for initiation as a Distinguished Member. All forms can be found on the Officer Portal.

Distinguished Memberships of four types are offered by the Fraternity:



Member Laureate - an initiated member of the Fraternity who has achieved international distinction in the music profession.

Honorary Member - a woman who has achieved international distinction in the music profession who is not an initiated member of Sigma Alpha Iota. She may be a performer, composer, teacher, author, musicologist or philanthropist. This is inclusive of cisgender women and transgender women, non-binary, and gender nonconforming individuals who are committed to the advancement of women in music.



National Arts Associate - a person who is nationally recognized for distinguished contribution to the arts.



Friend of the Arts - a person who is supportive of and actively involved in the arts at a local or regional level. Candidates for Friend of the Arts may be philanthropists, academic officials/educators,

or individuals who make contributions to the life of the arts in the college or civic community.

Follow these steps to nominate a worthy candidate for distinguished membership in Sigma Alpha Iota:

1. Gather the following material from the Candidate's website, the College/University Directory:

*Contact information for the Candidate,
*Mailing Address, *Telephone, *Email Address, and *CV / Bio plus a *Headshot of the Candidate **Note: Verify that the Candidate is not already a member of Mu Phi Epsilon, Delta Omicron or Phi Beta. This verification is essential. Do not submit an application without it.

2. Write a Cover Letter explaining why your chapter has chosen the Candidate

Note: You need not suggest a Distinguished Member category for your Candidate. The Distinguished Member Committee selects the most appropriate category.

3. Prepare the Application to be submitted through the SAI Officer Portal.

Note: The Vice President for Membership will find the form on their page.

4. Review the completed Application. Have you included the following information:

*Chapter and School, Province, and Region
*Anticipated Initiation Date
*Contact Information for Candidate
*Cover Letter from Chapter
*CV of Candidate
*Headshot of Candidate,
*Full Contact Information for Vice President of Membership (name, mailing address, phone, and email address)

Important Information: You must allow 4-6 weeks for the deliberations of the Distinguished Member Committee.

Note: The Distinguished Member Committee does not consider incomplete applications.

Strategies for Success:

Gather all the information before submitting the application.

Check and double-check that all questions have been answered and all necessary documents have been uploaded (cover letter, CV, headshot). Be certain that all contact information is accurate.

Words of Caution:

Undergraduate students are not eligible for Distinguished Membership.

Do not contact the candidate regarding your intention to nominate him/her.

Once an application receives approval, the Vice President for Membership will receive an email and a letter that will describe the next steps.

The Vice President for Membership will receive a packet of materials from our National Headquarters. Included in the packet is a formal invitation for you to deliver to your approved Candidate.

What if you have a question?

If you have any questions about the nomination process, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Brenda Smith Director of the Distinguished Member Committee at: bsmith@arts.ufl.edu