

The crest of Sigma Alpha Iota is a shield-shaped emblem. At the top is a crown of laurel leaves. The shield is divided into three vertical sections: a central red section containing a white book with a sword resting on it, and two side sections (gold and red) each containing a white star. A banner at the bottom reads "VITA BREVIS ARS LONGA".

Sigma Alpha Iota Membership Badges

Membership Badges/Pins

- Who purchases the badge/pin
- Who owns the badge/pin
- Proper placement of the badge/pin
- Proper disposition of the badge/pin

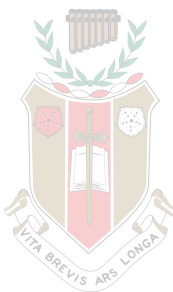




Image Description:
7 gold Panpipes

Member-in-Training Pin

Regularly matriculated female/non-binary students.

They receive the MIT pin during the Pledging Ceremony and wear during the period of pledging.





Regulation Badge

Image Description:

7 gold PanPipes surrounded by pearls and
Greek Letters for SAI

Upon successful completion of the Member-in-Training period, initiated members are presented with the regulation badge during the Collegiate Initiation Ceremony.





Image Description:

7 gold Panpipes topped with pearls,
surround by a laurel wreath and Greek
Letters SAI across the panpipes

Patroness Badge

A patroness member is a woman/non-binary person who is a patron and supporter of the arts in their community. They may be initiated by a collegiate chapter or an alumnae chapter. Alumnae chapter patroness members have the option of receiving special training and holding office at the local level.





Image Description:

Gold circle with Greek Letters for SAI
surrounded by a laurel wreath

Friend of the Arts Pin

A Friend of the Arts, one of four distinguished membership categories, is a person who is supportive of and actively involved in the arts at a local or regional level. They may be initiated by collegiate or alumnae chapters.





Image Description:

Gold circle with Greek Letters for SAI
surrounded by a laurel wreath and a
ruby placed above the letters

National Arts Associate Pin

A National Arts Associate, one of four distinguished membership categories, is a person who is nationally recognized for distinguished contributions to the arts. They may be initiated by collegiate or alumnae chapter.





Honorary Member Badge

Image Description:

7 gold PanPipes surrounded by pearls and
Greek Letters for SAI

An Honorary Member, the original designation for a distinguished member, is a woman/non-binary person who has achieved distinction in the music profession who is not an initiated member of SAI.

They may be a performer, composer, teacher, author, musicologist or philanthropist.

The Honorary Member wears the regulation badge.





Image Description:

Gold Laurel Wreath surrounding the greek letters SAI, with Member Laureate above the green letters and a diamond surrounded with 2 rubies below.

Member Laureate pin

A Member Laureate, one of four distinguished membership categories, is a collegiate-initiated member of the Fraternity who has achieved international distinction in the music profession. They may be a performer, composer, teacher, author, musicologist or philanthropist.



Proper placement of the Badge/Pin

Regulation Badge/Patroness Badge/Member Laureate Pin

- Worn on the member's left, in the region of the heart. It should be placed just below the clavicle and centered between the shoulder and breast bone.
- When wearing a suit w/removable blazers, badge/pin goes on the shirt/blouse.
- When wearing a suit w/o removable blazer, badge/pin goes on the blazer



Proper placement of the Badge/Pin

Friend of the Arts & National Arts Associate Pins

- When wearing a suit, pin is worn on the left lapel
- When wearing a shirt only, pin to wearers left, just below clavicle and centered between the shoulder and breast bone.



Who pays for the badge/pin?

Member-in-Training pin

The MIT pin is purchased by the collegiate chapter. It is to be on loan to the MIT during their period of pledging. The MIT pin is collected during the Collegiate Initiation Ceremony and returned to the chapter ritual inventory. Chapters should ensure an adequate inventory of MIT pins for upcoming MIT classes.



Who pays for the badge/pin?

Regulation Badge

The regulation badge is included in the initiation fee paid by the prospective initiate. They select the style they wish to purchase when they self-validate.



Who pays for the badge/pin?

Patroness badge

The prospective patroness should pay for their badge, along with any other fees, prior to the initiation ceremony.

They also select which style they prefer.



Who pays for the badge/pin?

Distinguished Members

**(Friend of the Arts, National Arts Associate, Honorary Member,
Member Laureate)**

All Distinguished Member badges and pins, along with all other associated fees for the distinguished members, are paid for by the initiating chapter.



Who owns the badges/pins?

All Sigma Alpha Iota membership badges/pins are the property of SAI. The fees associated are for the life-long lease of that particular badge/pin.

What happens if I lose my badge/pin?

If you lose your badge/pin, you may pay for a replacement badge/pin through National Headquarters.



What happens to my badge/pin when I pass?

The membership badge/pin, along with your Member Ritual book, is to be returned to National Headquarters upon your passing.

In order to facilitate this process and make it easier for executor/family members, the “Badge Disposition Form” may be utilized.



Badge Disposition Form

This form is found on the SAI Website
Click [Here](#) to access it.

It should be completed and put with other important documents. It is encouraged that you communicate this with your family members so they understand.

This form may also be utilized by older members when they no longer have occasion to wear their badge/pin. They may complete the form and send their badge/pin back to NH for safe keeping.



What happens to my badge/pin when it is returned to NH?

When your badge/pin (along with all guards and honors attached) is returned to NH following your passing, it is placed in the Memorial Collection or held in trust for any descendants of yours who may request to wear it upon their initiation into SAI.



I found a badge/pin for sale online.

What should I do?

Do not attempt to bid on these items. While our intentions are good, we often end up bidding against other members and driving up the cost.

What can you do about it?

Educate all members on the proper disposition of their badge/pin. The more members educated, the fewer badge/pins we will see for sale online.



Final thoughts ...

Membership badges/pins are to be worn at all official SAI functions unless casual attire is called for.

Always present a professional image when wearing the SAI badge/pin.

Check out the Badge Attire Presentation for examples.

Contact NVP Ritual and Fraternity Education with questions.
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