

Finance Student Organizations

Beta Gamma Sigma

Beta Gamma Sigma is the honor society for students enrolled in business and management programs accredited by AACSB - The International Association for Management Education. Election to lifetime membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest honor a business student anywhere in the world can receive in an undergraduate or master's program at a school accredited by AACSB. Students, based on high academic achievement, and tenured business school faculty members are the only ones eligible for membership in the Society. With more than 500,000 members worldwide, the Society's membership comprises the brightest and best of the world's business leaders.

Beta Gamma Sigma membership provides recognition for a lifetime. With alumni chapters in major metropolitan areas across the United States and the BetaLink on-line membership community, those recognized for their academic achievements at the School of Business and Public Administration at the University of Houston-Clear Lake can continue an active relationship with Beta Gamma Sigma long after graduation. This lifelong commitment to its members' academic and professional success is defined in the Society's mission: to encourage and honor academic achievement in the study of business and personal and professional excellence in the practice of business.

In the Spring semester of each year, the top business students at UHCL are invited to join Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS). The top 10% of undergraduate business students and the top 20% of business graduate students are invited to join. Business discipline studies are defined by the international Board of Directors of BGS. The ranking of students is based on GPA at UHCL. There are also minimum hour requirements (e.g., a student with a 4.0 but only 3 hours completed would not be eligible). If a student's GPA places them in the invitation sample (top 10% of undergraduate business students or top 20% of graduate business students), the student will receive an invitation from me to join along with the necessary instructions. Please note that this is a once in an academic career invitation. If a student elects not to join, the student cannot subsequently change their mind and "join later" unless they become eligible as a result of completing some other degree program.

Financial Management Association National Honor Society

The Financial Management Association International (FMA) sponsors a National Honor Society whose mission is to encourage and honor academic achievement in the student of finance and personal and professional excellence in the study of finance. Eligibility for induction in the FMA's National Honor Society is based on high academic achievement in the study of finance and is not dependent on membership in either the national Financial Management Association or the UHCL Student Chapter of the Financial Management Association International. The UHCL chapter of the Financial Management Association National Honor Society has received FMA's national bronze membership development award five times.

Financial Management Association Student Organization

The UHCL student chapter of the Financial Management Association International is a chartered chapter of the national Financial Management Association. The mission of the national FMA is to serve the mainstream of the finance community by stressing what is new in theoretical and empirical research and also what professionals find important and relevant in day-to-day activities. The enhancement of knowledge and transfer of knowledge through education are keystones of this effort. The mission of the Financial Management Association Student Programs is to serve the mainstream of the finance community by providing students of finance with educational opportunities that extend beyond the scope of traditional classroom experiences. An important aspect of this is to induce students who are likely to become finance professionals to continue to keep abreast of what is new in theoretical and empirical

research in finance throughout their careers. The operational goals of the Program are to provide students with information on current developments in the field of finance, career opportunities, and the importance of continuing their education as practicing professionals. The Program also recognizes those students who have excelled in scholarly and professional development activities by sponsoring a Financial Management Association National Honor Society. The UHCL student chapter of the Financial Management Association has received FMA's national superior chapter award five times and has received the UHCL student organization of the year award.