

Association of College Honor Societies

2024 Annual Conference
February 1-3, 2024



Knoxville



ASSOCIATION *of* COLLEGE
HONOR SOCIETIES

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Foundations for Honor Society Leaders

This is a special pre-conference event only for those who have registered for it in advance. It is separate from the 2024 ACHS Annual Conference itself.

Wednesday, January 31

- 2:00 pm Foundations for Honor Society Leaders - Session One
Pearl Ballroom, Second Floor
- 6:00 pm Dinner on Your Own

Thursday, February 1

- 8:00 am Foundations for Honor Society Leaders - Session Two
Pearl Ballroom, Second Floor
- 12:00 pm Lunch on Your Own

2024 ACHS Annual Conference

Thursday, February 1

- 12:00 pm Conference Attendee Check-In (12-5pm)
Second Floor Foyer
- 12:30 pm Exhibitor Set-Up (12:30-5pm)
Standard & Loom, Second Floor
- 3:00 pm **Dorothy Mitstifer Conference Welcome Address**
Pearl Ballroom, Second Floor
When the Leader Needs a Cheerleader: Burnout in Higher Education & Honor Societies Today
Dr. Bernie Savarese, University of Tennessee
- 4:30 pm **Going International: A Panel Discussion**
Dr. Jessica Murphy of Jackson State University with the executive directors of Epsilon Pi Tau, Psi Chi, and Tau Beta Pi, and Rosann Naidoo, Epsilon Pi Tau's Pan-African Chapter Leader
- 5:30 pm **Welcome Reception: ACHS Sponsors, Partners, & Exhibitors**
Standard & Loom
- 6:30 pm Dinner on Your Own
- 8:30 pm Beverages & Board Games
Lobby Bar

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Friday, February 2

- 7:30 am **Breakfast Greetings & Networking**
Pearl Ballroom
- 8:15 am Break
- 8:30 am **Crafting & Curating Your Story**
Dr. Katy Luchini Colbry, Michigan State University
(This session will include hands-on, story-crafting groups, so bring your best PR materials to assist you.)
- 9:45 am Break
- 10:00 am **Topical Discussion Groups**
- 11:00 am **Visit Partner Central**
Standard & Loom
- 11:30 am **Riverboat Lunch** Sponsored by Visit Knoxville!
Depart from Hotel Lobby
- 2:45 pm **Creating Lifetime Membership Opportunities**
Pearl Ballroom
Garrett Mintz of Ambition-in-Motion
- 3:30 pm Break
- 3:45 pm **ACHS Council Business Meeting**
- 5:15 pm **Partners in Honors: Stamp Your Passport Event**
Standard & Loom
- 6:00 pm Dinner on Your Own
- 8:00 pm **ACHS Glow Up! Party**
Knoxville Sunsphere

Saturday, February 3

- 7:30 am **Breakfast Breakouts** (select one)
Employee & Staffing Issues, *Standard*
When & Why to Outsource, *Loom*
Working with Volunteers & Boards, *Pearl Ballroom*
- 8:30 am **Inspired! Best Practices & Programming Leader-Shares**
Pearl Ballroom
- 9:30 am Break
- 9:45 am **Hearing from Our Students: A College Student Panel**
Panelists: Hunter Carr & Kylee Condra, Alpha Chi; Shernica Ferguson, Alpha Kappa Mu; Emily Buckner, Tau Beta Pi
- 10:30 am **The Importance of Intellectual Property Protections**
Jonathan Blanchard, Ph.D., J.D., Blanchard Horton, PLLC
- 11:30 am **ACHS Conference Closing Session**

SPEAKERS

Dr. Bernie Savarese

Dr. Bernie Savarese joined the University of Tennessee System in 2021 as the associate vice president for student success and currently serves as the acting vice president for academic affairs, research, and student success. In this role, he convenes and works closely with the chief academic, research, diversity, and student affairs officers of UT's 5 campuses. He also serves as the liaison to various state agencies and departments, and staffs the Education, Research and Service Committee of the Board of Trustees.



Garrett Mintz

Garrett Mintz is the CEO and founder of Ambition In Motion where he leverages Industrial-Organizational Psychology to help facilitate long-lasting and impactful mentor relationships. His team's research has extended to leadership as his team has identified many parallels between effective mentorship and effective leadership and how leveraging this research can create an engaged workforce and happier employees.



Dr. Katy Luchini-Colbry

Katy Luchini Colbry, PhD, is Assistant Dean for Engineering Graduate Student Services at Michigan State University and serves as co-PI for two NSF-funded workforce development programs. Dr. Colbry volunteers as Director of Engineering Futures, the professional development program of Tau Beta Pi, which provides communications, teamwork and leadership training.



Dr. Jonathan Blanchard

Dr. Blanchard is a member at Blanchard Horton PLLC. He provides legal services in the area of intellectual property law, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and product designs. He specializes in patent portfolio management and engages in enforcement actions to protect the current and future business opportunities of clients.



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The Standard for Honor Society Excellence

Did You Know Next Year is ACHS' Centennial?

We're hoping to return to our founding city, Kansas City, MO! Tentative dates are February 6-8, 2025 - more info coming soon!

SPONSORS

2024 Conference Sponsors



Tau Beta Pi
The Engineering Honor Society

Visit Knoxville

Knoxville is a nature-loving-adventure-seeking-artsy-kindatown! In this one, unique location, mountains meet music... culture meets cuisine... and no one meets a stranger. The pure walkability of downtown allows people to explore and discover vibrant murals, local music, historic sites, art museums, parks, greenways and more.

Tau Beta Pi

Tau Beta Pi was founded at Lehigh University in 1885 and is the second oldest honor society. We have been recognizing engineers of outstanding scholarship and exemplary character for 139 years and are proud to be one of the founding members of ACHS. Welcome to Knoxville; home to our Headquarters office since 1907!

2024 Premiere Partners

Church Hill Classics

What sets Church Hill Classics apart? Church Hill Classics manufactures insignia customized frames for graduates, and provides full-service certificate programming for companies, organizations, and associations, throughout the country. Our products are made in the US and our turn-key marketing programming is best-in-class!



Printing Plus

Printing Plus is an award-winning specialty printing business that has served the Greek community and fraternal orders since 1982. We continue to be the industry leader for providing custom-designed printed items that exceed quality expectations. From personalized Greek membership certificates to commemorative installation charters to regalia, custom framing and more.



Visit Baton Rouge

Baton Rouge is a premier destination for conferences, events, and tourism. Boasting renowned universities, dynamic honors programs, modern and classic venues, unique research opportunities, rich Louisiana culture, and a welcoming community, we are your ideal destination for your next gathering or getaway. Visit Baton Rouge and experience authentic excellence.



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2024 Partners

Herff Jones

The Greek Division of Herff Jones serves as Official Jeweler to most organizations in the Greek letter community. Our talented artisans produce the finest fraternal pins, badges, rings, and accessory jewelry for our customers, in addition to offering other quality recognition products such as custom awards and plaques, medallions, honor cords and stoles, and fine paper products including membership certificates and charters.



Tassel Depot

Tassel Depot is the largest US manufacturer of Graduation Tassels, Honor Cords, Ornaments, Stoles and Key Ring tassels in the country. Our 20,000 sq. ft. factory stocks over 200 combinations and solid Honor Cords that are Premium or Standard. We also offer add-ons such as custom charms and tassel tags. Stoles are plain, embroidered or printed.



2024 Exhibitors



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Since 1985 Award Concepts has been a leading manufacturer of custom jewelry for honor societies. We also specialize in graduation regalia, certificates, membership fulfillment and branded items as well as hosting online member stores. We pride ourselves on providing excellent quality products with quick turnaround time and outstanding customer service.

GreekTrack

Manage your entire invitation process, from composing and sending chapter-customized invitation and reminder emails, to collecting online payments, to reporting out lists to send to print, we do it all in a single software platform. We are your one-stop-shop including conference ticketing, online learning courses, donation collection, and e-commerce stores.

Collegiate Regalia

We take care of the backend needs, so you can focus on your membership. Providing manufacturing, warehousing, and white label fulfillment, for your jewelry, certificates, graduation regalia, ceremonial equipment, merchandise and much more.

Schoen Trimming and Cord Co.

Since 1939, we have been a direct manufacturer of insignia tassels and honor cords. We can do exquisite embroidery and multi-colors stole printing. In 2021, we partnered with Trophy House of Baton Rouge, LA which greatly allowed us to expand our offerings of pins, medallions, and banners. We are proud of our 85 year heritage and will continue our tradition of manufacturing the highest quality products.

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Eligibility Appeals

Curt Gomulinski, Tau Beta Pi

Paul Bagget, Phi Alpha

Brad Conrad, Sigma Pi Sigma

Lara Noah, Alpha Chi

Foundations for Honor Society Leaders

Eileen Merberg, Alpha Lambda Delta

Kate Gaertner, Alpha Sigma Nu, *retired*

Curt Gomulinski, Tau Beta Pi

Jane Hamblin, Mortar Board, *retired*

Martha Zlokovich, Psi Chi, *retired*

Management

Lara Noah, Alpha Chi

Vinnie Birkenmeyer, Lambda Sigma

Melissa Martin, Phi Upsilon Omicron

Holly Moorhead, Chi Sigma Iota

Nominations

Kimberly Switzer, Sigma Lambda Chi

Holly Moorhead, Chi Sigma Iota

Farhang Niroomand, Omicron Delta Epsilon

Tanya Schwarz, Pi Sigma Alpha

Bethany Titus, Alpha Kappa Delta

Public Information

Katie Holmes, Alpha Chi

Kirsten Fox, Mortar Board

Marianne Fallon, Psi Chi

Steve Loflin, NSCS

Maureen Scott, Beta Kappa Chi

Standards & Definitions

Eileen Merberg, Alpha Lambda Delta

Donna Cherry, Phi Alpha

Lara Noah, Alpha Chi

Cindy Stanfield, Alpha Epsilon Delta

Lisa Stewart, Tau Sigma Delta

MEMBER SOCIETIES



Alpha Beta Gamma, Business
Alpha Chi, All Academic Fields
Alpha Epsilon, Agricultural/Biological Engineering
Alpha Epsilon Delta, Premedical
Alpha Epsilon Rho, Electronic Media
Alpha Eta Mu Beta, Biomedical Engineering
Alpha Iota Delta, Decision Sciences and Information Systems
Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology
Alpha Kappa Mu, All Academic Fields
Alpha Lambda Delta, Freshman Scholarship
Alpha Phi Sigma, Criminal Justice
Alpha Pi Mu, Industrial Engineering
Alpha Sigma Lambda, Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning
Alpha Sigma Mu, Metallurgy and Materials Engineering
Alpha Sigma Nu, General Scholarship - Jesuit Institutions of Higher Education
Beta Gamma Sigma, Business and Management
Beta Kappa Chi, Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Beta Phi Mu, Library and Information Studies and Information Technology
Chi Sigma Iota, Professional Counseling
Delta Epsilon Sigma, General Scholarship in Colleges and Universities with a Catholic Tradition
Delta Mu Delta, Business Administration
Epsilon Pi Phi, Emergency Management
Epsilon Pi Tau, Professions in Technology
Gamma Theta Upsilon, Geography
Kappa Mu Epsilon, Mathematics
Kappa Omicron Nu, Human Sciences
Kappa Tau Alpha, Journalism and Mass Communications
Lambda Pi Eta, Communication
Lambda Sigma, Student Leadership, Scholarship and Service
Mortar Board, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service
Mu Kappa Tau, Marketing
National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Scholarship, Leadership and Service
Omega Chi Epsilon, Chemical Engineering

Omega Rho, Operations Research and Management Science
Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economics
Phi Alpha, Social Work
Phi Alpha Theta, History
Phi Beta Delta, International Scholars
Phi Eta Sigma, Freshman Scholarship
Phi Lambda Sigma, Pharmacy Leadership
Phi Sigma, Biological Sciences, All Pure and Applied Fields
Phi Sigma Iota, Foreign Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, ESL, & Cultures
Phi Sigma Tau, Philosophy
Phi Upsilon Omicron, Family and Consumer Sciences
Pi Delta Phi, French
Pi Gamma Mu, Social Sciences
Pi Kappa Lambda, Music
Pi Omega Pi, Business Education
Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science
Pi Tau Sigma, Mechanical Engineering
Pi Theta Epsilon, Occupational Therapy
Psi Beta, Psychology at Two-year Colleges
Psi Chi, Psychology
Rho Chi, Pharmacy
Sigma Beta Delta, Business, Management, and Administration
Sigma Delta Pi, Spanish
Sigma Lambda Alpha, Landscape Architecture
Sigma Lambda Chi, Construction Management
Sigma Pi Sigma, Physics
Sigma Tau Delta, English
Sigma Theta Tau, Nursing
Tau Beta Pi, Engineering
Tau Sigma Delta, Architecture and Allied Arts
Theta Alpha Kappa, Religious Studies / Theology
Upsilon Pi Epsilon, Computing and Information Disciplines
Xi Sigma Pi, Forestry

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