

About SPO

What is Sigma Phi Omega?

Sigma Phi Omega (SPO), the national academic honor and professional society in gerontology, was established in 1980 to recognize the excellence of those who study gerontology/aging and the outstanding service of professionals who work with or on behalf of older persons. The formation of a society not linked directly to any of the major professional associations appeared to be a fruitful avenue to provide a much needed link between educators, practitioners, and administrators in various settings where older persons are served.

The goals of SPO are achieved primarily through the activities of local chapters, and secondarily through efforts of the national office and officers. Local chapters serve as links within their respective communities to promote interaction between gerontology educators, students, alumni, and local professionals. The chapters provide opportunities for personal and professional interaction, sharing of concerns, discussion of issues, service activities, and so forth.

Purpose

SPO seeks to promote scholarship, professionalism, friendship, and services to older persons, and to recognize exemplary attainment in gerontology/aging studies and related fields.

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