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**NOMINATIONS, PLEASE!** Nominations for First Vice President and Executive Secretary of Phi Sigma Iota are open for positions to take office in January 2010. Nominees for these positions must be faculty members at academic institutions with an active chapter of Phi Sigma Iota. When nominating a qualified individual, please give the nominee's full name, his or her academic affiliation and a brief professional biography. Nominations can be emailed to: Roz Macken, Administrative Director at <contact@phisigmaiota.org>. The deadline for nominations is November 1, 2009.

**PHI SIGMA IOTA WANTS YOU. Apply now for student scholarships.** This year, three scholarships for \$2,000 will be awarded, and three scholarships for \$1,000 will be awarded. Awards are for student members who are continuing their study of foreign languages. The application form for these scholarships and instructions on submitting applications are on Phi Sigma Iota's website. **Submission Deadline: April 2, 2010. Please note that the application form has been revised.** 

*THE FORUM* **RETURNS. The results of our annual survey are in and we heard you loud and clear: you want** *The Forum* **back**. Phi Sigma Iota's annual journal is due to come back this February, in both hard copy and online formats. The Editorial Committee invites submissions in three categories. *Off-the-Shelf* is a section devoted to short reviews by students and faculty of print, film or live media works dealing with the study foreign languages. *My Life in a Foreign Language* is a forum for essays by student members on language study. Topics for these essays can include study abroad experiences, language-learning advice and best teaching practices from a student's point of view. *It's All About Us* offers chapter advisors a place to show off photos of recent induction ceremonies or to tell readers about chapter activities. Students and faculty should email essays, reviews and chapter news to the Editorial Committee at <contact@phisigmaiota.org>. The deadline for submissions for material to be considered for the comeback issue of *The Forum* is December 15, 2009. **YOUR BANK CALLED. The Executive Board has launched a pilot program of small grants of up to \$150 for Chapter activities.** Application for these small grants is by letter. Chapter advisors should state the amount requested, the nature of the Chapter activity and how it will address the objectives of Phi Sigma Iota. Chapters can expect to know whether their applications have been approved within ten days of submission. Within ten days of the activity's conclusion, Chapter advisors should email a use-andbenefit report to Roz Macken, Administrative Director at <contact@phisigmaiota.org>. **The Administrative Director will act on applications in the order in which they are received, and will continue to award grants until funds run out.**