

# Phi Kappa Phi

*BYU Chapter Newsletter*  
**Spring 2016**

## **BYU's Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 58 Needs Your Service!**

We need faculty and staff who are members of Phi Kappa Phi to volunteer to serve as officers, as college liaisons, as judges of our contests, and as nominators of students and colleagues for our awards. It doesn't matter if you haven't paid dues for a while—you can always start again. Anyone who is interested in serving in Phi Kappa Phi, please contact Marvin Gardner, president ([marv\\_gardner@byu.edu](mailto:marv_gardner@byu.edu)), Jeff Belliston, president-elect ([jeffrey\\_belliston@byu.edu](mailto:jeffrey_belliston@byu.edu)), or Charlotte Stanford, secretary ([charlotte\\_stanford@byu.edu](mailto:charlotte_stanford@byu.edu)).

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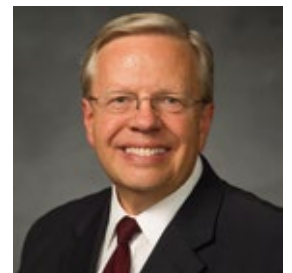
## **President's Message**

# **Why Phi Kappa Phi?**

*By Marvin K. Gardner*

*President, BYU's Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi  
Honor Society*

Why is your membership in Phi Kappa Phi significant? Is it just a line on your résumé?



Take a look at some of the exciting things happening in BYU's chapter. At our 65th annual Initiation Banquet, held on March 16, 2016, we did the following:

- Welcomed 247 new members into our chapter: 42 graduate students (in the top 10 percent of their class), 95 senior students (in the top 10 percent of their class), 98 junior students (in the top 7.5 percent of their class), and 12 faculty members (who were nominated by their deans for academic excellence in scholarship, teaching, and citizenship).

- Recognized recipients of national and chapter awards and grants. The total monetary amount of these awards was \$31,800. (The names of these winners and all other award recipients are listed in this newsletter.)
- Announced winners of our annual Arts and Writing contests. The total monetary amount for these awards was \$4,000.
- Honored two members of our chapter with Distinguished Member Awards: Jacqueline Thursby and John R. Rosenberg.
- Recognized the recipient of the 2015 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award: Dr. Thomas A. Wayment, professor of Ancient Scripture at BYU.
- Heard a report from Holly Boud and Cameron Zenger, student vice presidents, about our chapter's successful project of donating 448 new books to the second- and third-grade students at Franklin Elementary School in Provo.
- Listened to an address by John R. Rosenberg, Associate Director of BYU's Faculty Center and the Washington Irving Professor of Spanish and American Relations. His remarks were titled "The Sacrament of School Studies: The End of a BYU Education."
- Enjoyed a vocal performance by Tyrell Wilde, a senior majoring in vocal performance and studying with Professor Darrell Babidge. His accompanist, who also provided additional piano music during the evening, was Forrest Howell, a senior majoring in piano performance.

As you can see, membership in Phi Kappa Phi can be more than just a line on your résumé. Members become involved in recognizing and promoting academic excellence and in supporting service and leadership opportunities. I invite each of you to continue to support—or to become more engaged in—BYU's chapter. For more information, please see the national website (<http://www.phikappaphi.org/>) and our chapter's website (<http://pkp.byu.edu/>).

## PKP Literacy Drive

*By Holly Boud and Cameron Zenger,  
PKP Student Vice Presidents*

We want to thank everyone who helped us with our literacy project this year! We were able to give a donation of 448 new books to Franklin Elementary School. Many of these children do not have any books in their homes and have to read bills, cereal boxes, and cookbooks to fulfill their reading assignments. In



response to their needs, we were able to give three books to each second and third grader to take home. The children, their teachers, and the principal were all very grateful. Below is an email we received from the principal thanking us for the donation:

*I just wanted to thank you again for the generous donation to our school. The students were so thrilled that you would be willing to give them books. It meant the world to them, and they were still talking about the books after you left today. In fact, one little girl came to me and told me at the end of the day that she had finished Bad Kitty!*

*You inspired our students and made them understand the importance of reading by your example.  
THANK YOU!*

Again, thank you to everyone who helped make this project a success!





# Highlights from the Initiation Banquet

March 16, 2016



# Highlights from the 65th Annual BYU Phi Kappa Phi Initiation Banquet March 16, 2016

## Initiations

In total, 247 candidates were initiated at the Spring Banquet: 12 faculty members, 42 graduate students, 95 senior students, and 98 junior students.

### Keynote Address: “The Sacrament of School Studies: The End of a BYU Education”



Dr. John R. Rosenberg, the Washington Irving Professor of Spanish and American Relations at BYU and the associate director of the BYU's Faculty Center, gave the address at the Phi Kappa Phi Initiation Banquet on March 16, 2016. He urged students to see their studies as more than a means to getting a job. “Mathematics and French

and Greek are instrumental,” he said, “but not in the ways we are accustomed to think about them on graduation day. They may get us a job, but their true purpose is to get us to God.”

He quoted a 1942 essay by Simone Weil, “Reflections on the Right Use of School Studies with a View to the Love of God.” In her essay, Weil writes: “Every school exercise . . . is like a sacrament. . . . The Key to a Christian conception of studies is the realization that prayer consists of attention.” And school studies “are extremely effective in increasing the power of attention which will be available at the time of prayer.” Then Weil declares: “Students who love God should never say: ‘For my part I like mathematics;’ ‘I like French;’ ‘I like Greek.’ They should learn to like all these subjects because all of them develop that faculty of attention which, directed towards God, is the very substance of prayer.”

Dr. Rosenberg recalled an opportunity he had years ago. “I was among a handful of faculty that visited with Elder [Henry B.] Eyring in the President’s Office about the Spirit and the Y. He told us, as best I can recollect, that his father wanted him to study calculus, not primarily for the inherent value of the mathematics, but because the attentive discipline of learning them would prepare him to receive revelation. I wonder if the elder Eyring had read Weil: “Never . . . is a genuine effort of attention wasted. It always has its effect on the spiritual plane and in consequence on the lower one of the intelligence, for all spiritual light lightens the mind.”

Our school studies may help us get us a job, Dr. Rosenberg said, “sometimes even if we haven’t been especially attentive. Attentive studies, however, do that, but they also help us distil the gold and silver from out of the flesh pots of Egypt, and they bring us closer to God and to our neighbor. It is the neighborliness that makes them sacramental.



“In today’s environment of ‘enter to learn, go forth to labor,’ the idea that the marketability of a degree might be a secondary concern would strike some as scandalous—a very bad investment. But then, as we exit the Egypt of the university maybe we stumble across the Mission Statement that somehow we missed as freshmen. The statement, approved by the Board of Trustees in 1981, tells us that BYU exists ‘to assist individuals in their quest for perfection and eternal life.’ We do many things at BYU—including things that are done elsewhere, like preparing for a vocation. But BYU exists because before vocation there is invocation, and the ‘right use of school studies’ respects the proper order.”



*Dr. Rosenberg has been professor of Spanish Literature at BYU since 1985. He chaired BYU’s Department of Spanish and Portuguese from 1993 to 1997, was associate dean in the College of Humanities from 1997 to 2005, and served as dean from 2005 to 2015. In 2011 the nation of Spain decorated Dr. Rosenberg with the Officer’s Cross of the Order of Civil Merit.*



## Phi Kappa Honored Member Awards

*Professor Jacqueline Thursby* of the Department



of English received the Phi Kappa Honored Member Award for outstanding dedication to the Brigham Young University Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. Professor Thursby is the immediate past president of BYU’s

chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. With gratitude for 20 enjoyable years at BYU, Professor Thursby will retire in September 2016.

*Professor John R. Rosenberg* of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese

received the Phi Kappa Honored Member Award for exemplifying the Phi Kappa Phi motto: *Philosophia Krateito Photôn*: “Let the love of learning rule humanity.” Professor Rosenberg was the keynote speaker at this year’s initiation banquet.



## National Fellowship

*Braden Hancock* was selected as the Alice and Russell True Foundation Fellow, which is awarded to a Marcus L. Urann Fellow pursuing a graduate education in the sciences. Hancock’s outstanding record of academic achievements, leadership and service activities came as an undergraduate studying mechanical engineering at Brigham Young University. While in high school, he engaged in summer research with the

U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory. Then as an undergraduate, he enhanced his academic pursuits through summer research experiences at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Johns Hopkins University. It was through these opportunities that he learned he wanted to tailor his education toward technology. From smart phones to smart cars and a smart power grid, he aims to play a part in the cyber world of optimization. Using the Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship (\$15,000), he is pursuing a graduate degree in electrical engineering with a focus on cyber security at Stanford University.



## 2015 Arts & Writing Awardees

### Visual Arts Award

**Virginia Dall** – Academic and Artistic Excellence (\$500)  
Nominated by Professor David Dibble, Design

### Performing Arts Award

**Katherine Armantrout** – Academic & Artistic Excellence (\$500) Nominated by Professor Diane Reich, Music

### Writing Awards

**Lauren Engar** – First Place Freshman Paper (\$400)  
Nominated by Professor Susan Morris, English  
“The Funding of Modern Space Exploration”

**Michael Swain** – Second Place Freshman Paper (\$200)  
Nominated by Professor Francesca Lawson, Comparative Arts and Letters  
“Confucius Institutes: Expelling a Trojan Horse or Looking a Gift Horse in the Mouth?”

**Courtney Lees** – First Place Sophomore Paper (\$400)  
Nominated by Professor Evan Ward, History  
“The Last Inca Emperor, Abimael Guzmán: Memory of the Inca within Peru’s Shining Path Movement”

**John Koerper** – First Place Junior Paper (\$400)  
Nominated by Professor Gideon Burton, English  
“A ‘Most Happy Wrack’: Achieving Musical Harmony in *Twelfth Night*”

**Michael Soressi** – Second Place Junior Paper (\$200)  
Nominated by Professor Matthew Mason, History  
“Necessary Division: West Virginia and the Worry of Preserving the Union”

**Daniel Cardoza** – First Place Senior Paper (tie) (\$400)  
Nominated by Professor Jacob Hickman, Anthropology  
“From Master to Pastor: Conversion, Continuity, and Change in the Hills of Vietnam”

**Jacob Nielsen** – First Place Senior Paper (tie) (\$400)  
Nominated by Professor Brandie Siegfried, English  
“Beyond Reason: Ophelia’s Quest for Truth”

**Jared Willden** – First Place Senior Paper (tie) (\$400)  
Nominated by Professor Jill Rudy, English  
“The Scandal of Sources of Henriette-Julie de Murat’s *Histoires sublimes et allégoriques*”

**Brandon Willmore** – Second Place Senior Paper (\$200)  
Nominated by Professor Scott Cooper, Political Science  
“Economic Consequences of the Palestinian Multi-Currency System: A Cost Benefit Analysis”

## Additional Awards

### Ruth E. Brasher Scholarship

**Courtney Dorman**  
(\$2,575 per semester for two semesters)

### Carol Ellsworth Scholarship

**Whitney Plum**  
(\$2,575 per semester for two semesters)

## Study abroad grants

Takami Kowalski, Elizabeth Nielson, Madeleine Smith  
(\$1,000 each)

## Love of Learning Award

Rachelle R. Olsen (\$500)

## BYU chapter's National Fellowship nominee

Juan D. Pinto

## BYU chapter's National Fellowship finalists

Holly Y. Boud, Stephen Kim, Madeleine S. Smith  
(\$500 each)

## The 2015 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award

Dr. Thomas A. Wayment, professor of Ancient Scripture  
at BYU (\$1,500)  
“Finding Hope When Knowledge Fails”

# Membership Benefits

Did you know that your membership in Phi Kappa Phi comes with many benefits above and beyond a line on your résumé? These benefits include some of the following:

***Career Assistance*** – Post your résumé, search job listings, apply to open positions, and manage job applications at the Phi Kappa Phi Career Center:

<http://careers.phikappaphi.org/home/>

You can also check out the Career Guidance Podcast Series to get tips on effective interviewing and networking.

***Grants and Awards*** – Phi Kappa Phi provides many grants and other funding opportunities to students and researchers, both nationally and through the local BYU Chapter.

***Retail Discounts*** – Receive discounts from a variety of merchandise and service providers such as computer and electronics retailers, car rentals, and more!

For a complete list of member benefits, check out the Phi Kappa Phi Member Benefits page:

<http://www.phikappaphi.org/join/benefits>

# Friends Supporting Scholarship: Ruth Brasher and Carol Ellsworth

*By Connie Lamb,  
BYU PKP Chapter Historian*



**Ruth Brasher** (right) and **Carol Ellsworth** (left) have been friends for many years. They met when both of them moved from other states to be professors in Home Economics at Brigham Young University in the late 1960s. Ruth, who was raised on a farm in Huntington, Utah, was invited from Oregon State University to come to BYU. Carol, who grew up in Safford, Arizona, was an Assistant State Supervisor for home economics in Arizona when she was recruited to BYU. Ruth received a Ph.D. in Sociology in 1969 from Utah State University, and Carol received an Ed.D. from BYU in 1980. They were not only colleagues, but Carol succeeded Ruth as department chair; Ruth was chair of the Department of

Home Economics Education from 1970 to 1981 and Carol was chair of the Department from 1981 to 1990.

Ruth has been involved in the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society both locally and nationally. She was secretary and president of the BYU chapter in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and served as director of Fellowships for the National Society from 1992 to 2001. In recognition of years of dedicated services and in appreciation for her providing a planned gift to endow a fellowship, the National PKP Board of Directors created a named fellowship in honor of Dr. Ruth E. Brasher. If a nominee from BYU wins a fellowship, s/he receives the Brasher award. If there is no fellowship recipient from BYU, preference will be given to a recipient whose record is exceptional and/or whose undergraduate major is domestic and family science, should there be one. Ruth also established a scholarship award for the BYU chapter.

Carol also created a student scholarship at BYU as a way to honor her parents who paid for her education and to pay back the BYU chapter, which gave her a national membership for life. Students awarded this scholarship are those who have no other financial aid, are good students, and, if male, a returned missionary. The Brasher and Ellsworth chapter scholarships have been awarded yearly for almost two decades, helping many students with their educational goals.

Since retirement, Ruth and Carol have remained friends and have attended many PKP initiation banquets over the years to sit with their award recipients. They have been great advocates of Phi Kappa Phi and the BYU chapter pays tribute to them for their generosity and support.





# 2016 Phi Kappa Phi Initiates

## FACULTY

Alex Baugh  
Ed Carter  
Frank Christianson  
Gordon Daines  
Roni Jo Draper  
Eric Dursteler  
Amy Petersen Jensen  
Jerry Johnson  
Janelle Macintosh  
Tim Smith  
Thomas Wayment  
Peter Zuber

## GRADUATES

Thomas William Biggs  
Courtney Nichole Rutenbur  
Bulsiewicz  
Jana Louise Burningham  
Jill Marie Burton  
Nicole Perry Clawson  
Natalie Cole  
Tiffany Dawn deVries  
Anna Karoline Fialho Faria da Silva  
Bronson Fikus  
Benjamin Francis  
Alissa M. Frese  
Paul Tristan Gallo  
Jonathan Francisco Garcia  
Rachel R. Gilman  
Matthew Carey Greenhalgh  
Nick Harker  
Sarah Ann Hatton  
Joshua Hogue  
Shayla Ann Johnson  
Myra Shu-Xian Lai  
Jean Little  
Sarah Elizabeth Lutz  
Joshua S. MacKay  
Maren Mazzeo  
Sarah Jane Myers  
Ryler J. Nielsen

Patrick Brendon Pearson  
Ariel Elizabeth Peterson  
Elise Renee Read  
Corinne Ruth  
Carlyle Schmollinger  
Stevenson Smith  
James Timothy Snarr  
Candice Brandi Snow  
Kaleigh Jean Spooner  
Noelle Tuttle  
Natalie M Vaieland  
Nicole Ashley Vance  
Tonja Vincent  
Rachel Mabey Whipple  
Mary Wright Layton  
Alison Young

## SENIORS

James Adams  
Caitlin Ariel Allen  
Madeline Anguiano  
Alyssa Arianne Atkinson  
Brittany Baer  
Courtney Bennett  
Jean Bingham  
Alyssa Blake Edwards  
Jarett Brock  
Dillon M Brown  
Alan Bucknum  
Courtney Ann Cambron  
J. Brandon Carter  
Erik McLeod Christensen  
Roger P Chu  
Colby Clark  
Jacob W Cline  
Jacob Richard Coakwell  
Kathryn E Covington  
Lynne Crandall  
Aimee Diehl  
Ashley Hopkins Frost  
Adam Christopher Garrett  
Alessandra Gee  
Hope Goimarac

Jacob Victor Hansen  
Jacob Bryant Hatch  
Ryan Scott Hemsley  
Alyssa Heyborne  
Courtney Elizabeth Hicks  
Jessica Holcombe  
Alexander Hunt  
Jonathan D. Jacobs  
Brooks Wallace Johnson  
Carter R Johnson  
Alivia Jordan  
Kristina Jorgenson  
Jennifer Joslin  
Abbey Rose Judd  
Heather Howell Kelley  
John Philip Koerper  
Chad A. Larson  
Landon Taylor Laycock  
Candice Corrigan Leman  
Chi Ho Leung  
Marguerite Lindstrom  
Daniel Manjarrez  
Cameron McAlister  
Andrew Glade Merkley  
Antonio Meza  
Max Martin Miller  
Amanda W Mitchell  
Matthew Mitchell  
Lesli Mortensen  
Shawn M Nelson  
Rebecca Diane Nemrow  
Danielle Orrock  
Michelle Papenfuss  
Kristin Perkins  
Ryan Peters  
Bryan R. Pistorius  
Danielle Alise Polley  
Seth Eric Poulsen  
Claudia Linares Quackenbush  
Zachary Pribyl  
Camila Noemi Quinones  
Chloe Elizabeth Roedel  
Jantsen Keith Roney  
Savanna Roney

# 2016 Phi Kappa Phi Initiates (cont.)

Clint Saylor  
Christian Friedrich Schmutz  
Catherine Schrecengost  
Bryan Seegmiller  
Harumi Shiraishi Lopez  
Morgan Fredrick Smith  
Colin P. Snider  
Juliana F Stewart  
Madison Stewart  
Diana Tanner  
Kyle Austin Teuscher  
Spencer Joel Thevenin  
Michael Tilleman  
Marcella Louise Toronto  
Megan Elizabeth Toronto  
Matthew D. Van Slooten  
McKennah Wade  
David M. Walton  
Taylor M. Welker  
Preston LeRoy Williamson V  
Nicole Wiscomb  
Joseph P. Woodward  
Todd G. Workman  
Gregory J. Wurm  
Hannon Victoria Young  
Rachel Zelnick

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## JUNIORS

Mitchell Allphin  
Maggie Andersen  
Ryan M. Anderson  
Braden Andrus  
Hannah Azar  
Samuel Glen Baird  
Miriam L. Bay  
Morgan D. Behling  
Hannah Mae Belliston  
Andrew Marriott Bertha  
Trevor James Beutler  
Jared Todd Blanchard  
Elizabeth Briggs  
Kiera Briles  
Alyson Katherine Carter Bullock

Michael Fredrick Christensen  
Lindsay Combs  
Annica Cooper  
Marco S Crosland  
Christinah P Cross  
Caleb Cuzner  
Sierra Davis Thomander  
Theresa Lynne Davis  
Tyler Scott Bitner Day  
Humberto Detrinidad  
Corinne Elizabeth DeVault  
Hayden Doughty  
Rebecca Ellen Dudley  
Annelise Woodward Duque  
Kaleb Erickson  
Daniel Ford  
Joshua Scott Frei  
Kyle Robert Gashler  
Andrew Benjamin George  
Mark Carver Gillespie  
Spencer S. Gillespie  
Jeremy Goodsell  
Heidi Grether  
Angela Rose Gulisane  
Joshua Paul Haertel  
Yazan Halawa  
Eric R. Hall  
Mitch Harrison  
Austin Tucker Heiner  
Alistair Hilton  
Ty Hosler  
Natasha Hunt  
Taylor Hyde  
Rhees Jackson  
David Kastner  
Kyle B Kener  
John D. Koelliker  
Takami Ryan Kowalski  
Lindsey Kuhn  
Jacob E. Kumferman  
Kalin Noel Lawrence  
Tiffany Paige Lind  
Mark Lewis Mackey  
Michael A Malmberg

Jordan Kyle McGee  
Zoe Woolf McGinn  
Brenna Richael McGrath  
Lauren Marie McKinnon  
Calvin Neal  
Jonathan Neville  
Thomas J. Newell  
Alex Olausson  
Callie Louise Parry  
Alexandria Prier  
McKenzie Reeves  
Timothy Seth Richardson  
Collin A. Ritchie  
Christian Sagers  
Jace Curtis Saunders  
Soren J. Schmidt  
Daniel Schwartz  
Blake L. Sherwood  
Timothy R. Shutt  
Benjamin S. Simpson  
Joshua D. Sims  
James R. Skidmore  
Abigail Slaugh  
Kieren Hadley Smith  
Mitchell P Sotto  
Carson Richard Stevenson  
Caitlin M Walton  
Douglas Talentino  
Bethany Kariann Teerlink  
Anne Thomas  
April Tingey  
Josephine A. Tueller  
Mary Urie  
Marcus E Vanderholm  
Ryan Todd Wallace  
Alexander Ward  
Russell T. Wilson  
Tanner J Wright  
Chelsea Young

