

March 10, 2022

Dear Chi Sigma Iota Alpha Chapter Nominee:

You have been identified as an individual who meets the criteria for membership in Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society (CSI), and we are pleased to invite you join the Alpha Chapter at Ohio University at this time. Your invitation to join our chapter distinguishes you as an outstanding counseling student; one whose accomplishments are consistent with the mission of the international organization and of the Alpha Chapter. Eligibility for membership is extended only to those students in the Ohio University CACREP-accredited Counselor Education program who "have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a scale of 4.0 and are deemed promising for endorsement as a professional counselor whose ethical judgment and behavior will be exemplary" (CSI Bylaws Article 4.1 [http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.csi-net.org/resource/resmgr/Docs-Minutes_&_Official_Docs/bylaws-2007-2010_amended_20.pdf]).

To accept this invitation, please complete the New Member Registration (<https://membership.csi-net.org/appinfo.aspx>) on the CSI website (www.csi-net.org < Membership). **You must fully complete and submit the application with annual dues payment (\$50) at the same time. Incomplete applications cannot be accepted.**

You will be required to pay the CSI membership dues online with a credit card or via PayPal. (You also may renew your CSI membership annually online using a credit card or PayPal.) CSI International new member dues are \$50.00 for the first year; renewal is currently \$40 per year. The Alpha Chapter of CSI does not charge any local dues – we utilize fund-raising to help with chapter projects. Dr. Christine Suniti Bhat, the Alpha Chapter Faculty Advisor, will be required to approve your online application form before your application is finalized.

Please complete the application process by midnight on **March 20, 2022**, to ensure that your CSI certificate and membership pin will be available to present to you at our chapter's initiation ceremony. If you do not apply by March 20, 2022, you will have to wait until Spring 2023 to apply. The ceremony will be held on April 2, 2022, at 3:00 pm at **Patton Hall**. Alumna and former CSI International President, Dr. Nicole Hill, will be our honored guest.

We applaud your commitment to both personal and professional excellence as a counselor. We know that you will want to invite friends, family, and all who support you in this commitment to attend and celebrate at our chapter's initiation of new members. You will receive your CSI membership certificate and recognition pin at that time.

Again, welcome and enjoy this recognition. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gene Dockery, Chapter President, at gd796619@ohio.edu or Dr. Christine Suniti Bhat, at bhatc@ohio.edu

Sincerely,

Christine Suniti Bhat, PhD, LPC, LSC (Ohio)
Chapter Faculty Advisor

Gene Dockery, MA, LPC, NCC
Chapter President