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**Wayne University**  
**Scholarship Honor Society Records**  
1 linear foot (2 MB)  
1929-1952

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**Accession Number:** WSR000023

**Creator:** Alexander Brede

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**Abstract**

The Scholarship Honor Society of the College of the City of Detroit was created in 1928 and originally made up of faculty who were members of Phi Beta Kappa or Sigma Xi. Dean Wilford L. Coffey appointed the first faculty committee. The 1929 constitution states that the creation of the Scholarship Honor Society was to, “promote the spirit of scholarship among students and graduates of the College of the City of Detroit.” At first there was no specific honor point requirement, simply that the student be “distinguished for academic attainment.” However, after some debate, an honor point average of 2.30 or higher was agreed upon, with no more than 5% of the graduating class being elected to membership. With the creation of an official Phi Beta Kappa chapter at Wayne University in 1953, the Scholarship Honor Society ceased to be active.

The Scholarship Honor Society Records consist mainly of news clippings about the society, member invitations and acceptance correspondence, and student membership lists. Two books of secretary’s notes, created and maintained by Alexander Brede from 1929-1950, contain early information about the society, meeting minutes, and correspondence between faculty members.

**Important Subjects:**

Phi Beta Kappa  
Sigma Xi

**Important Names:**

Alexander Brede

## **Arrangement**

The collection is grouped by document type and arranged chronologically thereunder.

### **Box 1**

1. Scholarship Honor Society, Secretary's Notes, 1929-1939
2. Scholarship Honor Society, Secretary's Notes, 1940-1950
3. Scholarship Honor Society, Acceptance Letters, 1930-1936
4. Scholarship Honor Society Correspondence, 1934-1940
5. New Member Correspondence, 1937-1939
6. Correspondence, 1940-1942
7. Scholarship Honor Society, Alexander Brede's Clippings, 1931-1942
8. Constitution and By-Laws (copies), 1935
9. Constitution, 1935-1943

### **Box 2**

1. Scholarship Honor Society, 1940-1947
2. Scholarship Honor Society Material, 1943-1947
3. Scholarship Honor Society Correspondence, 1944-1946
4. Scholarship Honor Society Material, 1950
5. Scholarship Honor Society Correspondence, 1950
6. Scholarship Honor Society Material, 1951-1952
7. Elections and Initiations, 1951