

honor society news

The North Carolina Agriculture & Technical State University elected five new honor society candidates this spring. The new honor society members then became members of the Beta Gamma Chapter of Omega Chi Epsilon.

As a result of the induction election on April 30, 2015, all five of the candidates listed below became members. Honor Society Candidates:

1. Tayyiaba I Choudry
2. Kweku Benya
3. Cameron B Solomon
4. Abibatu T Ojoamoo
5. Sharla D Gadson

Omega Chi Epsilon (Ω XE) is the American national honor society for chemical engineering students. The Society promotes high scholarship, encourages original investigation in chemical engineering and recognizes the valuable traits of character, integrity and leadership. It serves both undergraduate and graduate students and fosters meaningful student-faculty dialogue.

The society had its inception at the University of Illinois in 1931. A group of chemical engineering students at this university met to form an organization which would recognize those juniors and seniors who displayed academic excellence and leadership in their profession. They designed a key, petitioned for and received recognition from the University of Illinois administration, and became the Alpha Chapter of Omega Chi Epsilon. After that, the second and third chapter was established, as beta and Gamma chapter, at the Iowa State University (1932) and University of Minnesota (1934) respectively. By its tenth anniversary, another five chapters had been formed. Records for the thirtieth year (1960-61) show 105 persons initiated from 10 chapters. In 1967, the Society became a member of the Association of College Honor Societies. In its Golden Anniversary year, 1980-81, Omega Chi Epsilon received 705 members from 39 chapters. Now, it has over 60 active university chapters and total membership of nearly 20,000 men and women.

About logo: The key represents the objectives of Omega Chi Epsilon. The four arms of the Maltese cross represent the first four objectives: **RECOGNITION, INVESTIGATION, SERVICE, and COMRADESHIP**. These four are bound intimately together by the fifth, **PROFESSIONALISM** represented by the circular maroon crest. This crest is in the shape of a globe, reminding us of the world-wide scope of chemical engineering. The gold Greek letters, Omega, Chi, Epsilon, are inscribed on a white band encircling the globe. The crossed retorts, the integral sign, and the bolt of lightning represent the three main tools of the chemical engineer: chemistry, mathematics, and physics. The letters- Omega Chi Epsilon -represent both a title and

a motto. They are the Greek equivalents of the initials of “Order of Chemical Engineers”. They are also the first letters of the motto “Ode Chrototos Eggegramai “which means, “In this Society, professionalism is engraved in our minds”.

In order to encourage the Chemical engineering student, recently, North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University (NCA&TSU) has also established a new chapter called the “Beta Gamma” chapter of Omega Chi Epsilon.