

## **Pi Delta Phi -- French Honor Society at VCU**

VCU is establishing a chapter of Pi Delta Phi, the French National Honor Society. Current students should talk to a French faculty member about your interest in being nominated, and alumni may contact the French program at [french@vcu.edu](mailto:french@vcu.edu). There are two categories of membership:

### **Regular membership**

**Regular** members include graduate and undergraduate students at the sponsoring institution who are nominated in recognition of their academic achievement in French. Requirements for regular membership are:

- completion of at least one course of upper-division French (i.e. beyond the intermediate-level series of courses)
- 3.0 GPA in French, 2.8 GPA overall, AND rank in the top 35% of their class
- sophomore standing or higher

Undergraduate students do not need to be French or French Studies majors or minors to be nominated for regular membership. Graduate students who are candidates for an advanced degree in French or French studies are eligible for regular membership. Students from neighboring institutions who take French courses at the sponsoring institution are not eligible for regular membership, but may be nominated for honorary membership.

### **Honorary membership**

**Honorary** members include: the French faculty of the sponsoring institution who are not already members of Pi Delta Phi; members of the faculty at large; students who do not meet the requirements for regular membership; college or university alumni who did not become members while attending the sponsoring institution; and diplomats, community and business leaders who have demonstrated support of French language, and/or of the cultures and literatures of the French-speaking world.

**Regular members** make a single lifetime dues payment of **\$35**. **Honorary members** make a single lifetime dues payment of **\$20**. Costs of the ceremony and the Pi Delta Phi pin and certificate are covered by dues. Make checks payable to *Virginia Commonwealth University*. Forward checks through your current French teacher OR place in a sealed envelope addressed to Dr. Patricia W. Cummins; French Coordinator; Box 842021; VCU; Richmond, VA 23284-2021. (Address questions to Dr. Cummins at 804-827-0957 or write to [french@vcu.edu](mailto:french@vcu.edu).)

We look forward to scheduling our first chapter ceremony in early May. Please respond to [french@vcu.edu](mailto:french@vcu.edu) by **April 20, 2011** to participate in our May 2011 inaugural event.