ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA

The California Community College Scholastic Honor Society

FAST FACTS

Definition:	The academic honor society and service organization of the California Community Colleges
Purpose:	(1) To foster, promote, and recognize outstanding scholarship (2) To encourage and provide opportunities for participation in community service activities
Name:	Derived from the first letters in the Greek words *Arete* (Excellence) *Gnosis* (Knowledge) *Sophrosyne* (Wisdom)
Nickname:	AGS
Key Dates:	1926 AGS is founded (under the name "California Junior College Honor Scholarship Society") by Dr. William T. Boyce, Head Administrator of Fullerton Junior College 1940 AGS is incorporated under California law
Chapters:	Students at California Community Colleges form individual chapters that are governed by elected student officers and advised by members of the college faculty and staff.
Membership:	Students must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better in order to be members of AGS. Most chapters also set a minimum number of hours of community service that members will perform.
Scholarships:	At its annual convention, AGS awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to members who excel in academics and in service.
Website:	http://www.ags-honor.org/