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# Georgia Southern's Beta Alpha Psi chapter receives Superior status

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## BETA ALPHA PSI

The International Honor Organization for  
Financial Information Students and Professionals

The Georgia Southern University Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) chapter has been awarded Superior status for the 2016-17 reporting year.

The BAP chapter completed a number of important activity requirements to be considered for Superior status. These activities included having a beginning-of-year, mid-year and end-of-year report meeting, an initiation meeting, at least eight reaching out activities, at least six professional activities and at least one service activity throughout the 2016-17 school year. Each member of the organization is also required to have a minimum of 32 hours for professional and service activities.

For their efforts, BAP will receive a reward of \$500 later this year sponsored by [KPMG](#) and the KPMG Foundation, along with a letter from Sandra Richtermeyer, the 2017-18 President of BAP, recognizing the chapter and its students for this achievement. Students attending the BAP annual meeting in August will also have the honor of wearing a green Superior ribbon.

"Our chapter has achieved Superior status for 18 of the last 20 years, which is as far back as Beta Alpha Psi's database goes," said Eddie Metrejean, Ph.D., CPA, CFE, associate professor of accounting and advisor of the BAP student chapter.

"All the hard work is done by the students who have to meet certain requirements for us to be considered Superior," said Metrejean.

According to Metrejean, Superior status requires the members of the organization be involved in two main areas, professional meetings and service activities. Reach out activities are also required.

"We typically meet 12 or 13 times per semester," said Metrejean. "For the professional meetings, we have accounting firms and other companies present different topics to our members. Topics are usually about résumé writing, interviewing skills, business etiquette, managing stress, etc."

Metrejean said the group is typically involved in five or six service activities per semester.

"Our biggest activity is tutoring for the Financial Accounting and Managerial Accounting [courses]. We probably spend more than 300 hours tutoring," he said. "[BAP] also ha[s] been involved with School of Accountancy activities such as Meet the Firms and Accounting Day setup, Executive in Residence and Forensic Accounting Lecture, among others. College of Business activities [we are involved in] include Professional Development Day [and] students' lunches. [We also participate in] activities with local elementary and middle schools [and] activities with Bulloch County Recreation."

Finally, the student organization is required to participate in eight Reach Out Activities, in which points are accrued for each activity. These activities range from attending and presenting at regional and national meetings, participating in Community Service Day at the national meeting, and certain service activities about financial literacy, among other activities.

### About Beta Apha Psi

Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) is an honorary organization for financial information students and professionals. The primary objective of BAP is to encourage and give recognition to scholastic and professional excellence in the business information field. This includes promoting the study and practice of accounting, finance and information systems; providing opportunities for self-development, service and association among members and practicing professionals, and encouraging a sense of ethical, social and public responsibility. To be eligible for membership, students must have completed at least ACCT 3131 (Intermediate Accounting I), have at least a 3.0 GPA in all

upper level accounting courses and have at least a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Membership to Beta Alpha Psi is by invitation only.