**Westfield State University Communication Department**

**Lambda Pi Eta National Communication Honor Society**

**2016 Application**

**Deadlines**

* **Application due date: Thursday, March 10, 2016, 3:00 PM in Susan Leggett’s Communication Department mailbox.**
* **Accepted students notified on Friday, March 11, 2016.**
* **One time membership fee of $30.00 (cash or check made to WSU Communication Department) for accepted students due: Monday, March 21, 2016 to Kim Gamache in the Communication Department Main Office by 3:00PM.**
* **Accepted students should notify Dr. Susan Leggett by April 22, 2016, if they plan to attend the Communication Department annual awards dinner scheduled for May 13, 2016.**

**Lambda Pi Eta is a National Communication Honors Society: “**Lambda Pi Eta recognizes fosters, and rewards outstanding scholastic achievement while stimulating interest in the communication discipline” ([www.natcom.org](http://www.natcom.org)). Membership in Lambda Pi Eta is reserved for students who meet national **eligibility** criteria, including willingness and capability to make **active commitments** to the work of the WSU chapter.

**Eligibility**

* **Completed 60 semester credit hours**
* **Minimum 3.25 GPA in Communication (COMM-designated courses).**
* **Minimum 3.00 overall (Westfield State University) GPA.**
* **Minimum of 12 credits in Communication from WSU (COMM-designated courses – this means the course has a COMM in front of it on your degree eval).**
* **Be in good standing, according to WSU policies.**
* **D**isplay commitment to the **discipline of Communication and department**.

**Active Commitment to the work of WSU Chapter**

Exhibit high standards of personal and professional character and shall support the purposes of the honor society by making active commitments to the work of the chapter (e.g., participation in chapter service activities). Seniors who are completing applications must demonstrate participation in departmental service.

*Attendance policy*

Seniors admitted to Lambda Pi this semester and wishing to earn recognition at commencement by wearing an honor cord and wishing to earn recognition at the department dinner need to be willing to commit to a minimum of 5 volunteer hours (e.g., calls to accepted students, peer advising in the Communication department, contributing to function of the Lambda Pi administrative tasks, department dinner support, etc.).

**Application process**

Please complete the following information and include with this application document the two required attachments: a) 300-450 word essay as explained below in question 6 and b) your degree audit/evaluation. If you need information about your courses and gpa, use your degree audit/evaluation available on your MyWestfield. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Westfield email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Number of credit hours *completed* as of this application: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Overall WSU grade point average \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. WSU COMM-designated course gpa (e.g., *COMM*-101; *COMM*-204, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. List the COMM-designated courses you have taken at WSU (Classes with other departmental designations are not used to calculate LPH eligibility. For example, some ART or PSYC classes are counted as elective credit in the Communication major but are not used for national COMMUNICATION honor society membership eligibility.):

5. Identify the chapter activities to which you are willing to commit (approximately 4 hours per semester): service activity such as a habitat for humanity activity, food or school supply drive, fundraising coordinator for the chapter, publicist for the chapter, departmental peer advising during pre-registration. NOTE: SENIORS: Please list department activities you have completed and activities to which you would be willing to commit; JUNIORS please list department activities to which you would be willing to commit.

**6. Essay**

Attach a 300-450 word (double-spaced, 1” margins, 12 point Times Roman font – will be approximately 1 to 1 ½ pages) essay explaining your commitment to the discipline of communication. As you explain your commitment to the discipline of communication consider the following: What kinds of issues have encouraged you to remain a student/scholar of communication? What specific types of communication topics have inspired your work? What time will you devote to the work of the chapter? Please do not simply list the types of jobs you wish to seek. We are selecting applications for this national honor society based on your expressed interest in the study and exploration of communication as an area of study.

Questions: Contact Dr. Susan Leggett, sleggett@westfield.ma.edu.