

# SIGMA DELTA PI IDEAS

OFFICIAL STUDENT NEWSLETTER

## ¡BIENVENIDOS!

¡Bienvenidos al boletín de marzo! Nos complace presentarles este boletín informativo, ya que es el primero del año, y la celebración del centenario de Sigma Delta Pi! Si su organización celebra el centenario, háganoslo saber contactándonos en [SDP.BSA@gmail.com](mailto:SDP.BSA@gmail.com)

Saludos,  
The Board of Student Advisers



## CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT: MU PSI



Chapter Mu Psi at James Madison University was established in 1978 and currently has 24 inducted members and 14 preparing to be inducted. The chapter works to be involved on campus with activities such as holding *noches de cine* with different Spanish professors where their students are invited to attend a Spanish or Latin American movie and talk about it afterwards. They also offer free weekly tutoring for all Spanish students and work with the Latin Dance club to practice dances such as salsa and bachata!

Mu Psi also likes to have JMU professors from Spanish-speaking countries at their meetings to talk about where they are from, their area of study, or something that they find interesting about the Spanish language or Spanish-speaking cultures. So far, discussion topics at these meetings have included the situation in Cataluña and the history behind it, cultural differences between Spain and America, experiences growing up in another country, and what it is like being Latino in the Harrisonburg community.

Outside of the campus community, members of the chapter volunteer as interpreters for parent-teacher conferences in the public schools, and they assist with the VITA tax program in the city of Harrisonburg. Mu Psi engages in philanthropy further from home by working closely with Education and Hope (a non-profit foundation in Guatemala) by facilitating clothing drives, writing Christmas cards for the children every year, and sponsoring fundraising nights at local restaurants where the proceeds are donated to the charity. This March, they will be collaborating with other service-focused organizations at JMU to host a soccer tournament where the proceeds will also be donated to Education and Hope.

President Emma Laney says that the members of Mu Psi plan to continue their in-depth involvement in Sigma Delta Pi on a national level and on campus as they grow as a chapter in 2019!

## SPOTLIGHT: AMBER'S THOUGHTS ON LEARNING ANOTHER LANGUAGE

Although many people may not know, there are many career paths in which Spanish can be useful, and there are also many benefits to learning a different language. One benefit is the ability to connect and communicate with a plethora of people from around the world. There are more than 437 million Spanish speakers in the world, and that is just one language, let alone all of the others that are spoken across the globe. There are also significant career benefits that come with speaking a different language. According to *Lead with Languages*, language skills are among the top eight skills required of all occupations, which gives bilingual and multilingual candidates the upper hand when interviewing for jobs. People who speak more than one language have improved memory, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, enhanced concentration, ability to multitask, and better listening skills. Learning a new language also gives the ability to connect deeper with other cultures. Not only do you end up learning about the culture of the language which you are speaking, but you are able to do so in the native language. Learning a second language gives you (and your brain) the skills to learn yet another language. It can also help boost your confidence and strengthen your decision making skills. The last, and for me, most exciting benefit, is being able to travel! What better way to practice your new language, than to speak it with natives, in that country? What's stopping you from going and learning a new language?

## SIGMA DELTA PI: UNA BREVE HISTORIA

Sigma Delta Pi se fundó hace casi cien años, específicamente el 14 de noviembre de 1919. Desde su fundación, Sigma Delta Pi se ha convertido en una organización con casi 620 capítulos en todo de los Estados Unidos. Sigma Delta Pi ha trabajado para compartir la importancia de involucrarse con la cultura hispana y latina con la intención de crear respeto y amistad entre las sociedades de habla española e inglesa.

Este año, Sigma Delta Pi organiza varios eventos para celebrar el centenario, como concursos fotográficos y ceremonias especiales en la *Kentucky Foreign Language Conference*, y los congresos de la *American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese* y la *Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Association*.

## HECHOS INTERESANTES

- Con 329 millones de hablantes nativos, el español se ubica como el segundo idioma del mundo en términos de cuántas personas lo hablan como su primer idioma. Está ligeramente por delante del inglés (328 millones) pero por detrás de los chinos (1.200 millones).
- El gazpacho es una sopa originaria de España y está hecha de tomates crudos y otras verduras. Por lo general, se come durante el verano para ayudar a que todos se calmen.
- En la religión cristiana, la Pascua celebra la resurrección de Jesús de entre los muertos y termina la Semana Santa. Durante esta semana, hay procesiones diarias donde los participantes llevan cruces de madera o velas. En España, los padres les dan a sus hijos pequeñas figuras talladas en chocolate el domingo de Pascua.

