



NEWSLETTER

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International Honor Society in Social Sciences

The mission of Pi Gamma Mu is to encourage and promote excellence in the social sciences and to uphold the ideals of scholarship and service.

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NOMINATE TRUSTEES BY FEBRUARY 15

The nominating committee invites all chapters to submit names of candidates for a position on the Board of Trustees to appear on the 2008 ballot. Chapter participation is essential because the Pi Gamma Mu constitution states, "Each candidate whose name appears on the ballot must be nominated by a chapter." Nominations for board members may be sent to headquarters.

All nominations are to be made for the Board of Trustees. A chapter should not specify a position in its nomination. Positions to be filled for a three-year term are president, first and second vice president, secretary-treasurer, and chancellors for each of the regions. From those persons suggested by the chapters, the nominating committee will review the nominations and select candidates for each office solely on the basis of their qualifications. The

chapters will vote on these candidates in September.

Please give thought to candidates with the ability to fulfill responsibilities and who have been active Pi Gamma Mu workers. When a person has proven to be effective in shaping the local chapter, they might want to consider playing a role in shaping the future of the whole organization. That is what a trustee does.

Upon receipt of your chapter's nomination, the committee will ask the nominee if he/she is willing to serve if elected. The nominee will be asked to provide a vita and a brief campaign statement to be printed with the ballot.

Exercise your constitutional right to make a difference in the upcoming election by making nominations by **February 15**, and then be sure to vote next September.

TRIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION "PI GAMMA MU – A POLITICAL PARTY"

October 23-25, 2008

Registration and tour information for the International Convention are now set. Plan to join us in Atlanta.

Registration - the fee will be \$40 per person, which must be received at headquarters by Monday, October 6. This fee includes the dinner at the convention banquet on Friday evening, October 24. As previously announced, the guest speaker for the banquet will be Michael L. Thurmond, Commissioner of Labor for the State of Georgia.

Tour - Delegates are invited to participate in a tour after the convention ends on Saturday afternoon, October 25, from 2-5 p.m. We will visit the Martin Luther King, Jr. historical site, former president Jimmy Carter' Library, and eat at the famous Mary Mac's Tea Room. The cost for the afternoon is \$20.00 for passage in a tour bus. Participants will be responsible for paying, on their own, the cost of admission to the Carter Library (\$8) and the meal at Mary Mac's (they only accept cash - approximately \$20). As in the case of the \$40 convention registration fee, the \$20 fee for the tour is also due by Monday, October 6.

Paper Proposals - Pi Gamma Mu student members may propose to present papers at the convention. Pi Gamma Mu will pay for one night's lodging at the Atlanta Airport Hilton for each student member whose proposal is accepted and who presents his or her paper at the international convention. Proposals for this convention must be submitted in the form of a completed research paper or, at a minimum, a complete draft of a paper. The chairman of the Committee of Readers is Dr. Jean Karlen, past international president, Wayne State College, Neb. One should submit his or her proposal by e-mail to JeKarle1@wsc.edu. Attach the research paper as a Microsoft Word document. Other formats are unacceptable. Proposals must be received by Dr. Karlen no later than September 29, 2008.

Service Project - We are asking delegates to bring a stuffed animal to the convention. It would be nice to have the toys indicate what state they are representing (e.g., holding a state flag or wearing a ribbon with the name of the state on it). We will pretend to have a presidential nominating convention. The toys will be collected and donated to the Partnership Against Domestic Violence organization which operates two battered-women shelters in metro Atlanta. Susan Landrum, development associate for the PADV, will accept the animals on behalf of the children in the shelters. One of the ideals of Pi Gamma Mu is Social Service, and we want to leave Atlanta knowing that we were able to help some children.

HONOR CORDS FOR GRADUATION



For those of you graduating this year, there are honor cords available at the Pi Gamma Mu office. You can proudly wear these attractive royal blue and white cords at your graduation. The price of the cords is \$15.00 each plus \$2.95 for shipping and handling. It is quite an honor to be a member of Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society and honor cords are our most popular item. Please plan ahead and order your honor cords early. Send your check and return mailing address to headquarters (PGM, 1001 Millington, Suite B, Winfield, KS 67156) or call (620-221-3128) to give us a credit/debit card.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society provides many opportunities toward enhanced scholarship as we continue our mission of recognizing outstanding students. Our chapter meetings, regional meetings and triennial conventions are opportunities for scholarship as we gather to share research, new ideas and different perspectives. We are proud of our scholarly journal, the *International Social Science Review* and thank the many faculty and students who have submitted articles for publication. We should have one of our more well attended Pi Gamma Mu Triennial International Conventions on October 23-25, 2008 in Atlanta Georgia. Please see our Pi Gamma Mu Webpage for details and we encourage you to plan early and to bring an active delegation.

We are always pleased to welcome new chapters to help with our mission of developing and recognizing scholarship and excellence in the social sciences. Dean Leroy Allen, one of our key early founders, reminded us that as long as we stay with our mission of teaching, researching and applying the truths of the social sciences, we would grow and be contributors toward a better society. Our board wishes to remind and encourage chapters to include interdisciplinary areas of the social sciences in honor society invitations.

This past semester we welcomed new PGM chapters at **American University of Kuwait**, **Blue Mountain College**, **Brown University**, **Delaware State University**, **Fort Valley State University**, **Wilmington College** and the **University of New Orleans**. We also welcomed **New Mexico Highlands University** as a reactivated chapter. Several universities and colleges have

applied for new charters as this semester begins and our board will be considering these chapter applications soon. We also want to welcome our new part-time intern and chapter development officer Stephanie Villa. We are all involved in establishing new chapters but the role of headquarters in Kansas continues to be critical.

In the **international area** some important developments are occurring and we wish to welcome new chapters. **Del La Salle University** in the Philippines has reactivated their chapter after being inactive for a few years. Sue Watters has worked hard in assisting Del La Salle University on this reactivation and I also enjoyed talking with them while participating in the Diamond Jubilee Celebration at the **University of the Philippines** last year. As indicated, we have also chartered a new chapter at the **American University of Kuwait** and have recently extended chartering invitations to **Delhi University**, the **University of the Virgin Islands** and the **National University of Laos**. We think due to globalization and the need for more student exchange programs, opportunities for global communication and global economic developments that the time is right for more international expansion. We have discussed organizing a regional meeting of colleges and universities in Southeast Asia at the **University of the Philippines** but this is still in the planning phase. We are moving forward! We need to hear of your ideas on these international developments. (mercerc@wcu.edu)

Gordon Mercer
PGM International President

GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) and the Washington Internship Institute (WII) are pleased to announce that all inducted student members of the ACHS societies are eligible to receive a \$500 merit-based scholarship for the **ACHS/WII INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**. Last year 34 ACHS students received merit-based scholarships. WII has been a leader in the field of experiential education, providing students with real world experience while challenging them through theoretical reflection and academic coursework.

The program is individualized with personal attention paid to each student. Students intern four days per week, full-time, thereby gaining greater professional experience than in other programs. The "Capital Experience" internship program welcomes all majors and allows students the widest latitude in choosing the internship that best fits their interests.

The "Embassy and Diplomatic Scholars" program gives students an opportunity to intern and do substantive work at a host of international organizations, including foreign embassies, nonprofits and the State Department while taking an International Relations course from a retired U.S. diplomat with extensive academic experience. You can find out more by checking out their website (www.wiidx.org) or contact PGM headquarters for a brochure.

International experience is crucial to a competitive resume and to develop skills to work in the global arena. **THE NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM (NSEP)** David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarships are intended to provide support to U.S. undergraduates who will pursue the study of languages and cultures currently underrepresented in study abroad and critical to U.S. national security.

NSEP focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security. It draws on a broad definition of national security applied by the President in his annual National Security Strategy, recognizing that the scope of national security has expanded to include not only the traditional con-

cerns of protecting and promoting American well-being, but also the challenges of global society, including: sustainable development, environmental degradation, global disease and hunger, population growth and migration, and economic competitiveness.

The NSEP service requirement stipulates that an award recipient work in the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, State, or the Intelligence Community. There is also an expectation that NSEP Scholars will use the language or regional expertise acquired as a result of the award in their work for the U.S. government.

Additional information and an online application are available at the NSEP website: www.iie.org. To contact the NSEP office by mail: National Security Education Program, David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarships, Institute of International Education, 1400 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005, by phone: 800-618-NSEP or e-mail: nsep@iie.org. Deadline is February 13, 2007, but the process takes time so start now!

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The scholarship award is a time-honored tradition of Pi Gamma Mu. This award has been in use since the early days of the organization. Once a year chapters have the privilege of awarding such a medal to a person who has distinguished him/herself in the social sciences. It has usually been given to an outstanding student as a prize for scholarship and/or service. However, it may also go to some other person deserving recognition in this field or to a faculty officer of a Pi Gamma Mu chapter.

Finished in gold plate, the award is available to chapters at a cost of \$20. The name of the recipient and the date will be engraved without additional charge. Place your order from Pi Gamma Mu headquarters.



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SUMMER RESEARCH INITIATIVE

The Summer Research Initiative was created in 1999 by the Office of the Dean in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS) and is supported by the Office of the Provost, the Graduate School, the Office of the Vice President for Research, the College, and a grant from the National Science Foundation (SBE-AGEP). The goals of the program are to provide rising juniors and seniors an opportunity to learn about graduate studies and increase their interest in doctoral-level training in the social, behavioral and economic science fields. The program has a special emphasis on population groups underrepresented in these fields (i.e., African Americans, Hispanics, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders).

Program Details

This 8-week program will be held on the University of Maryland, College Park campus from June 2 through July 25, 2008. Students will be provided a meaningful research experience by working with a faculty mentor in one of our nine academic departments: [African American Studies](#), [Anthropology](#), [Criminology & Criminal Justice](#), [Economics](#), [Geography](#), [Government & Politics](#), [Hearing & Speech Sciences](#), [Psychology](#) and [Sociology](#). We will also supplement their research experience with lectures, workshops, and networking opportunities.

Students will be provided round-trip airfare, meals, room and board in University on-campus housing and a stipend of \$2,700.

The University of Maryland, College Park is the flagship campus in the University of Maryland system and is home to first-class researchers and research facilities. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks the University 18th among public universities. According to the NSF, the University ranks 8th in awarding doctoral degrees in the social, behavioral and economic sciences to underrepresented ethnic minorities.

The university's location, just nine miles from downtown Washington, D.C. and approximately 30 miles from Baltimore, provides access to some of the finest libraries, research centers, and professional opportunities in the country. The D.C. metro area is nationally regarded for its dense population of highly educated and trained professionals, diversity, culture and entertainment.

How to Apply

Basic eligibility requirements include (but are not limited to) junior or senior status by Fall 2008; interest in a career in the social, behavior, or economic sciences; and U.S. citizen or permanent resident status. We are especially interested in applications from students underrepresented in the social, behavioral, and economic sciences. **The application deadline is February 15, 2008.** Please check out their program website <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/dean/summer.html> or email them at sri@bsos.umd.edu.

ROLLS ANNOUNCED

The Awards Committee of the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees announced their decision on the Roll of Distinction and Roll of Merit at the annual meeting in October.

The Rolls are the result of the decision by the Awards Committee on the basis of the annual reports filed by responsible chapter officers. Among the criteria reported are facts indicative of the activity and effectiveness of the chapter on its campus, as well as its efficiency of operation according to procedures suggested or required by the international organization of Pi Gamma Mu. This includes chapter organization and participation by faculty and students, election and initiation of members, and financial responsibility. Local initiative in developing new activities or methods of operation is especially noted. These lists are in alphabetical order.

ROLL OF MERIT

Kansas Alpha, Southwestern College, Claudia Geer, Cheryl Rude, Richard Merriman

Louisiana Eta, Grambling University, Frances Staten

Maryland Beta, McDaniel College, Paul Mazeroff

North Carolina Lambda, Western Carolina University, Gordon Mercer, Michael Duvall

Pennsylvania Delta, University of Pennsylvania, Henry Teune, Roger Mendoza, Jacqueline Mancall, Anthony Orlando, Allina Boutlier

Pennsylvania Kappa, Mansfield University, Janice Kaypurk

Virginia Epsilon, Radford University, Sharon Roger Hepburn, Charles McClellan

ROLL OF DISTINCTION

Maryland Gamma, Salisbury University, Clara Small, Richard Bowler, Michael Lewis, Melanie Perreault

Missouri Omicron, Evangel University, Anthony Buttacy, Laura Sardo

Nebraska Delta, Wayne State College, Jean Karlen, Randy Bertolas

Nebraska Epsilon, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Loree Bykerk, Randall Adkins

New York Tau, Linda Quest

Philippine Alpha, University of the Philippines, Elizabeth Ventura, Cecilia Gastardo-Conaco, Susan Navarro, Oscar Evangelista

Virginia Delta, Emory & Henry College, Jack Roper

ACHS MEMBERSHIP PROTECTS THE LEGITIMACY OF HONOR SOCIETIES

Pi Gamma Mu is one of 68 members of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS), which is the authority on standards and definitions for the honor society movement. ACHS has begun stepping up efforts to alert the higher education community to the standards of traditional honor societies. In contrast, some new so-called honor societies exist online and allow self-nomination, accepting fees with no questions asked. If you would like more information about ACHS, or a list of the honor societies that belong to ACHS, you can check out their website, www.achsntl.org.

OBITUARY



Dr. Patricia Mulvey

Dr. Patricia Mulvey, sponsor of the West Virginia Theta chapter at Bluefield State College, died Monday, December 24, 2007. She had been at Bluefield State College since 1980, and had been the PGM chapter sponsor since its inception in 1992. Her family lives in New York where she will be buried.

According to Gordon Mercer, PGM International President, as PGM Governor of West Virginia and an outstanding Professor of History at Bluefield State, she was

among our most active PGM Governors. She attended all PGM Triennial Conventions and recently brought an outstanding delegation to our latest Regional Meeting at the University of South Florida this past year in Tampa, Florida, where her stu-

dents presented several academic papers. Students valued her mentoring and often referred to her as their favorite professor. Her PGM student delegations were well organized and enthusiastic about PGM activities.

Dr. Pat Mulvey had major responsibilities for out-reach at Bluefield State University where she held the position of Director of Economic Enhancement and Occupational Skill Development. This position drew on her natural diplomatic skills. Dr. Mulvey was also active with the John A. Maxwell Scholar Diplomatic Program held in Washington D.C. which brought students into direct contact with global leaders and issues. As a professor, Pat Mulvey wanted to get to the underlying way things worked and asked her students to not be satisfied with the appearance of reality but to seek deeper understanding of the real issues and causes by engaging in research and study. She cared about her students and students responded to her academic leadership. We shall miss our academic colleague, Pat Mulvey.

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE MEMBER

The Board of Trustees has established a new category of membership in Pi Gamma Mu – the International Affiliate Membership. Please think about the foreign students and visiting faculty on your campus who might fit into this category, and consider the benefits of choosing them for this special membership.

The purposes of International Affiliate Membership are to associate foreign visitors with Pi Gamma Mu, individuals who generally are not eligible for full membership because of their brief tenure on a campus; to encourage the international dimension of Pi Gamma Mu by bringing into greater contact with PGM our foreign guests, to enable them to provide information to colleagues abroad about Pi Gamma Mu; and, to become a nucleus for foreign chapter development. Therefore the membership criteria are broadly cast.

Criteria for membership: Students, faculty, administrators, and distinguished guests from other nations who have an interest in the social sciences.

Benefits:

1. A certificate issued by International Headquarters in recognition of International Affiliate Member status (not the full membership certificate);
2. A Pi Gamma Mu key;
3. A one-year subscription to the *Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter* and the *International Social Science Review*;
4. Privilege of participating in local chapter activities, except for serving as an officer.

Cost: \$20.00 to be sent by the chapter to International Headquarters to cover the expenses of the publications, mailings, and key.

DOES YOUR CHAPTER HAVE THEIR BANNER?



The banners are great to use at your initiation ceremonies, and you can display them in a prominent spot to advertise your chapter. These banners are two thicknesses of heavy royal blue nylon with white fringe on the top and bottom, a white cord and tassels with which to hang the banners, and our key pin design screen printed in white. The banners come with a gold rod through the top. They are ready to hang on a wall, or over a podium. The banners are 2 feet by 3 feet in size. The price is \$75, so order one for your chapter soon.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Devta Ohri

Devta Ohri has joined the Bar Association of Washington, D.C. He was sworn in to the Bar of the Supreme Court by Chief Justice John Roberts in October. Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg welcomed the new inductees into the bar of the Supreme Court. Devta is a recent graduate of the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University of America. He works for the International Trade Administration, Imports office, at the Department of Commerce in D.C.

He joined while a student at the University of Maryland, College Park, where he was very instrumental in getting the Maryland Zeta chapter chartered.

CHAPTERS IN ACTION

The newly created **Lenoir-Rhyne College** North Carolina Chi Chapter held its chartering ceremony and induction banquet on March 15, 2007. Nineteen student members were inducted, along with eleven faculty members. Dr. Paul Luebke, Associate Professor of Sociology at UNC-Greensboro, and Member of the North Carolina General Assembly presented the keynote address "Enduring Themes in North Carolina Politics." An honorary membership was extended to Prof. Theodore Thuesen, Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Lenoir-Rhyne College. The Chapter is delighted to announce the establishment of the Harold and Ruth Haas Scholarship, an endowed fund to provide travel grants to student members of Pi Gamma Mu to present papers at conferences.



North Carolina Chi's members following their initiation ceremony.



Professor Kathleen Simon, PGM Governor for North Carolina and chapter sponsor at Appalachian State University, presented Dr. Joseph Mancos and Prof. William Mauney with their charter.

vide travel grants to student members of Pi Gamma Mu to present papers at conferences. The Pennsylvania Delta Chapter at the **University of Pennsylvania** held its annual Chapter Session for Partner Organizations on October 25, 2007 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Senior managers from six designated partner organizations presented the mission and activities of their respective organizations and discussed volunteer opportunities available to Pi Gamma Mu student members to develop or enhance their leadership and community service skills. The chapter partner organizations included AchieveAbility, Inc., American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America, Haddington Cobbs Creek Community Development Corporation, United Way, Inc. The event was held at the university's Civic House, which is the campus hub for student-led community service and social advocacy work. Pizza and refreshments were served following the meeting. Chapter officers who attended the meeting were Dr. Henry Teune, president, Dr. Jacqueline Mancall, vice-president for programs, Mr. Anthony Orlando, vice-president for student affairs, Dr. Roger Mendoza, secretary, and Ms. Allina Boutilier, treasurer. The Vermont Alpha chapter at the **University of Vermont** was formally reactivated by Pi Gamma Mu faculty members at a meeting held on November 29, 2007. A new chapter constitution was adopted, an induction ceremony is scheduled for January 2008, and participation in the annual college research day in May 2008 was planned. The chapter faculty council presently consists of Dr. Richard Gregory Johnson, chapter president, Dr. Efileda Tolention, Dr. Ted Tighe and Dr. Yolanda Flores. Vermont Alpha was chartered on May 11, 1932.

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June 7 – August 2, 2008 through Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Sponsored by The Fund for American Studies in partnership with Georgetown University, the Institutes combine substantive internships, courses for academic credit, career development activities, site briefings and lectures led by prominent policy experts.

Students will be accepted in a rolling basis until the final deadline of February 25, 2008.

- Internships – Competitive placements with top sites in D.C.
- Classes – Up to 9 transferable credits from Georgetown University
- Housing – Furnished on-campus apartments in the heart of D.C.
- Guest Lectures – With Washington's top policy and industry experts
- Site Briefings – At the White House Complex, State Department, U.S. House of Representatives, and Federal Reserve
- Leadership & Professional Development – Leadership, mentoring and career building activities
- Networking – Interaction with hundreds of other student leaders from around of the world
- Scholarships – Over half of all students receive full or partial funding based on merit and financial need

Four eight-week programs are offered in the following subject areas:

- Politics, Public Policy and International Affairs
- Journalism and Communications
- Corporate Business and Government Affairs
- Nonprofit and Community Service

For more information and an online application, please visit our website www.dciinternships.org or contact Andrea Calderon, Recruitment and Admissions Assistant, at admissions@tfas.org or 1-800-741-6964.

The **ACADEMIC STUDIES ABROAD** programs for summer 2008 in Argentina, Australia, Chile, Ireland, Spain, France, Italy and England are soliciting applications. ASA also runs programs during the fall and spring semesters. Academic Studies Abroad is a leader in affordable study abroad programs that allow students to earn college credits while abroad. Students come from all over the U.S. and from over 300 different colleges and universities. Prices and deadlines vary – check the website for more information: www.academicstudies.com or call 888-845-4272.

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Also available is the **JAMES MADISON FELLOWSHIP**, which is a national program offering graduate fellowships in every state. Deadline to apply is March 1, 2008. The Junior Fellowships are awarded to students who are about to complete, or have recently completed, their undergraduate course of study and plan to begin graduate work on a full-time basis. Junior Fellows have two years to complete their degree.

Senior Fellowships are awarded to teachers who wish to undertake work for a graduate degree on a part-time basis through summer and evening classes. Senior Fellows have up to five years to complete their degree.

The Fellowships are intended exclusively for graduate study leading to a master's degree. James Madison Fellows can attend any accredited institution of higher education in the United States. Each individual entering the program will be expected to pursue and complete a master's degree in one of the following:

1. Master of Arts degree in American history or political science (government and politics)
2. Master of Arts in Teaching degree concentrating on either American Constitutional history (in a history department) or American government, political institutions and political theory.
3. Master of Education degree or the Master of Arts or Master of Science in Education, with a concentration in American history or American government, political institutions, and political theory.

The Fellow's proposed plan of graduate study should contain substantial constitutional course work. Fellows are encouraged to choose institutions which offer courses that closely examine the origins and development of the U.S. Constitution, the evolution of political theory and constitutional law, the effects of the Constitution on society and culture in the United States, or other such topics directly related to the Constitution.

Whatever institution and whichever degree a Fellow selects, at least 12 semester credits (or 18 quarter credits) of constitutional study must be part of the Fellow's program. The institution should accept the six credits earned at Georgetown University by the Fellow at the Foundation's Summer Institute on the Constitution. For more information, check out their website: www.jamesmadison.com.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR TALENTED YOUTH has a summer program designed to inspire young people by offering distinctive educational opportunities that nurture intellectual abilities, advance academic achievement, and enhance personal development for students from the 2nd to the 7th grade who are very bright.

Instructional assistants are college students with a commitment to education and an understanding of the particular challenges of working with students in an intense environment. You can earn \$1100 per 3-week session. Room and board are provided at residential sites where each staff member gets his/her own room in a college residence hall.

Session 1: June 26 - July 19, 2008

Session 2: July 19 - August 9, 2008

The 2008 CTY Summer Employment Application will be available by December 1, 2007. If you have questions about summer employment with CTY, write them at ctysummer@jhu.edu, call 410-735-6185 or check out the website for more details: www.jhu.edu/gifted/ctysummer.

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

In a letter dated April 13, 1973, the U.S. Civil Service Commission stated, "Membership in a national honor society meets one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level in numerous professional and technical occupations in the Federal

service. However, applicants must meet all of the requirements as described in the particular Federal Job Announcement covering the positions for which they apply." This affords a tangible acknowledgment of merit.