Chapter Initiates New Members

Family members and friends of more than 40 academically talented students were present in Bell Conference Center on March 14, 2007, for the Society’s spring initiation ceremony.

Initiates from the College of Business were Erika Baggett, Adanys Clerch, Richard Miller, Randy E. Putman, Flora Sumrall, Evelyn Taylor, James Todd, and Ashton Washington.

From the College of Education the new members were Alison Croowell, Joni Davenport, Ashley Dial, Kelly Farnham, Ronald Ford, Morgan Harrison, Catherine Jacobs, Robert Key, Bart Lockhart, Kristin Mosley, Keonn Nettles, Stephen Smith, Jessica Thompson, Chandra Toney, and Elyse Willis.

The new members from the College of Liberal Arts included Angela Brown, Jonathan Marks, Krystee Roberson, Lauren Snoddy, Theresa Todd, and Marquita Washington.

The College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics initiates were Phillip Barham, Cody Brown, Theresa Clark, Devin Fields, Gregory Gibson, Christopher Hocutt, James Hocutt, Lindsay Marks, and Dominic McCoy.

The new members from the School of Graduate Studies were Cassie Daffron, William Ennis, James Gibson, Charity Johnson, Rochelle Johnson, Denys Lupshenyuk and Carolyn Tubbs.

In addition to the students, two faculty members and one staff member were also initiated. They were Dr. Jeff Gentsch, assistant professor of history, Sheila Limerick of the Julia S. Tutwiler Library and Dr. Andrew Rindsberg, associate professor biology.

New slate of officers for 2007-2009

President: Mary Pagliero
Student Vice President: Abby Clark
Student Vice President: Jonathan Marks
Secretary: Mark Davis
Treasurer: Hazel Truelove
Public Relations Officer: Richard Day
Historian: Andy Rindsberg

President Mitzi Gates directs initiates to repeat the Phi Kappa Phi motto and affirmation of membership.
I want to welcome each member of the UWA Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi back to campus and wish you a successful and happy year. May I encourage all of you to continue in your promotion of academic excellence that is the mission of the Society? Our chapter will participate in the Honors Fair in November to draw attention not only to Phi Kappa Phi but also to all honor societies on campus that reward superior students through recognition of academic success. Three chapter events are noted in this newsletter. Will you mark the dates on your calendar and plan to attend? Your presence will demonstrate your belief in the importance of academic achievement.

We bid adieu to Mitzi Gates, past president of our chapter. She has accepted a teaching position at Linden High School. During her tenure, we experienced the most successful Fall Social to date and an especially memorable initiation ceremony. Mitzi saw to the collection of biographical information on each of the initiates and prepared text that was read at the time of recognition. It was a proud evening for both students and families. Mitzi will be missed. She deserves our thanks and best wishes on her new teaching endeavors.

While extending thanks, I would like to also include a member of our chapter without whom the Society could not function: Holly Holycross, our administrative assistant and primary contact person. Holly is the “go-to person” in our organization. If it needs to be done, she knows how to do it, and, more importantly, she does it cheerfully. Have a question about renewing your membership or being reinstated? You can follow the directions you will find in this newsletter, or contact Holly at hholycross@uwa.edu for assistance.

The new officers began their terms on August 1. They will meet the first week of school to discuss, among other items, committee assignments. The 2005-2007 committee assignments appear on the chapter's website at http://pkp.uwa.edu/committe.html. Please review the listing. I welcome your requests. Please contact me. Is there a committee you would like to serve on? Is there a committee that you would like to be removed from to be placed on another committee?

I encourage you to identify students who might be candidates for the scholarships and awards offered by the Society. The awards are listed on the final page of this newsletter. I would like to bring to your attention that the Emerging Scholar Awards and the Study Abroad Grants do not require that the applicant be a member of Phi Kappa Phi. The former is available to qualified sophomores and the latter to qualified juniors. Scholarship and grant details can be found on the National Society website: www.phikappaphi.org or you may contact me by email.

Do you have project ideas for promoting academic excellence on campus? Would you like to serve as President-Elect? The position is vacant. Do you have questions or comments regarding the chapter? If so, do not hesitate to contact any of the officers. Their contact information is below.

Very best wishes,
Mary Pagliero
President, PKP Chapter 276
Wallace Hall 2nd Floor Lobby
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
PKP will join with other honor societies on campus to organize
an FYI session focusing on honor societies: their
requirements and benefits.

Fall Social - November 14, 2007
President’s Home
TBA
Prospective Phi Kappa Phi inductees have an opportunity to meet
with current members in a casual setting to discuss the
Society and membership benefits.

Initiation and Reception- March 12, 2008
Bell Conference Center
5:30 p.m.
On this evening the academically brightest and best on campus
will be formally recognized and inducted into the UWA Chapter
of Phi Kappa Phi.

In Your Electronic Mailbox from National Headquarters

The **Honor Cord**: An electronic magazine posted three times per year, it focuses on topics such as job search techniques, presentation skills, and post-graduate study.

The **Monthly Mentions**: A monthly email communication created to keep members informed of exclusive Phi Kappa Phi activities and opportunities.

Where to find PKP Online:
National: www.phikappaphi.org
UWA Chapter: http://pkp.uwa.edu

Events Calendar 2007 –2008

Did you know?

Partner Discounts and Services - http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/AboutMembership/benefits.html

- Discount on Dell products. The size of the discount depends on the specific product and applies year-round on regularly priced Dell products
- Up to 10% off auto and home insurance with Group Savings Plus® from Liberty Mutual
- Special interest rate reductions for Phi Kappa Phi members and their families on federal student loan consolidation from SunTrust Bank
- $100 discount for members and their families on The Princeton Review classroom or online test-preparation courses for the GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, SAT or ACT
- $250 discount on the Becker Professional Review’s CPA four-part review course
- $100 discount to members who enroll in the Stalla Review for the CFA Exams’ CFA review course
- 5-10% off car rentals at Enterprise Rent-A-Car airport and neighborhood Enterprise locations
- 5% off products from Barnes&Noble.com
- Bank of America credit cards with highly competitive interest rates
- Complimentary membership through Women for Hire Network, a company committed to empowering career-focused women through a variety of programs
- Short term medical insurance, term-life and other valuable insurance benefits from Marsh
Membership renewal and reinstatement

Reminder: you may renew your membership by completing the Online Renewal Form found on the Phi Kappa Phi Headquarter website: www.phikappaphi.org. At the top of the home page, click the link to the “Renew Your Membership” page. You will find there a link to the “Online Renewal Form.” To login, you will want to follow the directions. If you do not know your member number, you may contact Holly Holycross at hholycross@uwa.edu to request it.

Your decision to sustain active membership ensures you access to a host of benefits including:
• subscriptions to the Society’s magazine, Phi Kappa Phi Forum, and newsletter
• various scholarships and awards
• high-quality Phi Kappa Phi merchandise
• products and services offered by Answer Financial, Inc.
• MBNA’s MasterCard

The national dues ($25) are required to be considered an active member and to receive full benefits of membership for one year. Chapter dues ($10) provide support for our local chapter’s programs and activities.

Contact Holly Holycross at the email address given above or Mary Pagliero at mpagliero@uwa.edu to request a reinstatement or a transfer of chapter form.

Check it out! Scholarships and Awards

Fellowship

Every year, the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi awards sixty Fellowships of $5,000 each and forty Awards of Excellence of $2,000 each to members entering the first year of graduate or professional study. Applications must be submitted to Mary Pagliero, chapter president, by February 1, 2008. Application forms can be downloaded from the Society website, where detailed information is also available.

Emerging Scholar Awards

This is a new awards program that recognizes outstanding rising sophomores studying at Phi Kappa Phi member institutions. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi will grant 60 awards in the amount of $250 to students who meet the eligibility require-ments and submission deadline. Application packets are available on the National Society website.

Study Abroad Grants

The Study Abroad Grants are designed to help support undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying abroad. Fifty $1,000 grants are awarded each year. An application can be downloaded from the National Society website.

Love of Learning Awards

Phi Kappa Phi’s board of directors recently approved the Love of Learning Awards program. These awards will help fund post-baccalaureate studies and/or career development for active (dues current) PKP members to include, but not be limited to, graduate or professional studies, doctoral dissertations, continuing education, career development, travel related to teaching/studies, etc. Fifty awards, up to $500 each, will be awarded. The National Society website makes available for downloading an application packet and general information.

Contact Mary Pagliero at mpagliero@uwa.edu for details.