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Dear Phi Sigma Tau Candidate:

As the Advisor of the Phi Sigma Tau International Honors Society at Providence College, I am pleased to invite you to apply for membership in this prestigious and internationally recognized honor society. If you have *completed three semesters at Providence College, rank in the upper thirty-five percent of your class, and have completed (or are registered in) at least two courses in philosophy at Providence College with an average grade of B or better*, then you are eligible for active membership in the College's sponsored Chapter, Phi Sigma Tau-RI Alpha Chapter. (Please note that being a philosophy major or minor is *not* a requirement).

Founded at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA in 1930, and incorporated as a non-profit corporation in 1955, Phi Sigma Tau is a member of the esteemed Association of College Honor Societies (ACHA), whose mission is "to build a visibly cohesive community of societies, individually and collaboratively exhibiting excellence in scholarship, service, programs and governance."

Phi Sigma Tau currently has a network of over 200 chapters throughout the United States and Canada, at both public and private institutions of higher learning. Providence College has enjoyed the privilege of hosting the local Alpha Chapter of the Society in the state of Rhode Island since 1964. The goal of our society is to promote ties between philosophy departments in member institutions and students interested in philosophy nationally. Both at local and national levels, the organization of Phi Sigma Tau seeks to be instrumental in developing and honoring academic excellence and philosophical interest, and in popularizing philosophy among the general collegiate public. This goal is achieved in a variety of ways: regular get-togethers where students meet in discussion groups, formal paper or panel presentations, or informal gatherings at coffee hours and other social events.

What are the benefits of being a member of Phi Sigma Tau?

As a member of Phi Sigma Tau, you will receive *permanent notation on your college transcript and also on the printed program at your Providence College Commencement*. No matter what your career plans for the future may be, an accolade from Phi Sigma Tau indicates seriousness of purpose. *It will help make your employment resume stand out from all the rest*. In addition, *your induction into Phi Sigma Tau will be honored at the formal Initiation Ceremony to be held at Providence College on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019*. As a member of Phi Sigma Tau, you will also receive its journal, *Dialogue*, which is published twice annually, in October and April. Founded in 1956, and devoted wholly to the publication of articles by graduate and undergraduate students, it has a national circulation in excess of 1500. You will also receive the Phi Sigma Tau *Newsletter*, an informal means of chapter communication which appears three times annually. If you choose to retain lifelong active membership in Phi Sigma Tau through its National Alumni Chapter (NAC), you will receive its *Alumni Bulletin* along with a booklet *Careers in Philosophy*. Also, I will be serving as advisor and mentor for all members of our chapter, which means that I will be available for academic and professional advice concerning philosophical writing, research and publishing, and teaching philosophy.

You must be aware however, that simple payment of the induction fee is necessary but not sufficient to make you a member of Phi Sigma Tau. Membership in Phi Sigma Tau means active membership. ***This means that you must attend your own initiation ceremony, which will be held here at Providence College on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 4pm.*** This formal Initiation Ceremony may be attended by relatives and friends if they so desire. There will be an invited speaker delivering a keynote talk, with a reception to follow. Also, it is expected that from then until you graduate, you will take part in Phi Sigma Tau events and socials sponsored by the RI Alpha Chapter here at Providence College.

If you are interested in pursuing membership in Phi Sigma Tau, please refer to the instruction sheet (see below) and return the application form and payment of **\$25.00 initiation fee (cash only)** to the secretary of the Philosophy Department, Mrs. Amy Almeida, in Siena Hall 105 as soon as possible, and **no later than Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Materials received after that date cannot be processed. When you submit your material, Mrs. Almeida will ask you to fill out a 3X5 Permanent Directory Card. This card must be included with your application; without it, your application cannot be processed.

The \$25.00 initiation fee to the National Office is meant to cover the costs of processing your application and printing your certificate of membership. This is a one-time payment.

**If you are a graduating senior and wish to receive an official PST Honor Cord for graduation, there is a \$13.00 (cash only) fee for this, which can be given to Mrs. Almeida along with your material.**

With all best wishes,

Very truly yours,

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## INSTRUCTION SHEET

If you are interested in pursuing your candidacy, you must:

1. Complete the enclosed application.
2. Complete the Directory Cards.
3. Enclose **\$25.00 (cash only)**
4. If you want an official PST Honor Cord for graduation, include **\$13.00** (cash only) with your payment.
5. Deliver ALL of the above to Ms. Amy Almeida (Siena Hall 105) no later than **Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2019**. Late returns cannot be processed.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROVIDENCE CHAPTER OF PHI SIGMA  
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Surname Middle Initial First Name

Home Address\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_

College Address Box #\_\_\_\_\_ Campus Phone #\_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address\_\_\_\_\_

Banner ID\_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date\_\_\_\_\_

Reason for interest in Phi Sigma Tau\_\_\_\_\_

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If you would like to continue receiving notices of talks sponsored by Phi Sigma Tau after  
graduating, please give us your permanent (non-PC) email address.

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Applicant's signature\_\_\_\_\_

**THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO MRS. AMY ALMEIDA, SIENA HALL 105, BY  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**