



## The Paulo Freire Chapter of the National Honor Society

### **Selecting Members**

#### **1. Selection Terms**

Candidates are selected twice per year: once in August, and once in January, using grades from the previous year(s) to determine eligibility. Grade point averages will be determined starting with grade 9 (eligibility for NHS begins in grade 10).

#### **2. Candidacy and Scholarship**

Candidates are first selected based solely on the criteria of scholarship, as the criteria for scholarship is defined in the current chapter bylaws (3.75) and which can never be below a 3.5 GPA; a candidate who has qualified based on the criteria for scholarship must be acknowledged in the process and must continue so that he or she will be considered in other areas.

#### **3. Student Activity Form**

Candidates are each given the Student Activity Form, so that each can describe efforts in the area of leadership, service, and character. This information is important, and must be considered true if the candidate has provided contact information that can be verified. While much of an EABH student's contributions in these areas are conducted on campus, we cannot know what the student has done off campus, or even outside of our classes, if we do not fully consider this information.

#### **4. Faculty Input**

All faculty members of candidates are given the opportunity to contribute opinions in the areas of leadership, service, and character. The Faculty Survey is an electronic template, but the form could also be in the form of paper, so long as each faculty member is able to rank each candidate in the three areas and offer an explanation for that ranking. This information is incredibly important for the selection process, because students may demonstrate qualities different for different faculty members. The Faculty Council must consider all information collected from the Faculty Survey.

#### **5. Faculty Council**

The Faculty Council will meet once all information about candidates is collected (Student Activity Forms and Faculty Survey results). During this meeting, the NHS adviser will present information for Faculty Council review. The information for each candidate will be reviewed, and a vote will be cast. All five Faculty Council members except for the adviser have a vote; the adviser is a non-voting member of the Faculty Council. Selection is determined by majority vote.

#### **6. Selection Notification**

All candidates will receive written notification of selection or rejection.

#### **7. Introduction to Membership**

Members will be informed of obligations, dues, bylaws, and the induction ceremony.