

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

2007 SIGMA TAU DELTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

March 28–31, Pittsburgh, PA

The convention includes over 125 sessions to choose from, featuring the works both of Sigma Tau Delta students and of members of Sigma Kappa Delta, the English honor society for two-year colleges.

Wednesday, March 28

- Registration desk opens at 3:30 PM.
- Wear your school T-shirt and share your school spirit at the **Informal Get-Together** on Wednesday evening at 8:00 PM! Enjoy listening to students read their work from *The Rectangle*.

Thursday, March 29

- Learn from ΣΤΔ's most successful chapters! The Student Representatives and Student Advisors are sponsoring **Confluence: Merging for Success** on Thursday morning. The workshop features breakout sessions on fundraising, service, small chapter development, chapter administration, publishing a literary journal, and regional and national involvement.
- Attend the **Chapter Sponsors Workshop** on Thursday morning. Discuss the issues that sponsors face in fostering chapter involvement, recruiting new members, and developing chapter leaders. This workshop is led by Sandra Mayfield and Marybeth DeMeo, sponsors of Outstanding Chapter Award winning chapters.
- David Rakoff presentation
- **(Dry) T-shirt and Skit Competition/Bad Poetry Contest** Enjoy while your peers and professors recreate humiliating childhood scenes, conjure up adolescent turmoil, and expose their wounded hearts in poetry that will make you weep uncontrollably, laugh out loud, or do both.

Friday, March 30

- David Rakoff workshop
- Lunch for Sigma Kappa Delta attendees
- Business Meeting and the Regional Caucuses—chapters must send a voting delegate to both meetings in order to receive the \$200 voting delegate reimbursement (\$400 for chapters outside the continental U.S.)!
- President's Reception for faculty/alumni
- General session, with keynote address by Sharon Olds
- Open Microphone night

Saturday, March 31

- Pre-banquet presentation by Jim Daniels
- Awards Banquet

National Service Project: Book Drive

The ΣΤΔ Student Advisors and Student Representatives are sponsoring a book drive for the **Homeless Children's Education Fund** (HCEF), a non-profit organization that helps children in the Pittsburgh area. Please take part in this worthy cause and donate items at the convention this spring. A cash donation will be made to HCEF in the name of one donating chapter (to be selected by drawing). A suggested list of possible items for children in pre-kindergarten to the sixth grade includes: reading books (age-appropriate), picture books, beginning readers, books that depict diversity and urban life, bookmarks, art supplies, crayons, construction paper, colored pencils, and pens/pencils.

Common Reader

Sharon Olds's collection of poems, **Strike Sparks**, has been selected as the 2006–2007 Common Reader. The goal of the Common Reader is to celebrate the works of our featured speakers, to provide a common text for our own reading and enjoyment, and to establish a focus for chapter activities fostering literacy and the pleasures of reading in our local communities. Sigma Tau Delta is offering \$150 for the best convention presentation (in any genre) featuring the Common Reader.

Convention T-shirts

Order now to reserve your T-shirt! Only a limited number of T-shirts will be available at the Convention. Place your order with your registration, and include payment with your registration fee (please indicate size when ordering). S, M, L, XL, and XXL shirts are \$15.00. A great piece of memorabilia to take home!

Chapter Merchandise

If your chapter has a unique T-shirt or other merchandise you would like to sell at the conference, please contact the Central Office at sigmatd@niu.edu to reserve a table and time slot.

What to Wear at the Convention

Attendees should wear business or professional attire during the sessions and dressier attire for the Awards Banquet.

Sigma Tau Delta makes every effort to accommodate those who have special needs relating to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Please use the reverse side of the Registration Form to outline any special needs you may have or contact the Central Office at 815-753-1612 or sigmatd@niu.edu.

SIGMA TAU DELTA
2007 International Convention
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
March 28 – 31, 2007

Registration Form—Please, PRINT clearly!

Instructions:

- All participants, including guests, must fill out a **separate** registration form. This form may be duplicated.
- Early registration forms and payment must be postmarked by **February 23, 2007**. After this date, participants must pay the \$80.00 late registration fee.
- All mailed registration forms must be postmarked by **March 16, 2007**. After this date, participants must register on-site at the convention desk and pay the \$80.00 late registration fee.
- The registration fee is nonrefundable.
- A confirmation letter will be **emailed** to the email address provided below. Print your email address clearly.
- The confirmation letter is your receipt.

Membership:

- ☐ Sigma Tau Delta
☐ Sigma Kappa Delta

Name — Please print your name as you wish it to appear on your name badge:

PRINT First Name Last Name

School

School City School State

Personal Contact Information:

Street Address Apt. Number

City State ZIP Code

email address — **PRINT CLEARLY** — confirmation is sent by email

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Telephone Number

Awards Banquet (included in the registration fee)

Please select one of the following:

- ☐ Regular
☐ Vegetarian
☐ Other (specify): _____
☐ Not able to attend

Workshops: Thursday, March 29, 9:00–10:45 a.m.

- ☐ Student Leadership Workshop (no charge)
☐ Chapter Sponsor Workshop (no charge)

Registration Fees (all fees include Awards Banquet)

- **Early Registration**—Postmarked by February 23, 2007
- **Late Registration**—Postmarked after February 23, 2007
- **On-site Registration**—anytime after March 16, 2007

CLASSIFICATION:	EARLY	LATE/ON-SITE
Student presenter	___ \$50	___ \$80
Student nonpresenter	___ \$60	___ \$80
Alumni Epsilon* presenter	___ \$60	___ \$80
Alumni (nonpresenter)	___ \$60	___ \$80
Chapter sponsor	___ \$60	___ \$80
Faculty (nonsponsor)	___ \$60	___ \$80
Guest	___ \$60	___ \$80

* Alumni must be members of the Alumni Epsilon chapter to present a paper at the Convention. Go to www.english.org/alumni.shtml to join.

Convention T-shirt

Order now—only limited quantities available at the Convention!

Check Size(s): ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL

___ T-shirt(s) @ \$15.00 each \$ _____

Extra Tickets for the Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet meal is included in your registration fee; however, you can purchase an extra ticket for a family member or friend who wishes to accompany you to the banquet.

Meal Type (check one): ☐ Regular ☐ Vegetarian

___ Ticket(s) @ \$30 each \$ _____

Payment

Total amount\$ _____

Please select one of the following payment methods:

- ☐ Check (payable to **Sigma Tau Delta**)
☐ MasterCard
☐ Visa

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Cardholder Name (print) _____

Cardholder Signature _____

**Send this form
and payment to:**

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