

HISTORY AND GROWTH OF ATA

Conceived by Dr. A. W. Nolan

Founded at University of Illinois

Organized on October 20, 1921

Printed constitution in 1935

Conducted first conclave in 1935 at Chicago

Printed first edition of "Alpha Tau Alphan" in May 1936

Reached 12,000 members from thirty-four chapters in 1972

Recorded 2,995 members from seven-teen chapters in 1942

NEW CHAPTER ORGANIZATION

All colleges or universities preparing teachers of vocational agriculture are eligible to have ATA chapters.

Chapters should originate by petition from undergraduates and shall have the approval of their institution.

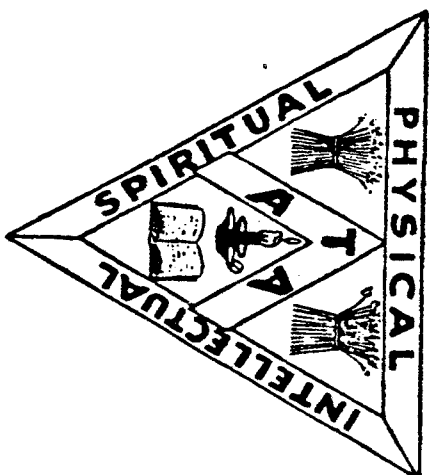
Sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students are eligible for active membership.

The national secretary-treasurer receives petitions for new chapters.

Installation of a chapter is by nearest active chapter or national officers designated by national president.

Official ATA manuals, brochures and other information are available from the National ATA Secretary-Treasurer, Nu Chapter of ATA, 435 General Classroom Bldg., University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

ALPHA TAU ALPHA



NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL

HONORARY

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

FRATERNITY

WHAT IS ATA?

Alpha Tau Alpha (ATA) is a national professional honorary agricultural education fraternity that plays a vital role in the preparation of those who plan to teach vocational agriculture. Local chapters may be organized in institutions approved for preparing teachers of vocational agriculture.

PURPOSES OF ATA

- To develop a professional spirit in the teaching of agriculture
- To help train teachers of agriculture who shall be leaders in their communities
- To foster a fraternal spirit among students in teacher-education for vocational agriculture

WHY BELONG TO ATA?

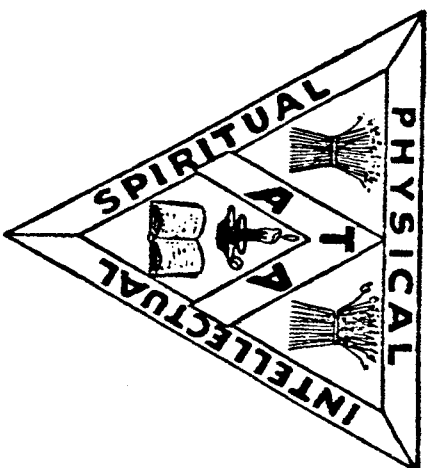
- To develop leadership abilities
- To form lasting friendships
- To work for the improvement of agricultural education
- To cooperate with others in the interest of education and agriculture
- To grow as a professional person
- To provide mutual assistance
- To nurture the ideals of agricultural education, character and service

ATA MEMBERSHIP

Election to membership in ATA is through local chapters. The national initiation fee for each initiate is paid to the national treasury of ATA. Membership in ATA may be of the following types:

Active	Associate
Junior	Honorary

ATA INSIGNIA



The insignia for Alpha Tau Alpha was designed for use by the national fraternity or local chapters. Parts of the insignia are:
Triangle with the words Physical, Intellectual, and Spiritual

ATA bond of fellowship that ties the sides together

Open book - symbolizes the world of wisdom at our hands after lighting the lamp of knowledge

Lamp of knowledge - lights the world of wisdom

NATIONAL ATA ACTIVITIES

- Plan and conduct national conclaves
- Maintain national records
- Correspond with local chapters
- Install new chapters
- Publish national newsletter, "Alpha Tau Alphan"
- Coordinate ATA activities with other organizations
- Promote and carry out the ideals and standards of ATA

SUGGESTED LOCAL ATA CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

- Hold regular meetings
- Conduct social and recreational activities
- Hold membership initiations
- Recognize outstanding achievements of members
- Publicize activities and accomplishments
- Assist other groups in sponsoring activities