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Lambda Pi Eta Fall 2023 Induction

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On Friday, October 20th, the Communication Department inducted 18 new members into the Psi Beta Chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communication Association's Honors Society, under the faculty advisor Michael Plugh.

"Every year we induct a group of new members to Lambda Pi Eta, and the significance of the induction occurs on two levels. On the individual level, it reflects the accomplishment and contribution of the students to the study of communication and to our department. At the level of community it drives the spirit and direction that we take together in trying to understand the role of communication in the greater world," said Dr. Plugh.

Lambda Pi Eta recognizes undergraduate communication students who have achieved outstanding scholastic achievement within their field of study. The Manhattan College chapter was founded in 2008, and the chapter's mission is to stimulate interest in the communication field, promote and encourage professional development, provide opportunities to discuss and exchange ideas,

establish and maintain a close faculty-student relationship, and foster an exploration of graduate education in communication. In order to qualify for membership here at Manhattan, undergraduate junior and senior COMM students must have a minimum 3.5 GPA within the communication major, and a minimum 3.0 GPA overall.

The induction ceremony, which took place in Kelly Commons, was an opportunity for students, friends, family, and faculty to celebrate the successes of the inductees. Lambda Pi Eta recognizes the best in communication studies. It was a small and intimate affair, but as TJ Perez, a new inductee, said,

"It was wonderful to have a small ceremony because it felt really personal and I got to talk to all of my friends and professors with my family. I will remember it as a fun event rather than just another stuffy ceremony. It's an honor to be part of such a prestigious organization and I am proud of myself for being able to achieve such a high level of academic success."

This induction also marked the turnover in leadership for the society, as they welcomed in the new 2023-2024 Executive Board. Brylee Watkins will serve as President, Kerry Sullivan as Vice-President, and Matteo Evalgelista as Secretary/Publicity Chair. The new board helped to run the induction ceremony and will be the driving force behind the society this academic year, helping to plan events and meetings for the society. After a few years of falling behind since COVID, Brylee said, "I'm looking forward to hopefully revamping the society a little bit this year. Lambda Pi Eta (LPH) has some of the best and brightest of Manhattan's Communication Department in our membership, I want to continue to get them involved with developing the department!"

One way that the society is looking to engage and involve members is through partnership collaboration with other clubs on campus. "Our Executive Board this year works heavily with PRSSA, MCTV, the *Quad*, *Lotus* magazine, the Communication Club, and more. We're definitely very excited to work with each of them," Brylee continued. The society hopes to be able to co-sponsor events in the future with many of the communication clubs, as well as other clubs and organizations around campus.

"In our department, we teach the importance of communication in creating bonds between people and establishing goals, and it's in that spirit that we continue growing Lambda Pi Eta within the spirit of the department and the school," Plugh noted."

The members of Lambda Pi Eta represent the best of the best at Manhattan College within the communication field, and they go on to achieve great things. Congratulations to all of the new members inducted into the Psi Beta Chapter of Lambda Pi Eta! You're making us all proud!

Congrats to the New Inductees!

Annie Brennan	Rebecca Kranich
Molly Callahan	Theresa Perez
Matthew Catania	Matthew Rodriguez
Delia Collis	Isaiah Rosario
Olivia Donovan	Analia Santana
Carina Fichera	Bianca Schad
Georgia Flynn	Carter Silane
Sterling Grant	Caroline Stefanak
Nicole Kelly	Kerry Sullivan