Dear ASU Spanish Graduate Students:

Qualifying students are cordially invited to become members of Theta Epsilon, the local chapter of the Spanish National Honor Society, Sigma Delta Pi.

Sigma Delta Pi is the only honor society devoted exclusively to students of Spanish in four-year colleges and universities and is the largest foreign-language honor society in existence (over 170,000 members). It is one of the elite as attested by its membership in the Association of College Honor Societies, the nation’s only certifying agency for college and university honor societies.

Graduate student members may apply for research grants of up to $2000 to support research abroad. Outstanding students may also be nominated by their local chapters to receive prestigious awards recognizing noteworthy involvement in his/her local chapter. For more information, please visit the organization website: http://www.sigmadeltapi.org/

**Graduate student requirements:**

You must have completed two courses towards your degree in the Spanish program. If you are currently enrolled in your first two courses of your degree, you do not qualify at this time. Please note that there will be future induction ceremonies, at least one per year. Also please note that the prerequisites for undergraduate students are distinct and much more detailed.

If you qualify and are interested in participating in the induction ceremony, please bring an unofficial transcript to the main office of the School of International Letters and Cultures (LL 440) between the hours of 9 am – 5 pm and ask the administrative assistant to place it in the mailbox of Dr. Cynthia Tompkins, Faculty Head of Spanish & Portuguese. **The submission deadline is October 06, 2017.**

If it is confirmed that you meet the requirements, you will receive an official invitation letter. One time, life-membership dues are $40, payable by check or money order to Sigma Delta Pi. The initiation ceremony will be held on **January 26, 2018.**
At ASU, we seek:

1. To honor Arizona State University (ASU) undergraduate and graduate students who attain excellence in the study of the Spanish language and in the study of the literature and culture of the Spanish-speaking peoples.

2. To honor those ASU students who have made the Hispanic contributions to modern culture better known in the English-speaking world;

3. To encourage ASU students to acquire a greater interest in and a deeper understanding of Hispanic culture;

4. To uphold national honor society standards as set forth in the national Bylaws and Handbook of Sigma Delta Pi: http://www.sigmadeltapi.org/CR.Chapter.Resources.html; and

5. To promote and make aware to all active members the national honor society benefits, including scholarships and grants.

We look forward to potential community based activities such as hosting guest speakers and other cultural and social events. Above all, Sigma Delta Pi provides leadership and service opportunities for both graduate and undergraduate members. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Rosti Vana, President
Rosita Scerbo, Vice President

Faculty Advisors:
Dr. Cynthia Tompkins
Dr. Carmen Urioste-Azcorra