

The Torchbearer Degree

The image features a scroll with ivy leaves and a torch illustration. The scroll is unrolled, showing text. The torch is positioned to the right of the title. The background is a light yellow color with a faint watermark of the Beta Sigma Phi logo.

Beta Sigma Phi International would like to make one of the most greatly anticipated announcements in our 80-year history.

For the first time in 22 years, at the behest of our members, we are adding a new degree – the Torchbearer. The Torchbearer will be the seventh and final degree. While contemplating a new degree over the last few years, many names for this new venture have been mentioned, from Diotima to various Latin and Greek words.

But the name Torchbearer resonated with a perfect truthfulness. Torchbearer stands for what the final degree in Beta Sigma Phi should exemplify. It brings to mind quests such as the reaching of a summit, or becoming a leader and allowing the light of the Torch to reflect its shine so that as members, we too are illuminated.

Our sisters who will earn this degree will become the Torchbearers and as such will serve as Beta Sigma Phi ambassadors. Torchbearers will be committed to spreading the light of our Torch as they continue on their worldly travels. As a Torchbearer you will be a mentor for those sisters who are progressing through their various degrees, and who will turn to you for your wise guidance.

After 12 years of holding the Master degree, you will be eligible for the Torchbearer degree.

When you receive your Certification Form in January, 2012, it will state if you are eligible for the Torchbearer degree. The degree will not be available before that time.

Please note: You will not be allowed to order Torchbearer pins until you have completed and returned your Certification Form. Phone orders will be accepted after January 16th.