Constitution and Bylaws

Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica Olympus High School "Los Titanes del Monte Olimpo" Chapter Holladay, Utah

Article I. Name and Classification

Section 1. The name of this organization is the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, also known as "SHH." The Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica is a national organization.

Section 2. The chapter of SHH at Olympus High School is named "Los Titanes del Monte Olimpo". This chapter recognizes all bylaws of the national society. Please see attachment.Section 3. The purpose of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica is to recognize high achievement in Spanish and Portuguese by students of secondary schools and to promote continuity of interest in Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian studies.

Article II. Qualifications for Membership

Section 1. To be eligible for membership in the SHH, students must meet the following criteria:

- a) Student must be actively enrolled in a Spanish class.
- b) Student must have completed at least 2 semesters of Spanish (1 year by the end of the academic school year).
- c) Transfer students must have spent at least one full semester in a Spanish class at their previous high school.
- d) Student must have a cumulative Spanish average of 3.5 or higher from all previous courses.
- e) Student must have an overall GPA of 85% (3.0) or higher.
- f) Student must never have failed a class due to attendance.
- g) Student must have a good behavior record and no discipline issues on record with an overall CPA of 3.0.

Section 2. The Spanish teachers will offer applications to all students. Students who believe they meet the qualifications in Section 1 may apply to join the "Los Titanes del Monte Olimpo" chapter.

Article III. Application and Initiation

Section 1. During the first few weeks of school, the Spanish teachers will offer applications to all students.

Section 2. Potential SHH members complete a form for admission to give to the SHH chapter sponsor for consideration by the application deadline.

Section 3. The Spanish teachers and SHH sponsor meet to confer on the candidates and come to a consensus of the new members for initiation.

Section 4. The SHH sponsor will meet with the Principal should there be a concern in behavior and/or discipline of a student.

Section 5. Acceptance and congratulatory letters (emails) will be sent to candidates approximately 3-4 weeks before the initiation ceremony and will explain the ceremony protocol.

Section 6. The Initiation Ceremony will be held for new members and their siblings and family. The SHH sponsor and officers will determine a location and time, usually at the end of the first quarter.

Article IV. Qualifications for Continued Membership

Section 1. Each year members commit to fulfilling an activity from each of the following categories: Academic Commitment AND Community Commitment.

Section 2. Academic commitment may be defined in part as: current enrollment in a Spanish class while maintaining an overall GPA of 3.5 in Spanish, an overall GPA of 3.0 and an overall CPA of 3.0 in all classes.

Section 3. Community Commitment may be defined as fifteen hours of community service. At least ten of the hours must be either provided by the SHH chapter or related to Spanish. Examples are participation in the following: Tutoring in any elementary school in the Granite School District in helping children in reading, etc.; in an appointed SHH leadership role; organizing and/or participating in SHH-sponsored events such as cultural and diversity nights; working on a special project that serves Spanish-speaking people in the Holladay in a donation or fundraising drive benefiting a local, national or international Latino community/organization.

Section 4. Students meet quarterly/monthly at the discretion of the SHH sponsor with a 75% attendance rate with the purpose to discuss, plan, and generate participation for: the initiation ceremony, Spanish tutoring, fundraisers and drives, holiday bake sales, application and preparation for the Junior Travel Award and the Senior Scholarship Award, submissions to *Albricias*, etc.

Section 5. Students must continue to demonstrate academic integrity and character: i.e. no recorded incidents of cheating, plagiarism, misconduct, insubordination or intentional dishonesty.

Section 6. If a student does not complete the Academic Commitment **AND** Community Commitment, he or she may be placed on probationary status for one semester. If requisites for that semester are not met, the student may be removed from the SHH Chapter.

Article V. Dues and Fees

Section 1. Before induction, a new member must submit a designated amount of membership dues. These dues include one-time national membership dues of \$5.00.Section 2. To renew membership in the chapter, a member will pay a designated amount \$5.00.

Article VI. Elections and Duties of Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Los Titanes del Monte Olimpo chapter are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Historian. The officers must be enrolled in a Spanish class at the time of election and service in order to hold office as a representative of the SHH.Section 2. Officers are nominated by the active members present during one of the final meetings of the school year, approved by the SHH sponsor. All SHH active members are invited to vote by ballot.

Section 3. The duties of the officers are as follows: to have consistent attendance at meetings; to serve as models of diplomacy for other members of the SHH and the Olympus High School community; to delegate, plan and organize the induction ritual through ceremony parts, the reading of the script in Spanish and English, the set-up of the ceremony venue, the preparation of food and beverages for the ceremony, and to speak with new members about their responsibilities and commitments in order to maintain membership in good standing, etc.

Section 4. The role of the President is to delegate and organize the annual induction ceremony, preside at meetings consistently, and serve as the SHH student spokesperson, prospective candidates, the Spanish Department and the high school.

Section 5. The role of Vice President is to assist the President collegially, use social media to announce all meetings, keep Excel record of SHH tutor service and fundraiser projects, and be in charge of official correspondence of the SHH chapter within the school and community. Section 6. The role of the Secretary is to keep the ledger of initiates, active members and their qualifications and attendance up to date via Excel sheet.

Section 7. The role of Historian is to record chapter events, taking pictures and creating pages for the "Los Titanes del Monte Olimpo" chapter scrapbook. The Historian will also work with the SHH Sponsor to submit chapter news to the national organization.

Article VII. Meetings

Section 1. Each member must maintain 75% attendance at the quarterly/monthly meetings. Section 2. Meetings are to be regularly scheduled by the sponsors and officers with some delay time due to months with extended holiday breaks.

Section 3. The last meeting of the year will take place early-May to select new officers and to set direction for the goals of the following school year.

Article VIII. Awards and Recognition

Section 1. The SHH Chapter Sponsor may award the Certificado de Excelencia to initiated members, winners in the National Spanish Examinations, or to the initiated member who has achieved the highest grade point average in Spanish or Portuguese for that school year. Duplicate certificates are awarded in case of ties. The number of awards is limited to 10% of current initiates.

Section 2. The SHH Chapter Sponsor may award the Certificado por Servicios to recognize initiated members who have rendered meritorious service to the Chapter. The number awarded is limited to 10% of current initiates.

Section 3. The SHH Chapter Sponsor may award the Premio de Honor to the best graduating senior of the Chapter. The certificate may be obtained from the National Director of the SHH, and will be sent upon receipt of the student's name. The names of both the student and the Chapter sponsor will be published nationally if sent by the deadline. Each Chapter may receive only one certificate each year.

Section 4. Student members of the SHH chapter may apply for the national Bertie Green Junior Travel Award and Joseph A. Adams Senior Scholarship. Only one person from the chapter may apply for each award. Therefore, a committee of Spanish teachers may determine the best applicant based on the essay and list of activities required for the application. **Section 5.** All active SHH members are encouraged to submit original written work in Spanish or artwork related to Spanish to *¡Albricias!*, the student journal of the SHH.

Article IX. Insignia

Section 1. The insignia of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica is the official one of the AATSP, as represented on stationery and/or correspondence, or for which may be shown for awards for excellence in Spanish and Portuguese.

Section 2. The seal of the AATSP is the official seal of the SHH, and it may be used in conjunction with any other seal upon approval of the National Council.

Section 3. The motto of the SHH is: Todos a una.

Section 4. The colors of the SHH are red and gold.

Section 5. The flower of the SHH is the carnation.

Article X. Emergency Bylaws

Section 1. Additional regulations for facilitating the government of the Los Titanes del Monte Olimpo chapter and the activities of the Chapter may be prepared by the officers whenever the exigencies for such regulations may arise.

Section 2. Dues may be initiated at the beginning of each year to be determined by the Sponsor and advisors if necessary.