Ben Frandsen named Marcus L. Urann Fellowship Recipient

**Benjamin Frandsen** has been named the 2011 Marcus Urann Fellow, claiming one of the three top national PKP fellowships. The $15,000 award is based on outstanding academic credentials and leadership experience. Ben struck the Fellowship Committee “as one with remarkable academic skills with a propensity for deep critical thinking.”

A faculty mentor commented, “The combination of Ben’s capacity for rigorous scientific inquiry, superior communication skills, maturity gifts of leadership, exemplary character and overall breadth of accomplishment lead me to conclude that he is destined for great things. He is capable of playing a prominent leadership role in the sciences and also in other areas of his life.”

Ben has an academic background in physics and mathematics, interests in humanities, and a major in German. He plans to pursue a Ph.D. in condensed matter physics at Columbia University.

Brent Nelson receives PKP Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award

**Brent Nelson** has been named the recipient of the 2011 PKP Distinguished Faculty Lecturer award. Brent received his Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Utah in 1984 and joined BYU later that year. He has served as a department chair and currently serves as Computer Engineering program head within his department. His research interests include the creation of special purpose high performance computing systems using FPGA’s—an area known as “Reconfigurable Computing.” a national joint research center involving four universities and over 40 corporations and government labs. He is also director of the BYU site of this center. He currently holds the Ira A. Fulton Chair in Globalization.

Dr. Nelson will deliver the Distinguished Faculty Lecture address “The World is No Longer Round? Just What Does That Mean and How Does it Affect Me?” on Thursday, November 10th at 11 a.m. in 321 of the Maeser Building. There is a $1,000 stipend for this award.
Meet the new PKP President at BYU

Scott Howell is currently the Director of the BYU Salt Lake Center. He has served as director of Evening Classes and as the assistant to the dean for the Division of Continuing Education at Brigham Young University. He has also been the director of the Center for Instructional Design, director of the Bachelor of General Studies, and assistant director of the Department of Independent Study. Dr. Howell received his Ph.D. in instructional science, his M.S. in community education, and his B.S. in business management. His research interests include distance education, assessment and measurement, and service learning.

BYU captures PKP Chapter of Excellence Recognition for Third Year Consecutive Year

BYU Chapter 58 was one of eleven chapters nationwide recognized by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi as a Chapter of Excellence. These chapters exceed basic national standards and demonstrate strong ongoing commitment to honor and excellence through chapter programs and activities. The chapter received $500 for this award.

“Behind every Chapter of Excellence is a committed group of officers who give generously of their time and talent to recognize outstanding students,” said Lourdes Barro, the Society’s acting executive director. She added, “Officers of award-winning chapters make it possible for students to benefit from Phi Kappa Phi’s award programs and leadership opportunities.”

BYU student awarded PKP Love of Learning Scholarship

PKP student Jason Black was selected as one of eighty Love of Learning award recipients from a pool of thousands of applicants nationwide. The $500 Love of Learning Awards help fund post-baccalaureate studies and / or career development for active Phi Kappa Phi members which include (but are not limited to): graduate or professional studies, doctoral dissertations, continuing education, career development, and travel related to teaching/studies.

Good News! 2012-2013 Love of Learning Scholarships have increased in number from 80 to 140 awards! Be sure to apply by June 30, 2012.
Two Students Receive PKP Study Abroad Scholarships

BYU students **Jaclyn Coleman** in the College of Nursing and **Skye Herrick** in International Relations were awarded PKP Study Abroad scholarships this summer. Jaclyn traveled to Tonga and Skye recently returned from Jordan. 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. Forty-five $1,000 grants are awarded each year.

Lourdes Barro and William Bloodworth, Jr. Assume New National Roles

Phi Kappa Phi Executive Director Perry Anderson Snyder, Ph.D., retired on June 30, after 12 years of service to the Society. The Chapter 58 executive committee hosted lunch for him this summer as he visited the BYU campus. During Snyder’s executive directorship, Phi Kappa Phi expanded benefits to members and services to chapters. The current acting Executive Director is Lourdes R. Barro, who has served PKP for more than 20 years in a variety of roles.

Dr. William A. Bloodworth, Jr. is the new National President. He has served as president of Augusta State University since 1993. He has been instrumental in the growth and visibility of the university’s chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, which now sponsors an annual Phi Kappa Phi Student Research and Fine Arts Conference.

Looking to leave an indelible mark on Phi Kappa Phi?

Consider giving a commemorative gift to the Society’s building campaign for its new national headquarters. Commemorative bricks are a great way to mark your induction into Phi Kappa Phi. Learn more at [http://www.phikappaphi.org/web/about/building.html](http://www.phikappaphi.org/web/about/building.html)

Thanks to the generosity of more than 600 members, Phi Kappa Phi has nearly met its budgeted goal of $600,000 for its new national headquarters building in Baton Rouge, L.A.
In addition to pitch pages, Beyond Credentials offers Phi Kappa Phi members access to career advice, articles, and webinar sessions hosted by Alexandra Levit, a nationally syndicated workplace author, speaker, career expert, and hiring consultant for Fortune 500 companies.

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