Good evening, everyone. It is a pleasure to be here at (School name), (Were you inducted at this university? How long ago?). It is also wonderful to celebrate achievement and honor excellence. I am grateful to the faculty and administration for their gracious invitation and continued support of the (Your Chapter) Alumni Chapter. On behalf of Beta Gamma Sigma, I want to congratulate and welcome your inductees into the Society. You have now become an integral part of the world’s largest organization representing business school alumni, dating back to 1913, with over 900,000 members in more than 190 countries and territories from over 600 colleges and universities around the world. With the Society a few years into its second century, you will be able to experience the ever-growing initiatives to support “the best in business.”

As BGS continues to transform itself, there are several exciting opportunities to bring life-long value to members. I would encourage you to view the Beta Gamma Sigma website to support your ongoing association with the Society. At this time, I want to spend a few minutes to make you aware of some of the programs and offerings that BGS has available to our life-long Members.

The first BGS Program I’d like to highlight is the Alumni Career Design Program which is a 30-day online program that will give you the clarity, plan, and accountability you need to figure out exactly what comes next for your career. They also offer the Ethical Leadership Certification, which is in partnership with the NASBA Center for the Public Trust. This online series includes six self-guided modules, featuring CEOs of Fortune 500 companies presenting on such topics as ethical decision-making, organization support, and conflict management/prevention. There is a comprehensive test each section and, upon completion of the course, BGS students will receive their Ethical Leadership Certification. As BGS collegiate members, you are eligible to enroll in the program, giving you a decided advantage in the job marketplace.

Another legacy program is BGS Gives Back: an effort to demonstrate members’ commitment to their communities and volunteerism by giving back to those in need. This program started as one day of service in the month of October but has since evolved into a year-long service initiative. Both collegiate and alumni chapters participate in service activities including telethons, breast cancer walks, food and clothing drives, serving meals at a local shelter and many more! BGS has partnered with Junior Achievement, the nation's largest organization dedicated to providing youth with the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success.

BGS offers a resource on their website called “Career Central” where you can find everything you need to grow in your career – articles, expert interviews, podcasts, blog posts, webinars, and more. The BGS Advantage Webinar Series is also a part of Career Central. This free webinar series brings together thought leaders from top businesses to share their advice, insight, and knowledge to give members an advantage as they seek jobs or look to improve their skills. Webinars are held monthly and are free to BGS members.

Beta Gamma Sigma believes business is a force for global good, which is why in the fall of 2021 we partnered with the SDGs Launch project to bring members our first ever virtual conference that connected, educated, and empowered participants to be catalysts for change in their communities. Through several speaker series, workshops, and a case challenge, participants had the opportunity to reflect and build on their understanding of sustainable development. Be on the lookout for information on a 2022 – 2023 virtual event in the coming months.

While you’re visiting the BGS website, check out the “Notable BGS Members” page. These members have made notable contributions around the world in corporate, entrepreneurial, government, non-profit, and academic sectors. You may even recognize some famous names! These members include a Nobel Prize winner, an Olympian, inventors, and CEOs of global companies and international nonprofit organizations.

Another exciting way to connect with fellow BGS members is ConnectBGS: an online community established exclusively for, by, and about BGS members. This a global community of over half a million people – the “Best in Business.”  Here we can network, discuss, and learn together by joining some of the various communities. ConnectBGS was created to provide lifetime value for our members across generations and around the world. BGS Global Headquarters hopes you find that value here and share your unique ideas, insights and visions with your fellow Beta Gamma Sigma members.

Another added benefit for Beta Gamma Sigma student members is exclusive pricing for unique internships and volunteer opportunities, so be sure to take advantage of these resources to broaden your professional resume!

BGS maintains a very strong social media presence. They have accounts on LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Their social media accounts are a good place to check out member spotlights and success stories, useful tips to get the most out of your membership, and exclusive member discounts from BGS partners. Their LinkedIn group is one of the largest alumni groups on the site with over 67,000 members. There are also more than 23,000 members on the Society’s Facebook page.

Although social media is a great platform to stay connected to the Society as a whole, another networking avenue is participating in the BGS Alumni Network. The Beta Gamma Sigma Alumni Network is made up of more than 32 alumni chapters, as well as 15+ international alumni networking groups. The (Your Chapter) Area Alumni Chapter was founded in (Date), and since our inception, we continue to provide you, our lifelong members, with lifelong professional development opportunities. (Highlight what your specific Alumni Chapter hosts or has hosted). You can go to the BGS website to find a complete contact list for the Leadership Team members of Alumni Chapters and Alumni Networking Groups, as well as further information on joining.

In closing, I want to wish you all much success as you move ahead in your careers. I hope that the numerous offerings of the Society will be of assistance to you along the way. Enjoy the journey and welcome to Beta Gamma Sigma!