

**SIGMA PI SIGMA @ UCA INDUCTION  
Funding Proposal**

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## **Overview**

We propose a plan for our chapter's first Sigma Pi Sigma induction since 1994 to introduce new physics students to the society's honors and traditions. We plan to invite students, families, faculty, alumni, and the SPS National director, Dr. Brad R. Conrad, to welcome students to Sigma Pi Sigma. The induction is planned to be held in mid-February 2022 in an appropriate university space and provide either a sit-down lunch or hors d'oeuvres for guests after the ceremony.

## **Event Details**

**Estimated Attendance:** 40

**Invited Speaker:** SPS National Director, Dr. Brad R. Conrad

**Refreshments:** Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres (\$15.00/person). Families and guests of the inductees will be asked to purchase a ticket for meals, while inductees and our invited speaker will be covered.

**Venue:** UCA is a beautiful campus with a number of event spaces that could suit our needs. To fit with the theme of the event, we will use our state-of-the-art Dr. Edmond E. Griffin planetarium facility to host the induction ceremony. For our reception following the event, we plan to use Buffalo Alumni Hall, which is often used for receptions, and houses the UCA Alumni Association.

## **Other Funding Sources**

We will approach the Department of Physics and Astronomy, as well as the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics for matching funds. Both the chair of the department and the dean of the college are enthusiastic about re-invigorating our Sigma Pi Sigma chapter and inducting new members. Our SPS chapter has also worked hard to fundraise this fall, hosting a combination star party/barbeque and collecting nearly \$100, which can be used to support the induction if necessary.

## **Impact**

Every SPS chapter has been hit hard by the pandemic. Our chapter has been able to host consistent remote and in-person events over the last two years and keep the community alive. As we move back into normalcy, our chapter wants to strengthen student involvement, connect current chapter members with alumni, and recognize the work of physics students through the pandemic. We believe rekindling Sigma Pi Sigma at our university is a great way to achieve all three goals. By utilizing Buffalo Alumni Hall for our induction reception, we can also connect Sigma Pi Sigma inductees and current students with the UCA Alumni Association.

## **Summary**

We request \$500.00 to support the first Sigma Pi Sigma induction at our institution in over two decades. The funds would cover the following costs: venue, Sigma Pi Sigma decor, and

refreshments for approximately 40 people. Rekindling UCA's Sigma Pi Sigma tradition is another step back to post-pandemic student support and engagement.