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## Engineering Professor Named 2012 Distinguished Lecturer

Prof. E. James Nelson has been named the recipient of the 2012 Phi Kappa Phi Distinguished Faculty Lectureship. Prof. Nelson attended BYU from 1982 to 1994, earning his bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. degrees in civil and environmental engineering. He joined the faculty in 1996, and his research focuses on hydrology and automated watershed characterization from digital terrain data. He

has an extensive record in publishing, consulting, and creating products for industry, and he has received many awards for teaching and citizenship as well as research. He is currently leading an effort to improve the senior design capstone program in order to help students confidently apply their education to professional practice. Professor Nelson will deliver his lecture, "Formulating Academic

Success," on Thursday, November 15, at 11:00 a.m. in 321 MSRB. All faculty and students are invited to attend.



## BYU Prof. Robert T. Barrett named National Phi Kappa Phi Artist

Robert T. Barrett, a professor of visual arts at Brigham Young University, has been selected as the 2012-2014 Phi Kappa Phi Artist by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi for his accomplishments in visual arts and illustration.

The Phi Kappa Phi Artist Award and Scholar Award honor those individuals who demonstrate the ideals of the Society through their activities, achievements, and

scholarship. Awardees receive \$1,000 honoraria, an active-for-life membership, and a recognition citation. Each award is given once per biennium.

Barrett was presented with the award on August 11, 2012, at a luncheon in his honor during the Society's biennial convention in St. Louis, Mo.

Reading from the citation, John C. O'Quinn, chair of the Phi Kappa Phi Artist

selection committee, stated, "Professor Barrett stands out not just for his work as a renowned visual artist—his work has been described as beautifully capturing 'the Norman Rockwell everyday American ordinariness'—but for his commitment to excellence in teaching and mentoring students, even while producing outstanding works of art at a phenomenal rate."

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Barrett has created thousands of works during his long career, including portraits for leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and illustrations for children’s books. Additionally, he recently illustrated books about the lives of President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle Obama.

A faculty member in BYU’s Visual Art Department since 1982, Barrett has served both

as department chair and as associate dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communications. He has received more than 50 awards for his paintings, both locally and nationally. In 1995 he also received the Karl G. Maeser Award for Excellence in Teaching, the highest teaching honor BYU gives. In 2010 he was named the Distinguished Educator of the Year by the Society of Illustrators.

First presented in 1983, the Phi Kappa Phi Artist Award recognizes the achievements of those who, in addition to their outstanding scholarship, have displayed talents in the broad realm of the arts—creative, graphic, performing, visual, and fine arts. Recipients receive a \$1,000 honorarium and a trip to receive recognition and share their artistic talents at the Society’s biennial convention.



**Prof. Robert T. Barrett in his studio.**

### Three BYU Students Receive Phi Kappa Study Abroad Scholarships

Phi Kappa Phi 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. In 2012, three BYU students received these grants: Jamie Cassinat, Shane

Woods, and Christina Champenois, who received the Larry Sommers Award.

## Two Chapter Members Receive Love of Learning Grants

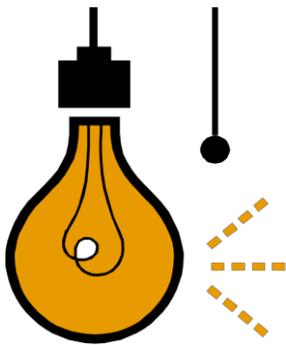
Love of Learning Awards help fund post-baccalaureate studies and/or career development for active Phi Kappa Phi members. Grants may be used for, but are not limited to, expenses related to graduate or professional studies, doctoral dissertations, continuing education, career development, and travel related to teaching and studies. Each year, 140 awards, each worth \$500, are distributed. Two students who earned their bachelor's degrees at BYU and who are still affiliated with the BYU Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi received Love of Learning Awards in 2012.

Jeff Swift, currently a PhD Student at North Carolina State University is studying communication, rhetoric, and digital media. He graduated from BYU with a BA in 2008 and an MA in 2010; both degrees were in English. Swift plans to use the Love of Learning Grant to purchase books for his doctoral exams and to prepare for writing his dissertation. His exams center on rhetorical theory and criticism, digital rhetoric, public

deliberation and democratic theory. His dissertation will be about online political and deliberative rhetoric. Swift could not find a chapter of Phi Kappa Phi to affiliate with at NC State, so we are happy to claim him as one of our members.



Jeff Swift, a PhD student at North Carolina State University and winner of Love of Learning Grant.



Camiliana Wood is studying at the J. Reuben Clark Law School at BYU. Wood earned her bachelor's degree at BYU in 2011, graduating in sociology with a 4.0 GPA. It was always her dream to go to college, but she married and had three sons before she was able to make her dream come true. School has required sacrificing time with her family, but she truly loves the study of law. She took an undergraduate business law course with Jerry Zimmerman at Lower Columbia College in Washington to find out whether she wanted to pursue that course in life. Now, she says, "I want to share my love of the law with others through teaching, and I want to help others through practicing law." Wood will use her Love of Learning grant to help offset the expenses of attending law school. Eventually she wants to be an attorney who works with children and juveniles.



Camiliana Wood, a student at Reuben Clark Law School and winner of Love of Learning Grant.

## New Chapter Officers Look Forward to 2012-2013 Year

The new president of the BYU Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi is Kristine Hansen, a professor of English at BYU since 1987. Hansen has been a member of Phi Kappa Phi since 1979, when she was inducted as a graduate student. She has served the BYU chapter as the faculty advisor from the College of Humanities from 1996-98, as the coordinator for the annual student paper competition from 2008-10, as a special projects officer in 2010-11, and most recently as President-Elect. Hansen particularly likes the motto of Phi Kappa Phi, "Let the love of learning rule humanity," because she believes in the power of education to lift individuals and whole societies to a

higher plane of action, enjoyment, and service. She also admires the Phi Kappa Phi mission "to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others," because this mission is congruent with the mission of BYU: "To assist individuals in their quest for perfection and eternal life. That assistance should provide a period of intensive learning in a stimulating setting where a commitment to excellence is expected and the full realization of human potential is pursued." Hansen believes that students, faculty, and staff who participate actively in Phi Kappa Phi can help

advance the mission of both the honor society and BYU. During her time as president, she hopes to foster more student involvement and service in the organization.



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Larry Rees, Professor of Physics, is the new President-Elect of the BYU Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. Rees has served many years as the chapter secretary and has rendered extraordinary service in this capacity, particularly with enrolling new members and keeping

track of our large membership rolls and dues. In August of this year, he traveled to St. Louis to participate in the bi-annual national conference of Phi Kappa Phi, where he learned about new developments coming in the organization and

enthusiastically supported Bob Barrett, as he was honored with the national Artist Award. Larry's long service in the chapter leadership has prepared him very well to take over the reins of leadership in 2013.



Larry Rees, far left, receives the 2010 and 2011 Chapter of Excellence awards in St. Louis from Diane Smathers, president. Next to Smathers are William Bloodworth, Past President, and Mary Todd, Executive Director of the national Phi Kappa Phi Organization.

## New Chapter Officers (Continued)

Officers new to their posts or continuing to serve this year are as follows:

Past President:	Scott L. Howell
Secretary:	Paul Westover
Treasurer:	Carolyn Tuitupou
Scholarships and Awards:	Larry Peer
Events Chair:	Jacqueline Thursby
Historian:	Connie Lamb
Phi Eta Sigma Liaison:	Heather Hammond
Student Officer Advisor:	Jenith Larsen
Special Projects:	Don Cook, Delys Snyder, Lorraine Wood



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## BYU Earns Fourth Consecutive Chapter of Excellence Award

The BYU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi has been named a Chapter of Excellence for each of the four years such chapter recognitions have been given by the national organization of Phi Kappa Phi. Only a few of the 300 chapters nationwide qualify as Chapters of

Excellence each year. In presenting this award, the national office of Phi Kappa Phi wrote that it is "given to chapters that not only comply with the Society's national standards, but also demonstrate an active commitment to excellence." A check for

\$500 was given to the BYU chapter in recognition of the honor.

## New Student Officers Chosen for 2012-13

We have a talented new group of student officers this year. The new First Vice-President is Matt Haynie, from Escondido, California, a pre-med student majoring in physiology and developmental biology. A piano and soccer player, Matt is about to become a father for the first-time. Second Vice-President is Taylor Duckworth, an economics major from Holladay, Utah, who plans to become a dentist and

oral surgeon. A former missionary in South Korea, Taylor recently got married and loves to ski whether it be on snow or water. The members of the Student Council are the following: Quincey McGuire, a nursing student from Cedar City, Utah, plans to work as an RN for a few years and then become a nurse practitioner. Quincey likes to collect fancy hats. Kate Erickson, from Orem, Utah, is majoring in physiology

and developmental biology. She plans to attend medical school and provide international humanitarian health care. Kate unwinds by hiking, biking, camping, and climbing in Utah's amazing mountains and deserts. Alex Bertin is from Bountiful, Utah, and majoring in finance. He hopes to go into corporate finance and eventually earn an MBA. He loves sports and having fun with friends.

## Student Officers Receive \$2,000 Literacy Grant

In the spring of 2012, the BYU chapter learned that it had been awarded a \$2,000 literacy grant for a project proposed and carried out by the student officers. The Phi Kappa Phi Literacy Grants program was initiated to mobilize members and resources of the honorary society and the higher education community to champion literacy initiatives. Grants of up to \$2,500 are available to Phi Kappa Phi chapters and individual members to fund ongoing literacy

projects or to create new initiatives. The Society's commitment to the cause of literacy grows out of and is consistent with its mission, which aims "to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

One of last year's student vice-presidents, Celeste Wouden, wrote and submitted a grant proposal in early 2012 to promote literacy for Windsor Elementary School's underprivileged children. For the past 16 years,

Windsor Elementary has had a program called WEALTH, which stands for "Windsor Elementary After-school Literacy Training Help." The student officers and student members of Phi Kappa Phi will use the grant to purchase age-appropriate books for children in the WEALTH program and also to prepare a bookmark and a handwritten letter from a Phi Kappa Phi member to give the children.

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