

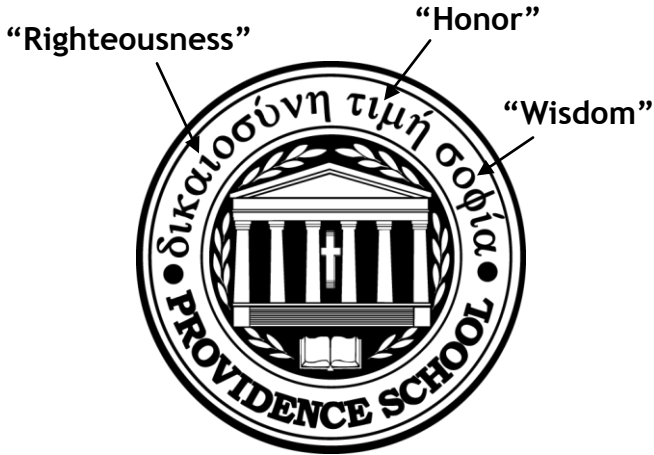


**DELTA TAU SIGMA**  
THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE  
OF PROVIDENCE SCHOOL

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### Why Delta Tau Sigma?

When the philosophical foundations of Providence School were being laid more than 10 years ago, there were three main character qualities that were envisioned for each Providence student. **Delta** is the first Greek letter of the word “dikaiosune”, which is translated “Righteousness”. **Tau** is the first Greek letter of the word “timay”, which is translated “Honor”. **Sigma** is the first Greek letter of the word “Sophia”, which is translated “Wisdom”. It is our goal that each student not only understands what *righteousness, honor, and wisdom* entails, but that every student exemplifies the implications of these qualities in their everyday lives.



### Our Operating Principles

1. A Biblical leader possesses the attitude of a servant.

Jesus modeled the principle of focusing less on Himself and more on others. This principle will present the case that biblical leadership is fully realized when one becomes a servant. Mentoring, discipleship, and evangelism will be natural when one truly devotes his life to serving others.

2. A Biblical leader uses his or her influence to engage the culture for “kingdom purposes”.

Jesus instructed His leaders to share the good news of salvation. Active participation in Kingdom purposes includes a strong commitment to share the gospel with others in the marketplace. This principle will focus on submitting one’s influence to be used for unselfish purposes, especially for advancing the Kingdom of God.

3. A Biblical leader is an integral part of a community of Christ-followers.

The body, or church, reaches maximum potential when the individuals become one body. Utilizing one’s spiritual gifts within the framework of the local church is God’s design. This principle will focus on serving Christ in the church.

### Program Features

For the first year, the Student Leadership Institute will focus on four major features, all related to the purpose and goals:

### 1. Student Leaders “Advance” [September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007]:

The purpose of this beginning of the year, kick-off event, is to engage the students in creating this year’s strategy, as well as to inspire them to biblical, authentic leadership. The “advance” (not “retreat”) will consist of team-building activities, recreational events, and intensive times of learning about what it takes to be a leader in today’s world. In 2007, this we will be attending “Leadership Rocks” in Orlando, FL on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in partnership with Student Leadership University (<http://www.studentleadership.net/>). On the night of the 7<sup>th</sup>, students will also gain admission into Universal Studios for the *Rock the Universe* concert event.

\*Lodging, park admission, and Student Leadership University fees are included in the yearly matriculation fee.

### 2. “Leadership Development” Course (Counts as ½ credit “Leadership Development” course on Providence Transcript):

Andy Stanley states candidly, “You can be a leader without character, but you won’t be a leader worth following.” The purpose of this course is to amplify and motivate the emerging leaders of Providence School who take seriously their call to engage culture *with character*. This will include (but not be limited to) a study of the following:

- “The Art of Self-Leadership”. Topics include: the D.I.S.C. system of understanding personalities and giftedness, time-management and organizational skills, developing personal vision/mission, as well as personal habits of excellence in leadership.
- “The Art of Leading Others”. Topics include: understanding team-dynamics, conflict resolution, brainstorming and problem-solving, and learning from historical examples.

### 3. “Community Connection”:

In cooperation with the *Providence Community Service Council*, students will organize and lead “outreach” projects within the greater Jacksonville community. Students will work in teams as a part of the fulfillment of the Leadership Development Course to facilitate and attend at least 15 out-of-class hours of community service involvement with their designated team. Our goal is to demonstrate the love of Christ through active support in our community.

### 4. Celebration Banquet: [April 2008]:

Just as the beginning of the year is “kicked off” with a leadership get-away, the year ends with a celebration. This awards banquet is for the parents and students to celebrate the year of servant leadership. Each participant will be honored with a certificate; special awards will be distributed to those who exhibited exemplary leadership throughout the year.

## Eligibility Requirements

Any students who is in the 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades who:

- has clearly demonstrated a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and a willingness to influence others to do the same.
- has the approval of the Administration, and positive input from teachers.

#### *Either:*

- serves as a class officer or Student Government Association officer; sports team captain, co-captain, or chaplain; officer of a Providence club or Student Activities organization; officer of the National Honors Society; plan to be or currently enrolled as a member of the “Chapel Leadership Team”;
- OR has the written recommendation of a faculty member, coach, employer, or pastor who has observed his or her leadership potential.

## **Matriculation**

Upon receipt of a signed application, as well as the Emergency/Medical Release Form, eligible students have the privilege of being considered for admission into *Delta Tau Sigma*. Please understand that there is a significant cost for each student to be involved in the *Delta Tau Sigma* program. However, the administration of Providence School so believes in developing student leaders that the school is graciously supplementing these costs. **There will be a one-time matriculation fee of \$120.00 per student** (per year) to cover their portion of travel expenses, lodging and admission costs of the Student Advance (including “Leadership Rocks” & “Rock the Universe” at Universal Studios), a detailed “Uniquely You” Personality profile, as well as an *Delta Tau Sigma* t-shirt.

Students must attend the Student Leaders “Advance”, fulfill the requirements of the “Leadership Development” course, and attend the Celebration Banquet to have completed the year’s program successfully. Upon successful completion, each student will receive ½ credit for Leadership Development on his or her transcript, as well as an official Providence Leadership certificate.