

SIGMA BETA DELTA ONLINE

If you haven't heard, Sigma Beta Delta is on the World Wide Web. The address is:

www.sigmabetadelta.org

Members should dial us up to see what's going on. The site contains a great deal of information about SBD and its programs. It links our page to many of our chapter schools. If your school is not linked, let us know. Also, alumni members will appreciate news about the Society's activities.

We also want to remind all of our members about our E-mail address:

sbdhonors@sigmabetadelta.org

This is the quickest and easiest way to contact us here in the Central Office. It is also the best way to let us know if you have changed your address. That way, you can be sure to get future issues of the *Aspirations*, and other mailings by the Society.

SBD GOES INTERNATIONAL

Sigma Beta Delta is proud to welcome United Arab Emirates University as one of the newest chapters of the Society (*see the complete list of new chapters below right*). James H. Bearden, president of Sigma Beta Delta, traveled to the United Arab Emirates last December to install the chapter.

The chapter's installation was historic because it is the first outside the United States. Sigma Beta Delta has now established 145 chapters in 41 states and one in the United Arab Emirates.

The Society continues to strive for chapters in all 50 states and additional foreign countries.

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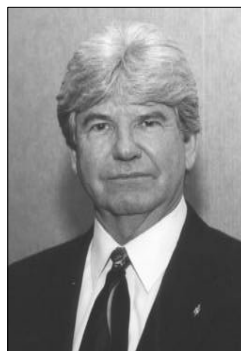
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PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

As we conclude one century and enter the next, it is appropriate to give profound thanks to all of our readers. The following groups deserve a special measure of appreciation because they are the essence of Sigma Beta Delta:

- The newly-inducted student members who, through their scholarship, discipline and hard work, have been recognized in 1999 for their scholastic excellence;
- The original pioneering members who began the journey with us in 1994, and who represent the cornerstone of the ever-enlarging Sigma Beta Delta group of alumni;
- Our faculty members, who we recognize as "the stewards of the resource of honor."



James H. Bearden
President

In addition to this being an excellent opportunity to express gratitude for past accomplishments, it is also a good time to ponder our future and consider the role of our Society in the next century.

On several occasions when I have visited our chapters, I've noted that our very young Society will have had only a short life in the 20th century, and that we are about to become a 21st century organization. In that respect, we differ from our parent honor society, Beta Gamma Sigma, as well as Delta Mu Delta, who have a long history in the 20th century. The years ahead will no doubt confront us with many new challenges,

which in turn will lead to many new opportunities. It is through this growth and maturation that our Society will fulfill the vision, which led to Sigma Beta Delta being founded.

As we move into the next

millennium, it is important that we keep a sharp focus on the values that constitute our ideals – honor, wisdom and aspiration. How those ideals manifest themselves in the lives of all of our Society's family will be important – not just to our organization, but to the future of our global village.

The reach of Sigma Beta Delta continues to grow. We have established 145 chapters in 41 states, in addition to our first international chapter at United Arab Emirates University. The very attainable goal of establishing chapters in all 50 states in the next few years is well within sight. The field is fertile, with more than 500 colleges and universities in the U.S. alone eligible to have SBD chapters that currently do not.

Our recent admission to the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) gives Sigma Beta Delta a visible presence alongside the other well-respected honor societies in the world. This accomplishment does not alter our mission, rather it validates the vision and tireless work of everyone involved in SBD to date, and gives us added prestige and promise for the future.

Thanks again for the year that was, and the century that will be.

New Chapters of SBD since last *Aspirations*

(since December 1998)

- California Lutheran University
- Charleston Southern University
- DeVry Institute of Technology, Atlanta
- Dickinson College
- Frostburg State University
- Hope College
- Howard Payne University
- Laboratory Institute of Merchandising
- Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus
- Montana State University-Billings
- Nazareth College of Rochester
- College of St. Joseph in Vermont
- Texas Woman's University
- United Arab Emirates University
- United States Air Force Academy
- Wheeling Jesuit University