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Introducing Chi Iota Sigma, our new Christian INDS Honor Society

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In the fall of 2023, the Interdisciplinary Studies Department celebrated a significant milestone with the inaugural induction ceremony of its honor society, Chi Iota Sigma. This marked the beginning of a unique journey for the society, distinguishing it as the first Christian INDS honor society of its kind.

The genesis of Chi Iota Sigma can be traced back to the spring semester of 2023, when Dr. Mason, the INDS department chair, inspired INDS students to establish an honor society. Under the guidance of Dr. Mason as the faculty advisor and the leadership of Lorelle Phillips and Audrey Lach as President and Vice President respectively, the society quickly took shape. A full team of dedicated officers was soon formed, culminating in a memorable first induction ceremony attended by nearly 100 people. This event was not only a celebration of academic excellence but also an opportunity for enriching fellowship among the INDS faculty, staff, and students.

Chi Iota Sigma is committed to Christian values and a Christian understanding of education, a distinction symbolized by the 'Chi' in its name, representing Christ. This sets it apart from other national INDS honor societies and aligns it closely with the ethos of Liberty University.

Membership in Chi Iota Sigma is open to students who meet the following criteria: (a) being an INDS major or philosophy minor, (b) having sophomore status or higher, and (c) maintaining a GPA of 3.3 or above. The society holds induction ceremonies at least every Fall semester, providing a platform for students to be recognized for their academic achievements.

As a society, we are committed to fostering a vibrant community within the INDS department through various social and academic events throughout the semester. These gatherings are designed not only to build community but also to develop skills that are invaluable for future career paths. The society recognizes that INDS students are multitalented thinkers with a passion for making a meaningful impact in their future vocations. As such, Chi Iota Sigma aims to nurture and prepare its members to excel in their chosen fields and to serve purposefully where God has called them.

Chi Iota Sigma is more than an honor society; it's a community of dedicated learners and future leaders committed to making a difference. Come join us!

By Lorelle Phillips '24

If you'd like to learn more or inquire about joining the society, you can follow us on Instagram @indshonorsociety or email indshonorsociety@liberty.edu.