

# [Virtual] Bid Day Agenda

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## **DISTRIBUTION OF BIDS**

Depending on the chosen method of bid distribution to the PNMs, your new members may be directed to your virtual bid day link in a variety of ways. Bid day cards, in most cases, will not be distributed. Instead, new members will receive a bid card in the new member welcome box that is shipped upon their registration on the Phi Sigma Sigma website.

## **VIRTUAL BID DAY CELEBRATION**

Active members will be in the Zoom meeting before the new members. New members can be let in one at a time or left in a waiting room until the celebration begins.

### **Zoom Environment**

- Music Playing
- Themed Backgrounds
- [Slide PowerPoint to Display Throughout]

### **New Members Enter**

#### **Announcement: Welcome from MRC, SDC & Archon**

**Activity: Collect New Member Contact Information** – Share link (in the chat feature) to a form to collect new member emails, phone numbers and social handles. Allow 3-5 minutes for each new member to complete the form before moving on.

**Announcement: New Member Welcome Box** – Inform the new members that they will be getting an email from Phi Sigma Sigma that will prompt them to create a member account. When they do they will be guided through registration, completing their first payment and providing their shipping address for their welcome box [Slide – New Member Welcome Box].

**Activity: Introductions** – Ask each new member to share about themselves, including the response to a question that corresponds to the number they pick (they won't know the question).

- Name
- Class, Major
- Hometown
- [Slide - Pick Number Between 1-20, Questions are in the Notes of the PPT]

Only the new members will introduce themselves. Active members will watch and keep energy high throughout.

### **Activity: Breakout Connections**

- Instructions: You will be assigned a breakout room. Upon entering, introduce yourself again to this small group and spend 3-5 minutes finding unique things you have in common with one another. The goal is to create a link from active to new member to active to new member before returning back to the main room.
- Assign and Send Breakout Rooms - 2 actives, 2 new members in each
- After 5 minutes, call everyone back to the main room and call on room 1 to present how they connect to one another. If the last person from the room is the first connection to another room, that room would go next. *Otherwise, move on to the next room in order.*

### ***Additional Activities as Desired***

*Third party plug-ins to Zoom allow for other games if you feel you need to fill the time.*

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## **NEW MEMBER PINNING CEREMONY [ADAPTED]**

A virtual and adapted new member pinning ceremony has been provided [below]. Completing new member pinning on bid day is strategic. Making a commitment out loud on bid day with your new sisters, solidifies the mutual relationship between the new members and the chapter.

### **Activity: Teach a Chant**

To close the celebration on a high note, pick one of the three chants [Slide – Chants] to teach to the new members.

### ***Dismiss Active Members***

## **SOCIAL MEDIA CELEBRATION [Active Members Only]**

After being dismissed, the active members of the chapter will be responsible for continuing the celebration on social media. Active members will be provided the new members' handles so they may follow them and hype them up while they are still in their first new member meeting.

The MRC and/or the PR chair will share celebratory prepared posts on the chapter's accounts.

When the new members are dismissed from their education, they will receive notifications and messages celebrating that they have joined.

*Sample template celebration posts will be provided.*

## **PHI PROGRAM – MODULE 1 – ORIENTATION [SDC & New Members Only]**

Complete the adapted Phi Program – Module 1 – Orientation meeting for new members. Hosting a meeting where new members are able to receive information about next steps and spend dedicated time getting to know their SDC, the new member education board and each other is critical to ensuring that communication channels are established, and expectations are set. New member retention is going to be particularly important in a virtual setting. A stable meeting environment is important to model from the beginning.

## **NOTE ABOUT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

Phi Sigma Sigma requires compliance with all state/province, local health and/or public health department, and university directives regarding attendance at events and participation in activities associated with the chapter, including bid day.

Participants must wear a **mask**, maintain **social distancing** and adhere to **event size** restrictions. **ALL THREE.**

Phi Sigma Sigma requires compliance with all directives communicated by the owner or manager of any facility where an event or activity associated with the chapter is held.

Your Panhellenic council may set expectations or restrictions on activities. Your plans and guidance must adhere to any communicated directives.

You need to have explicit permission and a documented plan for any event with an in-person component.

# Virtual New Member Ceremony

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## PERSONNEL

High Judge – Archon  
Recorder - SDC  
Chapter Members  
New Members

## SETTING

Virtual platform during bid celebration

## CEREMONY

**High Judge:** We are gathered today to welcome those who have been chosen to become part of the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of Phi Sigma Sigma.

We are here under the guiding virtues of Phi Sigma Sigma: friendship, faith, sincerity, integrity, love and strength. We are asking you to join the outer walls of our pyramid because we see these virtues in you.

If you are ready to share in our commitment will ask you now to take the oath of fealty and sisterhood to affirm your promise as you enter the new member period.

Please repeat the oath in unison after me (New members remain MUTED):

I do hereby solemnly pledge / my loyal service to Phi Sigma Sigma, / my chapter, my college and my community. / I promise to strive for good scholarship, / for wholehearted cooperation / with my college's ideals for student life, / and the maintenance of fine social standards. / Earnest and active Fraternity membership / as preparation for good citizenship in the larger world / is the ideal that shall guide my activities in the chapter.

*Recorder calls the name of each new member in alphabetical order.*

**Recorder:** As I call your name, please unmute yourself and say, "I do" to subscribe to this oath.

\_\_\_\_\_, do you subscribe to this oath?

**New Member:** I do.

*After each new member subscribes to the oath, the ceremony continues.*

**High Judge:** The outward symbol of the promise we give you is your new member pin. It is fashioned in the shape of a pyramid, and is symbolic of everlasting friendship. The base of the pyramid stands for service. As we generously give of ourselves to one another, we are always working toward our ultimate goal: perfect sisterhood in Phi Sigma Sigma. The left side of the pyramid represents sincerity in all that we say or do. The right side of the pyramid represents sisterhood, which is fostered by sincerity and service. The pin signifies the three protecting walls we place around you. This is our promise to you.

You have individually sworn to accept the oath of Phi Sigma Sigma – which has been given to each woman in the Fraternity since our inception – and you have accepted the obligations of membership. The oath you are about to take, and the pin you later will receive is tangible evidence of doing so. It enables you to enter the outer wall of the pyramid. You have been

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chosen by Phi Sigma Sigma. Now, as a new member, you will be afforded the opportunity to learn more about the inner walls. We hope that you learn to have the same appreciation that we do.

Please repeat in unison after me (new members remain MUTED):

Before entering the outer walls of the pyramid / formed by those who chose me as a sister, / I pledge myself to service: / service to my Fraternity, / to those about me, and to myself; / service in its truest form, / enabling me to assist unselfishly at all times / and to be better equipped / to understand and serve those / with whom I may come in contact. / Thus shall my association with Phi Sigma Sigma / bring forth and foster those ideals / which are an integral apart of this sisterhood / and, through Phi Sigma Sigma, now a part of me.

**Recorder:** New members of Phi Sigma Sigma, do you accept this oath? You may unmute yourself and may respond in unison.

*New members respond I do.*

**High Judge:** The pyramid shaped pin and education you will receive is the first step toward our ultimate goal: that of perfect sisterhood in Phi Sigma Sigma. Our open motto is “Diokete Hupsala” translated from Greek “Aim High.” Always prove worthy of your pin and our motto, of the ideals they embody, and of our trust in you, in order to uphold the oath you have taken this day.

And now, may I take this opportunity to welcome you. We have chosen you to join us because we feel that you are one of us; because we think you will learn to love Phi Sigma Sigma as we love it; because we hope that you will, to the best of your ability, further the interests of our Fraternity whenever an opportunity presents itself.

This day you have promised yourselves to Phi Sigma Sigma. In order to be worthy for membership, you must show yourselves able scholastically and otherwise. You must at all times be willing to help all sisters of the Fraternity. I am certain you will do all you can to be worthy of Phi Sigma Sigma, and I hope that you will be happy among us.