



# Phi Kappa Phi

Spring 2013

## Spring Banquet Inducts 274 New Members

The annual Phi Kappa Phi Banquet was held on March 20, 2013, in the Wilkinson Center Ballroom. The main event of the evening was the induction of 274 new members into the honor society. They included 7 faculty members, 20 graduate students, 181 senior students and 66 juniors. One of the initiates, Shamae Budd, performed prelude music on the harp. During the dinner, a selection from Brahms' Sonata No. 3 in D Minor was performed by violinist Lauren Avondet, accompanied by Sarah Inouye on the piano. The keynote speaker was Prof. Robert T. Barrett of BYU's Visual Arts Department, who in 2012 received the national Phi Kappa Phi Artist Award.

Prof. Barrett's speech was entitled "A Lifetime Making Pictures," and he told of his many experiences and lessons learned during his 31-year career as a professor, while illustrating the breadth and versatility of his art with a slideshow projected on a large screen at the front of the ballroom. Prof. Barrett has gained national and international prominence in the world of art, particularly for his illustrations, receiving more than 50 awards for his work. He balances service on campus and in his

*Continued onto page 2*

## Faculty, Students Honored at Annual Banquet

Three faculty members were honored for their achievements and service to BYU, particularly to Phi Kappa Phi, during the annual banquet. Professor John Bell, Dean of Undergraduate Education at BYU, was the recipient of the Phi Kappa Phi Honored Member Award. Dr. Bell is a professor of Physiology and Developmental Biology, and he has served as both a department chair and an associate dean in his college. Because of the natural connection of Phi Kappa Phi with the Honors Program, which Dr. Bell oversees, he has willingly taken the BYU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi under his administrative wing and is our valued liaison with the university administration.

Connie Lamb was honored with the PKP Distinguished Member Award. A senior social sciences librarian in the Harold B. Lee Library on campus, Prof. Lamb has served faithfully in the BYU chapter for more than 20 years, most of that time wearing two hats. She has been the college advisor from the library for the entire time the chapter has had college advisors. From 1991-2001, she directed the annual research paper competition. She was the chapter treasurer from 2004 to 2011 and has been the historian since then, keeping the archive of memorabilia related to the chapter's activities.

The Phi Kappa Phi Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Dr. Wayne J. Lott, Dean of the Division of Continuing Education, where over 400,000 enrollments annually are recorded in university, high school and non-credit programs. With the increasing need for outreach in educational programming and the continuing development of technologies to deliver distance education, the Division stands on the threshold of an unprecedented era in serving Church members world-wide in ways known and ways yet to be discovered. Since his induction into Phi Kappa Phi in 1982, Dr. Lott has been a valued supporter of the BYU chapter.

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 5** New Chapter President
- 2** Service in the Cause of Literacy
- 4** Farewell to past officers
- 3** Looking ahead to next year
- 4** Phi Kappa Phi needs you!



professional community with energetic teaching and mentoring of students—all while still managing to create original works of art at a prodigious rate for exhibitions, publications, commissions, and commercial use. He is a member of the BYU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi and has served as a jurist for the annual student arts award competition.

Matt Haynie and Taylor Duckworth, the outgoing student vice presidents, were also given plaques at the banquet in recognition of their services to the organization in the 2012-13 year. Matt will now move on to medical school and Taylor to dental school.

## Students in the BYU Chapter Serve the Cause of Literacy

On Saturday, March 23, 2013, three days after the banquet, a group of about 30 student members of Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Eta Sigma, BYU's freshman honorary society, gathered in a room at the Wilkinson Center to inscribe books for children at Windsor Elementary School. For the last two years the BYU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi has partnered with Windsor, a school that serves high numbers of low income and minority students in Orem, in its WEALTH program, which aims to encourage students to set and achieve reading goals. (WEALTH stands for Windsor Elementary Afterschool Literacy Tutoring Help.)



In 2012, the student officers received a \$2000 literacy grant from the national organization of Phi Kappa Phi, which was used to buy age-appropriate books for children who met their reading goals. At the service project, students wrote personal messages inside the front cover of each book to the child receiving that book. The messages congratulated the children and

encouraged them to continue succeeding in school. The books were then tied up with ribbons and taken to Windsor, where they were distributed to the children. Pastries and drinks were served, and all the students who participated received a new Phi Kappa Phi T-shirt with the words "Serious about Service" printed on the chest.



## Students Win Writing and Arts Contests

For many years, the BYU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi has sponsored annual contests to honor students who have excelled in researching and writing scholarly papers and others who have excelled in performing and visual arts. To be chosen for the annual awards, students must first be nominated by the professors who have mentored them. Judging for the writing contest is carried out by the faculty who serve as advisors from each of the colleges at BYU. This year, the writing contest was under the direction of Delys Snyder and Lorraine Wood, both of the English Department. Judging for the arts contest was under the direction of Don Cook, from the School of Music, who enlisted the help of professors in his college.

The Visual Arts Award was given to Stephen Nelson for his collection of photos, *Beehive Stories: Wayne County*. Stephen was nominated by Prof. Brad Barber.

The Performing Arts Award went to Hilary Wolfley for her choreography of *Transition: An Original Contemporary Ballet*. Hilary was nominated by Prof. Shani Robison. Both Stephen and Hilary received a certificate and a check for \$400.



The writing awards are given to the best research papers in each of the four classes of undergraduates. In the freshman class, first place went to Haley Pendergast for "Frau Komm Mit: Words German Women Dreaded in Soviet-Occupied Germany." She was nominated by Prof. Debbie Harrison of the English Department. Second place prizes went to two students: Jordan Berryhill, nominated by Prof. Susan Morris of English, for "Embracing Nuclear Power" and Tamara Pace Thomson for "Spiritual Transcendence in 'The Dead.'" Tamara was nominated by Prof. Lance Larsen of the English Department.

In the sophomore class, Braden Hancock won first prize for "Principles of Provident Living: An Enduring Feature of the Gospel of Jesus Christ," nominated by Prof. Ann Madsen, Ancient Scripture. Second place went to Sarah Perkins, nominated by Prof. Jamin Rowan, English, for "Guilt and Responsibility: The True Story of Vietnam."

Junior class winners were William Chadwick, first place for "Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever: Coming Soon to a Gorilla Near You," nominated by Prof. Steven Peck of Biology; and Carlos A. Osorio Rueda, second place for "In Chaos Dwells God's Glory: A Humanistic Approach to Understanding Cosmic Mechanism," nominated by Prof. Bruce Brown of Psychology.

In the senior class, first place was given to Bradley Kime for "American Unitarians and the George B. English Controversy," nominated by Prof. Paul Kerry of the History Department. History major Jacob Glenn, nominated by Prof. Andrew Johns, tied for second place for his paper, "A House of Cards: National Identity and the Collapse of Détente." Second place was also given to Nichole Eck, nominated by Prof. Trenton Hickman, English, for "A Wittgensteinian Reading of Paul Auster's *City of Glass*."

Each of the first-place winners in the writing contest received a certificate and a check for \$400; second-place winners were given a certificate and \$200.

## Looking Ahead to Next Year

Professors who are members of Phi Kappa Phi might wish to begin reflecting already on excellent student research papers they have received since January 2013 or on noteworthy student performances they have observed in visual arts, dance, music, theater, and film. We will be seeking nominations of outstanding students for the paper and arts contests in late 2013.

## New Student Officers Elected



An election this spring brought into office a new group of student officers to help steer the organization in 2013-14. Chosen as first student vice-president was Elizabeth Malone, a junior majoring in public health and minoring in political science. Elizabeth served as Service and Activities Coordinator in Phi Eta Sigma during 2011-12. In July 2013, she will attend a seminar on leadership at the national headquarters of Phi Kappa Phi in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The new second student vice-president is Alex Martin, a junior majoring in Physiology and Developmental Biology with a minor in chemistry. He has served as a lab teaching assistant and a volunteer Spanish interpreter for Provo City School District.

A group of five outstanding students will serve as the Student Council. They are Cody Hill, a junior business management major; Brady Hunt, a biophysics junior with a computer science and math minor; Krista Keddington, a senior psychology major who is helping a professor research a book on strengthening marriage; Cameron Sargent, a sophomore molecular biology major who is double minoring in Korean and chemistry; and Zach Stanford, a junior accounting major with a minor in mathematics and information systems.



## Farewell to Scott Howell and Paul Westover

With the election of new officers, two dedicated officers now step down. Scott Howell, Director of the BYU Salt Lake Center, has served the past three years in the presidency of the organization. As past president during 2012-13, he helped significantly with choosing people for scholarships and awards. Dr. Howell's service in the chapter has been significant, as he helped for many years with public relations and planning annual events. We will miss him and offer our great thanks for his service.

Paul Westover, a professor of English, has completed a two-year term as secretary. Always dependable, cheerful, and willing to help, Paul has been instrumental in communicating with chapter members. He has significantly cleaned up the membership rolls, making it possible to send electronic notes, letters, and newsletters to faculty and students. With Heather Hammond, our chapter liaison to Phi Eta Sigma, he has helped develop a new website for the chapter. We will miss his helpful comments and fine insights in the deliberations of the board but wish him the best as he focuses on new duties as book review editor for a leading journal in his field.

## Two Students Earn Named Scholarships

Two former officers of the BYU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi have endowed scholarships in their names to be given by the chapter to deserving students each year at the banquet.



The Carol Ellsworth scholarship was given to Jenny Dean, a junior from Portland, Oregon, who is majoring in accounting. Jenny loves sports, specifically running

## Membership Materials and "Bling" still Available

If you were inducted into Phi Kappa Phi this year, but did not attend the banquet, you may still claim your membership packet at 2006 Jesse Knight Building. Students planning to graduate this summer may also purchase Phi Kappa Phi medallions and cords there (\$10 each, payable by cash, check, or Signature Card). Anyone desiring a Phi Kappa Phi T-shirt may purchase one for \$5 from the same office.

## 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, 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 Larry Rees, Jackie Thursby, Kristine Hansen, or Barbara Heise.

and playing basketball. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in corporate accounting while her husband, Tanner, goes to medical school.

This year, the Ruth E. Brasher scholarship was given to Kassandra Bellingham, a junior majoring in exercise science and minoring in international development and nutrition, who plans to become a physician's assistant serving the Latin-American population. She loves the Latin culture since she served a full time mission in Honduras and her mother is from Puerto Rico.



## Ariel Mitchell Nominated for Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship

Each year the BYU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi is allowed to nominate one student to compete for prestigious graduate fellowships offered by the national Phi Kappa Phi organization. There are 57 awards worth \$5,000 each and five Marcus L. Urann Fellowships worth \$15,000 each. From a field of nine outstanding local applicants, the chapter awards committee chose Jenna Ariel Mitchell to send forward to compete with more than 300 outstanding students from other campuses across the nation. The awards will be announced in late June 2013.

Ariel is a senior studying playwriting. Her plays have already garnered much attention and many awards. Prof. George Nelson states that "she may well be the best young writer I have worked with so far in my academic career." In 2011 she was a regional finalist in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. That year she won the Vera Hinckley Mayhew Playwriting Award given at BYU. In September of 2012 BYU produced her play, *A Second Birth*, as the opening show of their Main Stage Season. In 2013 *A Second Birth* won the Harold and Mimi Steinberg National Student Playwriting Award, the most prestigious award that can be given to a student playwright. Ariel has been accepted at New York University in two different graduate programs.



The BYU chapter gave each of three runners-up in this competition a \$1,000 scholarship from the chapter's scholarship funds. They were Matt Haynie, Spencer Fuller, and Brigitte DeLashmette.

## New Chapter President-Elect and Secretary



Elections for new officers were held in the spring of 2013. Prof. Jacqueline Thursby of the English Department was chosen as president-elect. She will begin her term in July of 2013, and will succeed as President in 2014. Prof. Thursby became a member of Phi Kappa Phi in 1985 when she was inducted as an undergraduate senior. She was a member of the BYU chapter executive board from 1997 to 2001. During that time she served as chair of events and then as chapter treasurer. She has also served as a mentor, reader, and judge for the annual paper competition, and during the 2012-2013 year she again served on the executive board as chair of events. In 2006, she was chosen as the chapter's Distinguished Faculty Lecturer. She has also served the BYU campus as a member of the Relief Society/BYU Women's Conference Planning Committee (2 years); Admissions Committee (6 years); Women's Studies Executive Committee (1 year); and chair of secondary English studies (3 years). Her personal philosophy of service is reflected in the mission statement of Phi Kappa Phi, "to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others." Phi Kappa Phi's motto, "Let the love of learning rule humanity," aptly reflects her personal credo.



Barbara Heise, an associate professor in the College of Nursing, was chosen as the new secretary for the BYU chapter. Dr. Heise moved in 2005 to Utah from Virginia, where she received her PhD in Nursing from the

University of Virginia. She is a Family Nurse Practitioner and a Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist and has worked for the past 30 years in a variety of settings. Her expertise is in gerontology, end-of-life care and psychiatry/addictions. She chairs her college's Scholarly Works and Contribution to the Discipline Council and serves on the BYU Gerontology Program Committee and the National Gerontological Nurses Association Research Committee. She currently teaches gerontology and end-of-life care. She and her late husband, Joel, are the parents of five children. She is a member of the Pleasant View 4th Ward in the Edgemont South Stake, Provo, Utah



Lawrence Rees, a professor of physics, will become the new chapter president on July 1, 2013, succeeding from his position of president-elect this year. Prof. Rees was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi as an undergraduate at BYU. He received a PhD from the University of Maryland in experimental nuclear physics and worked at the Los Alamos National Laboratory before coming to BYU in 1986. He is currently developing and testing new concepts in neutron detection to help prevent the illicit transportation of special nuclear materials. He and his wife, Loralee, have six children. Prof. Rees has served the chapter faithfully for many years as secretary, working magic with his programming skills to keep the membership records and help prepare membership packets for new initiates at the annual banquet. With his excellent knowledge of national and local bylaws and requirements from the national organization, he will guide the chapter effectively in the coming year.



Kristine Hansen, president of the chapter during the 2012-13 academic year, will now become the past president. A professor of English, Dr. Hansen has previously served Phi Kappa Phi as a college advisor and was in charge of the annual writing competition from 2008-2011. During her time as president, she worked to involve the student officers more in leading the chapter and in planning more service activities for student members to engage in.





## QUESTIONS AND

new picture, and click Insert.