

# Phi Kappa Phi

*Newsletter*  
Spring 2015

## 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 Jackie Thursby ([jackie\\_thursby@byu.edu](mailto:jackie_thursby@byu.edu)), Marvin Gardner ([marv\\_gardner@byu.edu](mailto:marv_gardner@byu.edu)), or Karen Whitt ([Karen-Whitt@byu.edu](mailto:Karen-Whitt@byu.edu)).

## Welcome New Inductees *from Student Vice Presidents* Alex Martin & Cameron Sargent

Congratulations on your induction into Phi Kappa Phi! Of all the interdisciplinary honor societies, Phi Kappa Phi has the highest academic requirements for admission. Being inducted into the organization represents years of effort and focus, for which you all should be commended. Through your induction, you not only join the ranks of thousands of other dedicated scholars but become a member of a truly incredible organization. With a mission “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 seeks to stimulate change in society through encouraging education. Both here at BYU and at the hundreds of chapters across the nation, members of Phi Kappa Phi actively work to develop opportunities for education and service; here is a list of the activities that were held in our own chapter during the 2014-2015 academic year:

## Inside this Issue

Welcome for New Initiates	1
Incoming Vice Presidents	3
Initiation Banquet Highlights	3
PKP Award Recipients	4
2015 Initiates	7

- Freshman Class Schedule Walkthrough
- Fall Social
- Graduate School Workshop Series
- Graduate and Professional School Overview
- Scholarship Workshop
- Graduate and Professional School Admissions Test Prep Course Workshop
- Personal Statement Workshop
- Induction Banquet

As graduation brings our time of service in the BYU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi to an end, we would like to leave you with some brief advice about the honor society: make Phi Kappa Phi more than a line on your resume. We received this advice from the Student Vice President who spoke at our induction banquet and would like to pass it on since it effectively embodies how we have made our time in Phi Kappa Phi an enriching experience. Although certainly not an exhaustive list, the following points can be considered by others seeking to do the same:

### *1. Seek opportunities to serve*

One of the objectives of many of the activities that we hold on campus is to serve. From serving the community to helping other students here on campus, our chapter tries to hold regular activities like our graduate and professional school workshops this year and book collections in the past to promote service. These activities are wonderful opportunities to help others around you and, in doing so, find more fulfillment in your own life.

### *2. Engage in leadership positions*

A few years ago, the national Board of Directors decided to introduce student leadership to each chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. Although undergraduates have generally made up the majority of inductees every year, only recently have they started to play a significant role in shaping their chapters and organizing activities to fulfill the society mission on campus and in the community. As such, there are now many exciting ways for society members, both students and faculty, to become involved in the governance of the BYU chapter, especially as the student leadership roles continue to evolve. For more details about opportunities to serve in leadership positions, please contact the new Student Vice Presidents.

### *3. Participate in social activities*

Many of the Phi Kappa Phi activities also present an opportunity for society members to meet other dedicated scholars from all disciplines. Because everyone else in the society, like you, has worked hard to qualify for induction, the connections that can be established by networking within the chapter can lead to rewarding opportunities to learn and grow.

### *4. Take advantage of funding opportunities and membership benefits*

One of the best kept secrets of Phi Kappa Phi is that you can actually end up saving a substantial amount of money by joining! Phi Kappa Phi offers several grants and fellowships that can help pay for study abroad and graduate programs and even research or service projects. Additionally, the national organization has partnered with many corporations to provide discounts on products ranging from car insurance and cell phone service to electronics and test prep courses. Details about both funding opportunities and membership benefits can be found online at [www.phikappaphi.org](http://www.phikappaphi.org).

We hope that every new inductee into Phi Kappa Phi is able to have as rewarding of an experience in the honor society as we have. Regardless of where you might be in your education, career, and life, Phi Kappa Phi truly has something to offer all of its members, and we know that those who actively seek for those benefits will not be disappointed. We wish you continued success in your endeavors and hope that you always remember to embrace the values of “academic excellence” and “service to others.”

Sincerely,

**Alex Martin & Cameron Sargent**



**ΦΚΦ**

## Meet the Incoming Student Vice Presidents

### Holly Boud

Major: English; Minor: European Studies



Holly is from South Jordan, UT. She served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in St. Petersburg, Russia. Holly comes from a family of six children. She loves to wrap up on the couch with a good book and in the comfort of my muumuu and leggings. Holly enjoys “bonnet” movies, zumba, yoga, horseback riding, running, autumn, frozen yogurt, Disneyland, and babysitting her niece and nephew. She believes in the power of imagination and taking control to make your dreams reality.

### Cameron Zenger

Major: Microbiology



Cameron is a Senior and a Pre-Med student studying Microbiology. He hails from Boston and, most recently, New York City, although his loyalty to Boston sports will never falter. When he isn't working at Habitat for Humanity, documenting tuberculosis treatment in the Philippines, researching homelessness in Salt Lake, or trying to study for the MCAT, he enjoys sitting in the sun, reading a good book, and sipping Dr. Pepper. He is excited to be a part of PKP and looks forward to another great year of success!

**ΦΚΦ**

## Highlights from the 64th Annual

# BYU Phi Kappa Phi Initiation Banquet

March 20, 2015

## Initiations

In total, 233 candidates were initiated at the Spring Banquet: Five faculty members, eight graduate students, 159 senior students, and 61 junior students.

## Keynote Speaker: Dr. Martha Peacock

“How Did I Get Here?  
My Dad Wanted Me to Be an MBA.”



## Address Summary

Dr. Peacock encouraged students to find their passions and make them the focus of lifelong learning. In her own life, this path took some unexpected turns. As a freshman at BYU, she became discouraged when choosing a major. Her father, a BYU professor in Organizational Behavior, suggested she get an MBA. As the business field was increasingly opening up to women, she followed her father's counsel and took some preparatory math classes. After experiencing her worst semester ever, it became apparent that business was not the right path for her. Upon seeing a BYU study abroad poster, she jumped at the opportunity to spend six months in Europe.

# Vocal Performance

While in Europe, she frequented many art museums; thrilling at the sight of Nike of Samothrace and standing in awe of the textural effects of Van Eyck's tiny two foot high Arnolfini portrait. This experience led Dr. Peacock to her passion for art history that continues to direct her research interests. Her particular area of study is how women are portrayed in the art of the Dutch Republic. Throughout her address, Dr. Peacock explored what the portrayal of women of the Dutch Republic can tell us about the lives of women of that era—both the viewers and the portrayed.

## Dr. Peacock's Biography

**Dr. Martha Peacock** earned her bachelor's degree at Brigham Young University and her MA and PhD at Ohio State University in Columbus. She has been a professor of art history at Brigham Young University since 1987. Her research centers on the relationship of art and empowerment to the lives of women in the Dutch Republic.

Dr. Peacock has published many articles. Among them are "Proverbial Reframing—Rebuking and Revering Women in Trousers," "Domesticity in the Public Sphere," and "The Imaging and Economics of Women Consumers and Merchants in the Netherlandish Marketplace." She is currently working on a book entitled *Heroines, Harpies, and Housewives: Imaging Women of Consequence in the Dutch Golden Age*. She has organized several exhibitions for the BYU Museum of Art and also prepared several exhibition texts. She and her husband, Greg, have 5 children.



Photo Credit:  
Mark A.  
Philbrick/  
BYU

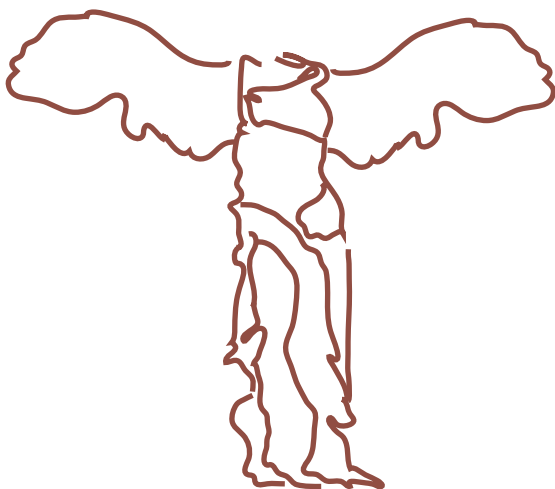
**Rebecca Pedersen** performed "Un vel di, vedremo" from *Madama Butterfly* by Giacomo Puccini, accompanied by Dr. Scott Holden, chair of Keyboard Studies in BYU's College of Fine Arts and Communications. Rebecca won the 2013 Phi Kappa Phi Performing Arts Award. She also won the Metropolitan Opera competition in 2013, being the second-youngest ever to win it in its 60-year history. In 2014, she won first prize in the prestigious Puccini competition in New York City in 2014 and also performed at the Lincoln Center. She has performed with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, the Utah Symphony, and the Chicago Symphony. Next year she performs in her debut at Utah Opera and will also cover the role of Tosca for Utah Opera.

ΦΚΦ

## Award Recipients

### PKP Graduate Fellowship

Each year, the BYU Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi can nominate one student for a national Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship. Fifty-one \$5,000 awards and six \$15,000 awards are given annually. Our chapter's nominees have been very successful. In the past thirty years, we have failed only once to have our nominee win one of the fellowships.



Nike of Samothrace

ΦΚΦ

This year, our chapter's nominee is **Braden Hancock**. Braden is a mechanical engineering major from Fairborn, Ohio. Braden is graduating this semester and will begin a Ph.D. program in electrical engineering at MIT in the fall.



Braden already has an impressive research record. He has five professional publications to his credit and is first author on four of those papers. Braden has one pending patent and has received numerous local and national awards for his research presentations. He has done research at the Air Force Research Laboratory, Johns Hopkins University, and MIT Lincoln Laboratory, in addition to his work with the BYU mechanical engineering department.

Braden is a Thomas Monson Scholar and National Merit Scholar at BYU. He has also received the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship and a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

Braden found an early passion for rocketry after he saw the film *October Sky* while he was in elementary school and began a pen-pal relationship with Homer Hickam, whose story is told in the movie. In the course of time, his passion has changed to cyber security issues related to the Internet of Things, which Braden feels will revolutionize life in the 21st century.

Our chapter gave a monetary ward to Braden for his accomplishments, and also gave three monetary wards to our exceptionally well-qualified finalists:

**Cameron Sargent**, a molecular biology major from Farmington, Utah, who plans on entering a Ph.D. program in biochemistry.

**Tara Pearce**, an English Education major from Provo, Utah, who will do graduate work in literature and education.

**Kendall Kiser**, a neuroscience major from Provo, Utah, who will enter medical school this fall.

### **Ruth E. Brasher Scholarship**

**Courtney Justine Dorman**

Junior, Family Life (Human Development Emphasis)  
GPA: 3.93

### **Carol Ellsworth Scholarship**

**Whitney Ann Porter**

Senior, Elementary Education (TESOL K-12)  
GPA: 3.95

### **2014 Visual Arts Award**

**Nathan Clark**

Sculptural Work

Nominated by Professor Brian Christensen

### **2014 Performing Arts Award**

**Dru Daniels**

Utah's Winner of the Metropolitan Opera Auditions.

Nominated by Professor Darrell Babidge

## **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 JKB. 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.

## 2014 Writing Awards

**Andrew Nelson**—First Place Freshman  
Nominated by Prof. Hayley Langton, English  
*“Social Media and the At-Will Employment Doctrine”*

**Jessica Critchfield**—Second Place Freshman  
Nominated by Prof. Kylie Turley, English  
*“Shifting the Technology Focus”*

**Casey Lee Yan Hui**—First Place Sophomore  
Nominated by Prof. Ben Hill, Psychology  
*“Understanding Suicide through a Phenomenological Perspective”*

**Elizabeth Neilson**—First Place Junior  
Nominated by Prof. David Grandy, Philosophy  
*“Mormonism and the Scientific Persistence of Circles: Aristotle, Spacetime, and One Eternal Round”*

**Tamara Pace Thomson**—(tie) Second Place Junior  
Nominated by Prof. Roger Macfarlane, Comparative Arts and Letters  
*“The Temporal and Spatial War in Mourning Becomes Electra”*

**Samuel Turner**—(tie) Second Place Junior  
Nominated by Prof. Lance Larsen, English  
*“Subversion and Containment in Adrienne Rich’s ‘Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers’”*

**Sarah Perkins Sabey**—(tie) First Place Senior  
Nominated by Prof. Kimberly Johnson, English  
*“Ash Wednesday: The Christian Tradition and the Individual”*

**Kelsey Kerr**—(tie) First Place Senior  
Nominated by Prof. Scott Cooper, Political Science  
*“Latvia’s Euro Decision: Coalition Politics and Public Opinion”*

**Erin Kahn**—(tie) Second Place Senior  
Nominated by Prof. Dennis Perry, English  
*“Watching from Box Five: Frankenstein, Film, and the Destructive Other”*

**A. Ross Garner**—(tie) Second Place Senior  
Nominated by Prof. Trent Hickman, English  
*“The ‘Wise Latina’: Justice Sonia Sotomayor’s Paradoxical Ideology and Its Effect on the U.S. Supreme Court”*

## Study Abroad Grants

*Caitlin Johnson and Maren McInnes*

## Love of Learning Grants

*Keisha Lai and Justin Moss*

## Phi Kappa Honored Member Awards



Professor Lawrence Rees of the Department of Physics and Astronomy received the Phi Kappa Honored Member Award for outstanding dedication to the Brigham Young University Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. Professor Rees is the immediate past president of BYU’s chapter of Phi Kappa Phi and continues to play a central role on Phi Kappa Phi Executive Committee.



Professor Martha Peacock of the Department of Comparative Arts and Letters received the Phi Kappa Honored Member Award for outstanding dedication to the Phi Kappa Phi motto: Philosophia Krateitō Photon: “Let the love of learning rule humanity.” Professor Peacock was the keynote speaker at this year’s initiation banquet.

# ΦΚΦ

## 2015 Initiates

### FACULTY

Maggie Gallup Kopp  
Greg Nelson  
Jennifer Ford Paustenbaugh  
Russ Taylor  
Richard Young

### GRADUATES

Michelle Chatterton  
David W Hoagland  
Christine Horne  
Jared Jacobson  
JulieAnn Kelson  
Betty Ann Marquardt  
Christopher Thomas McNeill  
Paul B. Vincent

### SENIORS

Hayley Ann Abrahamson  
Nathan Alder  
Drew Allen  
Kara Elizabeth Anderson  
Taylor Jordan Anderson  
Andrew Adams Applegate  
Kyle Maxwell Baird  
Sarah Catherine Baird  
Paul James Baker  
McKenna Ballard  
William Bradford Barber  
Thomas Wilson Barlow  
Andrew Barrett  
Fred Stephen Bassett  
Aislinn Clare Bell  
Tyler D Bellows  
Robert Stephen Bennion  
Jake Elliott Berlin  
Sterling Garnell Blackham  
Brooklyn Marie Bollinger  
Mariel Boone  
Holly Young Boud  
Elizabeth Anne Bown  
Kamron Brinkerhoff  
Brodrick Thomas Brown  
Taylor Joseph Brown  
Sarah Campbell  
John Cannon

Daniel Jacob Cardoza  
Mark Carlson  
Michael S Chamberlain  
Aileen A Christensen  
Dane Antone Christensen  
Tanner Edward Combs  
Scott Wallace Cook  
Nathan Robert Coombs  
Carter Kent Davis  
Berg Dodson  
Matthew Durrant  
Jordan Paul Eatough  
Samantha Edgar  
Daniel Grant Epperson  
Rachel Caroline Epps  
James Arthur Ereksen  
Benjamin Hugh Everitt  
Benjamin David Facer  
Chantelle Celeste Fitting  
Julianne Marie Francisco  
Joshua Michael Frost  
Robert Michael Fuller  
Mitchell Garey  
Meredith Anne Gaufin  
Annina R. Giannuzzi  
Travis Mitchell Glock  
Meredith Ellen Gold  
Stephen Clark Graham  
Edmund Warren Gubler  
Daniel Bowen Hall  
Braden Hancock  
Claire Margaret Haynie  
Kendra Lizbet Heim  
Brett Lee Heldt  
Alan Hickey  
Graham Hickman  
Zachary B Hill  
Dallon Leon Holloway  
Tyler Jay Homewood  
Hannah Eileen Horspool  
Winston D Hurst  
Jonathan Reed Hyde  
James M. I. Delorey  
Benjamin Richard Jacob  
Wesley Bennett Jeffrey  
Bethany Jensen  
Jacob Rich Jensen  
Sean Talbot Jensen  
Jennifer Elizabeth Jensen  
Derek Wade Johanson

Kevin Johnstun  
Sterling McBride Jones  
James Kennedy  
Stephen Kim  
Zane Kimball  
Ali Kinkade  
Joseph Scott Lawrence  
Kurt Michael Leininger  
Kyle Lemperle  
Tanner Charles Linton  
Sara Obando Lobo  
George Hobbs Major  
Kassidy Manuel  
Nicole Aubrey Martin  
Ian Cox Matheson  
Andrew Richard McClellan  
Courtney Nicole McKinnon  
Merritt Elizabeth Mecham  
Jennette Louise Meyers  
Paul William Mielke  
Jessa Elizabeth Miles  
Justin Blake Miller  
Michael Morgan  
Victoria Morris-Cartagena  
Paige Newman  
Elizabeth Nielson  
David Scott Oleson  
Ashlyn Kimara Parkinson  
Benjamin L Pearson  
Ariana Dawn Pedersen  
Emily Kathleen Petersen  
Christopher Kevin Peterson  
John David Peterson  
Brandon Mark Petterson  
Nathan Phair  
Brooke Porter  
Michael Drew Powell  
Jace Edward Quebbeman  
Jason David Ray  
Matthew Regan Ream  
Jared Curtis Reese  
Jacob Rhead Rice  
Nathan Joseph Richardson  
Adam Kaleo Roberts  
Michael Evan Roberts  
Kyle Saunders  
Adelynn Schafer  
Erin Suzanne Schill  
Parker David Schnepf  
Jason Searle

Alec J Seaton  
Justin Mitchel Shaw  
Alexander Jin Shumway  
Kyle Robert Siddoway  
Craig O Smith  
Tori Shiann Somerville  
Bethanie Allyson Sonnefeld  
Alton Chad Sorensen  
Taylor Darrin Stewart  
Thomas J. Stone  
Hyun Woo Suh  
Leslie Beck Swenson  
Bradley Wilson Taylor  
Andrew Coleman Thorsen  
Jordan LeRoy Tingey  
Bryson Nathanael Tudor  
Kristy Tung  
Hannah B Waddel  
Kevin Bjorn Wagstaff  
Brian Matthew Waller  
Sarah Marie Webb  
Brooke Weenig  
Katrina Jo Welker  
Jenna Lynn Whitworth  
Jared Vernon Willden  
Kurt R. Williams  
Michael Spencer Woolsey  
Paul Alexander Yost  
Michael Adam Zarian  
Cameron Richard S. Zenger  
Rachel McPherson Zitting

## **JUNIORS**

Hannah Bennion  
Benjamin F. Bitner  
Tim Bitner  
Cameron James Blocker  
Seth Reid Bohman  
Joshua Ernest Brimhall  
Cameron Donald Bruner  
Samuel David Burton  
Seth McGinnis Cannon  
John R. Chadwick  
Terri D Chase  
Eliza Irene Clark  
Nathan Steven Collins  
Brady Jay Connors  
Aloe Corry  
Jeanice C. Cozzens

Dillon Joseph Despain  
Barry Lee Engle III  
Helen Abigail Evans  
Juan Camilo Garcia  
Jeffrey Griffiths  
Garrett James Hamblin  
Joshua Jordan Hansen  
Spencer Mazorra Hansen  
Abigail Harlow  
Caitlin Larissa Harvey  
Stacie Lynn Jackson  
Nick Kerr  
Rebecca Kiser  
Nathan Daymon Leonhardt  
Brian Thomas Lewis  
Trevor Franklin Lillywhite  
Steven Abraham McGrath  
Maren McInnes  
Clarissa Marie McIntire  
Dallin Clark Milner  
Troy David Monson  
Josie Mikel Morgan  
Anna Christina Nielsen  
Mark Nielson  
Zachary Thomas Owens  
Connor J. Peck  
Kurtis J Pugh  
Amanda Ann Ricks  
Bryan J Robins  
Rachel Lynn Scovill  
Kylie Jayne Smith  
Rebekah Margaret Smith  
Jamie Michelle Sommerfeldt  
Alexandria Sorensen  
Reid Fielding Taylor  
Tamara Pace Thomson  
Easton Trejo  
Austen Tullis  
Kaylee White