September 10, 2014

Dear Foreign Languages Student,

You are cordially invited to consider becoming a member of Phi Sigma Iota: The International Foreign Language Honor Society. \(\Phi \Sigma I\) is the highest academic honor in the field of foreign languages. The Honor Society recognizes outstanding ability and achievement in the study of any of the academic fields related to foreign language, literature, or culture. The principles of dedication, enthusiasm, and initiative are promoted at both the undergraduate and graduate level by encouraging leadership opportunities in Chapter development, and by offering scholarship awards. The importance of continuing linguistic development is emphasized in the Society’s programs, publications, member services, and community connections.

Membership in PHI SIGMA IOTA brings national recognition of the level of achievement it identifies. As part of the *curriculum vitae* it attracts the appreciation of job recruiters and administrators, and may be awarded a point bonus by the USA Civil Service Commission. It is also helpful when applying for grants, scholarships, fellowships, federal positions and other professional opportunities. A notation of the PHI SIGMA IOTA membership is also entered on each member’s academic transcript. Since its founding in 1917, the Honor Society has initiated over 50,000 members, and provides: a national network of colleagues; participation in a life-enriching learning community; local and national leadership opportunities; scholarship opportunities, and publication opportunities in the Society’s issues of *The Forum* and Chapter News. Members are eligible to participate in all programs sponsored by the Society, and to wear special graduation honors such as stoles, cords, and tassels.

New members pay a $45 initiation fee which includes: the first three years of national dues; a calligraphed certificate of membership; a Phi Sigma Iota “Gold Pin;” a wallet-size membership card; a one-time $5 contribution to the local chapter activities fund. Initiation for the Fall 2014 semester will be held on **October 22**. If interested in applying:

- Please, check if you meet the eligibility requirements. At the time of initiation, undergraduate students shall be enrolled in MSU-Denver, must have completed at least one course in a foreign language at the 3rd year level, must have completed 45 semester hours, and must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Fill out the enclosed application form, and submit to Dr. Maria Akrabova, Plaza 360E, makrabou@msudenver.edu.
- Submit your application no later than October 10, 2014.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the shared experiences of fellow language enthusiasts, travelers, explorers, creators, and community builders.
Identifying Information Sheet for Phi Sigma Iota Membership Application:

Student's Full Legal Name:

Major:

Minor:

Expected graduation semester:

Current Status at MSU as of Spring Semester 2014: ____ Junior ____ Senior

Mailing Address:

(Street address )

(City, Zip)

Permanent Address (if different)

(Street address )

(City, Zip/Postal Code, Country)

Phone: ____________ Alternate Phone: ____________

MSU/Denver email address:

Student signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________