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Two professors from the USF St. Petersburg Kate Tiedemann College of Business will be recognized by Delta Sigma Pi for their years of service and membership on behalf of the professional business fraternity. Rho Psi, the fraternity’s chapter at USFSP, also will be recognized as one of 54 Chapters of Excellence to be recognized this year by the organization.

Debra Sinclair, assistant professor of accounting, and husband William “Mike” Sinclair, instructor of accounting, each will be awarded the Order of the Silver Helmet. The recognition honors their 25 years of membership, service and support to the organization.

Debra said it is an honor for them to be recognized and that they have greatly benefited from being involved in the organization.

“Mike and I have both gotten so much out of Delta Sigma Pi,” she said, adding that they met and began dating when they were pledging the fraternity. “It’s nice to be able to give back to an organization that has benefited us in so many ways.”

Mike Sinclair serves as the faculty advisor of the Rho Psi chapter of the business fraternity. His wife previously served in that role and was instrumental in helping form the chapter. Established in 2012, the Rho Psi chapter at USF St. Petersburg is one of 54 Chapters of Excellence that will be recognized as a top-performing chapter during the luncheon.

According to the DSP website, a Chapter of Excellence is a chapter that is operationally sound with a well-rounded program focusing on larger scale events and National Fraternity promotion. To earn Chapter of Excellence, a chapter must achieve the Accredited Chapter tier, the Chapter of Recognition tier, and complete the required and optional items for the third tier.

Mike Sinclair said the organization helps students to develop individually by providing them with opportunities to learn and develop leadership and public speaking skills, and network.

“Students that become involved in activities in college are much more likely to stay in school and successfully complete college,” he said, adding that the chapter helps to further promote USF St. Petersburg’s goals of enhancing retention and progression by engaging students.

The two USFSP faculty and fraternity chapter will be recognized during a Delta Sigma Pi Alumni Recognition Luncheon in Chicago on Thursday, Aug. 13.
From left: USF St. Petersburg Kate Tiedemann College of Business faculty
Debra and Mike Sinclair.