

Phi Kappa Phi

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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), Jeff Belliston, president-elect (jeffrey_belliston@byu.edu), or Charlotte Stanford, secretary (charlotte_stanford@byu.edu).

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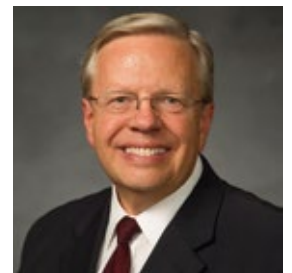
President's Message

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

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

