

SPRING 2009 NEWSLETTER



Associate Vice President for Research, Professor L. Robert Webb.



Professor Susan Easton Black, featured speaker at the February 15, 2009, banquet.

SOME NEW INDUCTEES AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET



PKP held its annual banquet on February 15, 2009, in the WSC Ballroom with 600 people in attendance and welcomed 291 new inductees.

Associate Vice President for Research, Professor Robert Webb, represented the university administration at the banquet. He congratulated the inductees on their academic success and, citing national admission statistics, included the new PKP inductees and BYU students in general among the finest

students to attend even the most prestigious universities. He challenged each to use their gifts and skills to perform "good works" and bless the lives of others.

The featured speaker at the banquet was Professor Susan Easton Black who addressed the topic, "Enjoy the Journey." She encouraged those in attendance to remember their identity as children of God and reassured all that true joy will follow—as it did for early members of the Church whose lives she has studied—as they make wise decisions during life's journey.

At our annual banquet we welcomed our new PKP chapter president, Professor Howard Gray (Recreation Management/Youth Leadership), and expressed heartfelt thanks for service rendered by Professor Susanne Davis (Dance) this past year.



Dr. Stephen Jones, Mary Bee Jensen, and J Robert Driggs

SERVICE AWARDS

Five service awards were given at the banquet: three to faculty and two to PKP's first two student vice presidents:

Stephen Jones

Honor Award as outstanding teacher, composer, leader, and administrator at BYU

Mary Bee Jensen

Alumni Award for outstanding contributions to BYU and the world of dance as presenter, teacher, leader, and director

J Robert Driggs

Distinguished Member Award for outstanding contributions to BYU, community, Church, and world



Dr. Susanne Davis, president of BYU's Phi Kappa Phi Chapter, Paul Theodosis, and Cassandra Lawyer

Paul Theodosis

As inaugural BYU Chapter Phi Kappa Phi student vice president, for **Outstanding Service Award, 2008–2009**

Cassandra Lawyer

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The **Ellsworth Award** was given to an exemplary student Krista Cockerill, majoring in communication disorders. The award is named after Carol Ellsworth, longtime friend and leader of PKP. She endowed the scholarship five years ago; it is awarded each year at the annual banquet to a junior female student with high academic achievement and moral character.

ARTS COMPETITION

The two first-place cowinners are Houston Trueblood (nominated by Robert Barrett, professor of visual arts), and Rachel Willis Sørensen, a vocalist (nominated by Darrell Babidge, assistant professor in music).

WRITING COMPETITION

Freshman

First place for "New World Warfare" to Stephen Salisbury (nominated by Katherine Cowley, graduate TA in English); second place for "The Unspoken Law: China's Double Standard Regarding Freedom of Press" to Krystle Wahnschaffe (nominated by Jessica Wiest, graduate TA in English).

Sophomore

First place for "Of Pen and Sword: The Pennsylvanian Press and the Decline of Quakerism 1740–1765" to Samuel Spencer Wells (nominated by Christopher Hodson, assistant professor in history).

Junior

First place for "The Genesis of the Guatemalan Peace Accords of 1996" to Jonathan Luke (nominated by Donlu Thayer, part-time instructor in English); second place for "On the (Trans-)Formation of Souls: A Parallel Reading of Inferno and Purgatorio XXIVXXV" to Christopher McKeen (nominated by Madison Sowell, associate dean, Undergraduate Education).

Senior

First place for "From Slavery to Freedom: Why Free Blacks Stayed in Warwick, New York" to Elizabeth Morris (nominated by Matthew Mason, assistant professor in History); second place for "Video Games: Effects on Childhood Development" to Brandon McDaniel (nominated by Gary Hatch, associate dean, Undergraduate Education).

ECLECTIC CORNER

- PKP sponsored its first service project under the direction of its student vice presidents. The participants prepared instructional puppets to be distributed to needy children through LDS Humanitarian Services.
- Student vice president Cassandra Lawyer has submitted a proposal for a literacy grant from the national Phi Kappa Phi. If funded, the BYU chapter will promote literacy among preschool children in south Provo.
- From January 23–25, 2009, our student vice president Cassandra Lawyer attended a PKP student leadership conference at the national PKP offices in New Orleans, Louisiana. She represented BYU well and was selected by her national colleagues as a regional representative for the West and as a student board liaison.
- Work has begun by the national office in preparing an updated membership directory which promises to become "an invaluable tool in . . . building and maintaining a strong personal network." You may update your profile by going to www.memberconnections.com/phikappaphi.

ANGELA M. FISCHER—

Our chapter's nominee for a national graduate fellowship or award of excellence.



Each year Phi Kappa Phi National offers graduate fellowships and awards of excellence.

Over the past 25 years, a nominee from Brigham Young University has been the recipient of either a graduate fellowship (\$5,000) or an award of excellence (\$2,000).

Some of Angela's remarkable accomplishments include:

- *International experience in Kenya, Mexico, Brazil, Costa Rica, and France*
- *Fluent in Portuguese and French*
- *Completed 12 internships in public relations*
- *Planned events for ambassadors during internships in Washington, D.C., and New York City*
- *Skilled in writing, public speaking, organization, strategic planning, and research*

We're on the Web at <http://phikappaphi.byu.edu>.