

Phi Kappa Phi



BYU Chapter Newsletter
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The Phi Kappa Phi Chapter Needs Your Service!

We need faculty and staff who are members of Phi Kappa Phi to volunteer to serve as officers, as college liaisons, and as nominators 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 Jeff Belliston (jeffrey_belliston@byu.edu) or Charlotte Stanford (charlotte_stanford@byu.edu).

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President's Message



I'm very grateful that Dr. Stephen Bay, Associate Professor of Classical Studies in the Department of Comparative Arts & Letters, was willing to stand for election as the President-Elect of Phi Kappa Phi. He's already serving well and did the work behind setting up the Distinguished Faculty Lecture given by Dr. Jini L. Roby on 9 November 2017! Further details about the lecture are found elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter.

The Student Council sponsored a fun and well-attended (even by grad student members) opening social early in the semester. They've



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also hosted one service project to serve school children in Houston who were affected by Hurricane Harvey. Such service is in the spirit of the Society!

Invitations have gone out to 1,752 prospective inductees to join Phi Kappa Phi. We hope many of them will accept. Our induction banquet will take place on the Ides of March 2018. While knives will be present, they will be used only for cutting into the delicious meal with which we traditionally celebrate students of all disciplines being recognized for academic excellence.

We are extremely pleased that our chapter's applicant, Jason David Ray, received one of Phi Kappa Phi's \$5,000 Fellowships for graduate studies. Congratulations, Jason! We're also pleased that three BYU students, Zachary Larsen, Ian McLaughlin, and Mary Urie, each received a \$1,000 Study Abroad Grant from PKP in the Spring round. We're excited that, in the Fall round, Jacob Fredericksen and Juan D. Pinto both received \$500 Love of Learning Awards. Having served on the committee adjudicating applications for the Spring round of Love of Learning I can say authoritatively that the competition for the awards is stiff. There are many worthy applicants.

I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a great 2018!

Best regards,

Jeff Belliston



Student Vice Presidents' Message



The nature of the Phi Kappa Phi motto is curious. Most mottos are active, but ours -- "Let the love of learning rule humanity" -- suggests an element of passiveness. After all, if we let the love of learning do anything, it sounds as if whatever we're doing is keeping that independent power from acting. Alternatively, it may suggest that we are the only obstacle to the reign of the love of learning over humanity.

We could probably butt heads with etymologists about the subjunctive form of "to let," but since our motto is usually articulated in English and not Coptic Greek, our understanding of it is fiercely relevant. A lot has changed since the society was founded 120 years ago (including the number of Phi Kappa Phi members who can read and explain the motto in its original language), but the injunction to let the love of learning reign has not.

As the BYU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, we share the common ground of both academia and religion. We believe that the glory of God is intelligence (D&C 93:36). In this way, the motto of Phi Kappa Phi is related to our ultimate quest to return to our Father in Heaven and become as He is. And so, as we continue to push, prod, pursue, and perspire, in whatever field we labor, we should remember to let

our love of learning guide us, motivate us, and drive us. Our passion for knowledge and discovery is our greatest asset.

Miriam Sweeney and Benjamin Jacob
Student Vice Presidents



2017 Distinguished Faculty Lecture

Thoughts on Developing as an Eternal Being



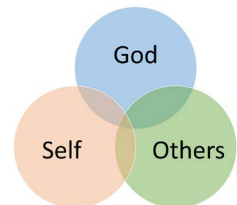
Dr. Jini L. Roby
BYU School of Social Work

Dr. Jini L. Roby of the BYU School of Social Work delivered the 2017 Phi Kappa Phi Distinguished Faculty Lecture on Thursday, November 9, 2017. Dr. Roby shared her thoughts on how to develop our eternal being. Drawing upon several human development models—including Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs, Erikson’s Stages of Psychosocial Development, and Kohlberg’s Stages of Moral Reasoning—Dr. Roby explained that our spiritual development is also a process, with many steps and

stages. She shared examples from her own life when, as a young teenage girl living in an orphanage, she began questioning the purpose of life. It was during the stage of asking questions and searching for answers that she was introduced to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ. She described her development in the gospel as a gradual process and shared several insights for all seekers of eternal truth:

- Mortal life is for developing our eternal being
- Development is meant to be incremental
- Development comes through learning and then experimenting with what we hope is true (faith)
- The goal in life is to enjoy the process of incremental development

Dr. Roby further explained that through her life experiences, she has built a holistic human developmental model based on three dimensions of growth. An individual develops as a human being by cultivating personal relationships with God (UP), oneself (WITH-IN), and others (OUT).



Developing a relationship with one’s self includes appreciating and taking joy in our own inherent value as well as honestly and regularly assessing our own strengths and weaknesses. We should seek to use our own strengths to bless our own lives and those within our influence. Likewise, we should embrace our weaknesses and vulnerabilities as opportunities for growth and development (see Ether 12:27).

When developing relation-



ships with others, Dr. Roby highlighted several valuable considerations. She explained the importance of respecting our common humanity – all individuals are eternal and unique brothers and sisters. We also should develop a respect for diversity by not engaging in an “us” verses “them” mentality, but rather an “all of us” perspective.

As we develop our relationship with God, we learn to trust in Him by studying His words and seeking for His help. We can partner with God to bless the lives of His children. Dr. Roby used the analogy of being the salt of the earth to ways that we can enhance the earthly experiences for others. Even though we may be just one pinch of salt, we can make small but sincere contributions to the world as we stay true to gospel principles.

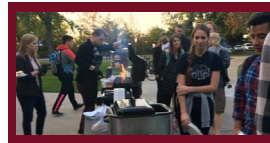


To be the most effective, it is important to realize that each of the three dimensions of this model are interconnected and work together. If one is removed, our growth and development will be greatly hindered. We need to continually look within ourselves, make positive connections with others, and rely upon God for direction and love.



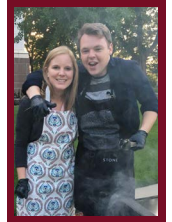
Recent Chapter Activities

This semester has been a busy one for PKP students. We started out the semester with a delicious barbecue on the Maeser lawn, wel-



coming our members to another year of school. We implemented the new Scholars and Snacks ac-

tivity, which gives a PKP student a chance to present personal research to their fellow community of scholars. This activity will continue in Winter semester. Finally,



we completed a successful service project to help elementary school children in Houston made homeless by Hurricane Harvey. We sent backpacks full of school supplies and letters of encouragement down to help promote and maintain their education progress. Looking back, we feel grateful and humbled by the amount of work and service that PKP members have done. We are excited to keep this momentum going into next semester!



2017 Phi Kappa Phi Award Recipients

Study Abroad Awards

Each year, the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi awards seventy-five \$1,000 Study Abroad Grants to undergraduate students seeking academic experiences abroad. This year, three BYU students were awarded Study Abroad Grants to continue their international educational experiences. This represents

the maximum number of study abroad grants awarded to students at a single academic institution in 2017!

Ian McLaughlin, a senior majoring in history, participated in the Pembroke-King's Programme at the University of Cambridge. The Pembroke-King's Programme brings undergraduate and graduate students together from around the world for an eight-week summer program. Ian took classes from Cambridge professors in British politics and culture as well as participated in mentored research.



Zachary Larsen, a senior majoring in Chinese and a Cadet Major in the Air Force ROTC, studied at Nanjing University in China during fall semester 2017 as part of BYU's Study Abroad Program. Zachary is also a 2017 Boren Scholar, a National Security Education Program funding undergraduate language studies in regions critical to U.S. interests. Zachary was initiated into the BYU Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi in March 2017.



Mary Urie, a senior majoring in Health Science, was initiated into the BYU Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi in March 2016.

Ruth E. Brasher Fellowship

Jason David Ray is the recipient of the 2017 Ruth E. Brasher Fellowship. This \$5,000 fellowship is made possible by the generosity



of Dr. Ruth E. Brasher, a former BYU faculty member, and is intended for the top fellowship nominee from BYU.

Love of Learning Awards

Jacob Fredericksen and **Juan D. Pinto** both received a \$500 Love of Learning Award. This award is intended to fund post-baccalaureate professional development for active Phi Kappa Phi members.



Literacy Grant Award

The BYU Chapter received a \$2,500 Literacy Grant to fund a partnership with My Story Matters, a small nonprofit foundation in the community, to publish the stories of children who have unique life experiences such as being a refugee or immigrant. The project's aim is to focus on children who are suffering and undergoing a difficult transition while increasing cultural literacy by telling stories that often go untold. Phi Kappa Phi volunteers will work with the My Story Matters team to interview the children in their school while also assisting with the writing, formatting, and photography for the stories. Once published, the books will be available in both the school and classroom libraries for other students to read.



Phi Kappa Phi Award Applications

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi's ongoing commitment to excellence is reflected in its grants and awards programs. One million dollars is awarded every two years to outstanding students, Phi Kappa Phi members, and chapters through the Society's various awards competitions.

Award application information available at:
<http://www.phikappaphi.org/grants-awards>

Fellowships

57 Distributed Annually - Each year Phi Kappa Phi awards fifty-one Fellowships of \$5,000 each and six valued at \$15,000 each to members entering their first year of graduate or professional study. Each chapter may select one candidate from among its local applicants to compete for Society-wide awards.

Deadline: February 15, 2018

Dissertation Fellowships

10 Distributed Annually - The Dissertation Fellowship program is new to The Society and is intended to support doctoral candidates who are writing dissertations. Phi Kappa Phi awards ten Dissertation Fellowships of \$10,000 per year.

Deadline: November 30, 2018

Study Abroad Grants

75 Distributed Annually - 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. Seventy-five grants in the amount of \$1,000 each are awarded every year, in two cycles.

Deadline: February 15, 2018

Love of Learning Awards

200 Distributed Annually - Love of Learning Awards help fund post-baccalaureate studies and/or career development for active Phi Kappa Phi members to include, but not limited to, graduate or professional studies, doctoral dissertations, continuing education, career development, travel related to teaching or studies, etc. Fellowship recipients are not eligible to apply. Two hundred awards valued at \$500 each are presented annually, in two cycles.

Deadline: April 1, 2018

Literacy Grants

Distributed Annually - The Literacy Grants program was initiated to mobilize members and resources of Phi Kappa Phi 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 was expanded to include "... and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Deadline: April 1, 2018

