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Summary: Pi Sigma Alpha is the National Political Science Honor Society.

(August 4, 2011)-The National Office of Pi Sigma Alpha has announced that the University of Minnesota, Morris Alpha Zeta Eta chapter has been honored with a Best Chapter Award. Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, is the United States’ only honor society for college students of political science and government. The Morris chapter, established in 2009, was chosen as one of four honored institutions with student populations under 6000.

Adviser Roger Rose, associate professor of political science says, “Given that’s there’s probably 200 plus chapters in this category, that’s pretty impressive for a new chapter.”

The Best Chapter Award recognizes chapters that are “particularly active in their departments and exhibit high levels of energy and creativity in furthering the goals of the honor society,” states the announcement letter. In addition, it was noted that it is very unusual for a new chapter to win a Best Chapter Award.

The Morris chapter’s award will be announced in the American Political Science Association’s quarterly journal PS: Political Science and Politics and in the Pi Sigma Alpha Newsletter.

Pi Sigma Alpha is a member of the Association of College Honor (ACHS) and designated as a “Specialized, Upper-Division” society. There are more than 700 chapters of Pi Sigma Alpha located on college and university campuses in every state of the United States and one in Canada.

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