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.
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

(______) ____________________________
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

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* 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

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Expiration Date ____________________________
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Cardholder Signature ________________________

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