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## 2006 Awards Issue



A local market in the Limari Valley of Chile where locals sell vegetables and other crops to earn a living.  
– Rebecca E. James, former Study Abroad Grant recipient

Michigan State University Panama Study Abroad group on Pipeline Trail in Gamboa, Panama.  
– Joshua Mastenbrook, former Study Abroad Grant recipient



# Phi Kappa Phi FORUM

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The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 and became a national organization through the efforts of the presidents of three state universities. Its primary objective has been from the first the recognition and encouragement of superior scholarship in all fields of study. Good character is an essential supporting attribute for those elected to membership. The motto of the Society is *philosophia krateitō phōtōn*, which is freely translated as "Let the love of learning rule humanity."



Phi Kappa Phi encourages and recognizes academic excellence through several programs. Through its awards and grants programs, the Society each triennium distributes more than \$1,700,000 to deserving students and faculty to promote academic excellence and service to others. These programs include its flagship Fellowship program for students entering their first year of graduate study, Study Abroad grants for undergraduates, and Literacy Initiative service grants. For more information about how to contribute to the Phi Kappa Phi Foundation and support these programs, please write Perry A. Snyder, PhD, Executive Director, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Box 16000, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70893 or go to the Phi Kappa Phi Web page at [www.phikappaphi.org](http://www.phikappaphi.org).

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This is Libertadores Pass crossing from Argentina back to Chile, one of the two paved roads over the Andes Mountains. – Rebecca E. James



These cloggers were performing at the Highland Games in Scotland, an event that was not on our itinerary, but that we happened upon while driving through the mountains. – Katherine Spencer

## *Fellowships* 3

Every year, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi awards sixty Fellowships of \$5,000 each and forty Awards of Excellence of \$2,000 each to members entering their first year of graduate or professional study. Each Phi Kappa Phi chapter may select one candidate from among its local applicants to compete for the Society-wide awards.

## *Literacy Grants* 10

The Literacy Grants program was initiated in 2003 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 ones. The Society's commitment to the cause of literacy grows out of and is consistent with its mission, which was expanded to include "to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

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Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants are designed to help support undergraduates who seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying abroad. Thirty-eight \$1,000 grants are awarded each year.

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The Phi Kappa Phi Promotion of Excellence Grants Program, inaugurated by the Board of Directors and the Triennial Convention in 1998, is designed to provide support to Phi Kappa Phi members and chapters as they design and implement programs and activities that advance excellence in higher education.



**Monty Aghazadeh**  
Louisiana State University

**2006 Named Fellowship Recipients**

**Slater Fellow**

This year's Slater Fellow is Monty Aghazadeh, who is majoring in biology and minoring in French at Louisiana State University. He plans to attend medical school, and he has already been accepted to two of his top three choices — Vanderbilt and Emory.



**Tondra De**  
University of Nevada  
-Las Vegas

**Yoerger Presidential Fellow**

Tondra De, who is a candidate for the B.S.E in electrical engineering and the B.S. in mathematics at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, is this year's Yoerger Fellow. She plans to pursue a PhD in Science Education.



**Philip Scherer**  
Brigham Young University

**Ruth E. Brasher Fellow**

Philip Scherer, a candidate for a B.S. in microbiology at Brigham Young University, is this year's Brasher Fellow. He plans to attend medical school.



**Paul Julian**  
University of Tennessee-  
Knoxville

**Kathleen Greedy Fellow**

This year's Greedy Fellow is Paul Julian, a philosophy major at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He plans to pursue a PhD in Philosophy.



**Chi Viet**  
University of California-Davis

**Marjorie Schoch Fellow**

This year's Schoch Fellow is Chi Viet, a biological sciences major at the University of California, Davis. She plans a career in dentistry, and she has already been accepted to the dentistry schools at University of California, San Francisco; University of California, Los Angeles; and University of the Pacific.



**Amber Swinford**  
Texas Tech University

**Alfred M. Wolfe Fellow**

Amber Swinford, who is majoring in English and minoring in German at Texas Tech University, is this year's Wolfe Fellow. She plans to pursue a PhD in English with a specialty in Irish Studies.

**Walter and Adelheid Hohenstein Fellows**

**Northeastern Region:** Nicklaus Laverty, who is majoring in political science and minoring in English at the University of Maine, is the Hohenstein Fellow for the Northeastern Region. He plans to pursue a PhD in Political Science.

**Southeastern Region:** Thomas Spain, who is majoring in physics, minoring in mathematics at the University of Alabama, Huntsville, is the Hohenstein Fellow for the Southeastern Region. He plans to attend medical school; he has already been accepted to the medical schools at Vanderbilt and the University of Alabama.

**North Central Region:** Rishi Wadhwa, who is majoring in biology and minoring in business at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, is this year's Hohenstein Fellow for the North Central Region.

**South Central Region:** Marc Walker, a candidate for a B.S. in biology and a B.A. in philosophy at the University of Mississippi, is the Hohenstein Fellow for the South Central Region. He plans for a career in medicine, and he has already been accepted to the medical schools at Vanderbilt and the University of Mississippi.

**Western Region:** Christina To, who is majoring in physics and minoring in chemistry and in sociology at the University of Southern California, is the Hohenstein Fellow for the Western Region. She was accepted as a freshman into the Keck School of Medicine at USC.

**University of Maryland:** Nicolas Johnson, a biological sciences major at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, is this year's Hohenstein Fellow for the University of Maryland. She plans to attend medical school and has already been accepted into the MD/PhD program at the University of Maryland.



**Nicklaus Laverty**  
University of Maine



**Thomas Spain**  
University of Alabama-  
Huntsville



**Rishi Wadhera**  
University of Wisconsin-  
Madison



**Marc Walker**  
University of Mississippi



**Christina To**  
University of Southern  
California



**Nicolas Johnson**  
University of Maryland



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Birmingham



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Alabama



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University of Nevada-Reno



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Appalachian State  
University



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University of Florida



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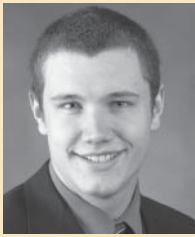
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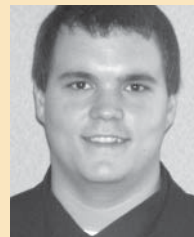
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Texas A&M  
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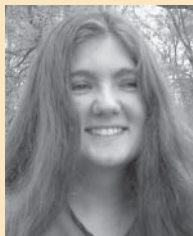
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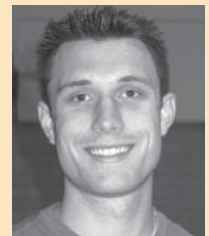
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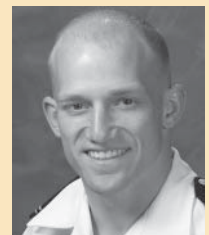
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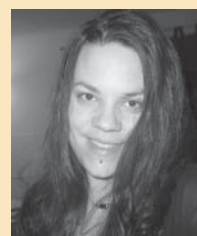
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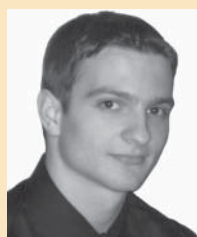
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*2006 Fellowship Recipients*



# 2006 Awards of Excellence Recipients



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University



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Plattsburgh State University



**Patrick Alexander**  
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**Samson Alva**  
Mercer University



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Arcadia University



**Amanda Ersland**  
Minnesota State  
University, Moorhead



**Lisa Grier**  
Indiana Univ.-Purdue  
Univ. at Ft. Wayne



**Keith Guerin**  
Ball State University



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Georgetown College



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University of North  
Carolina-Charlotte



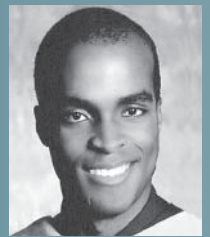
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**Daniel Huff**  
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**Yuri Jadotte**  
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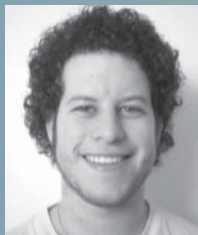
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University of the Pacific



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Youngstown State  
University



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Florida



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University



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University of Nebraska  
at Kearney



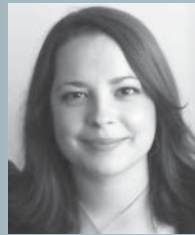
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**Sarah Woodard**  
University of North  
Carolina-Wilmington



### Enhancing Literacy by Motivating Our Minds More

**Anthony O. Edmonds**  
Ball State University

Phi Kappa Phi funds will add 120 books and forty Phi Kappa Phi book-bags to the existing library at a community-based, nonprofit after-school program targeting children in grades 1–8.

### Born to Read\*

**Misty R. Clifton**  
Southeast Missouri University

The Born to Read program promotes early literacy through distribution of books to newborns at an area hospital. Phi Kappa Phi members, university administrators, and students hold special events to promote the program and prepare books for distribution by including a Phi Kappa Phi bookplate and letter about early reading with babies.

### Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 185 Volunteer Readers\*

**Danna M. Gibson**  
Columbus State University

Members of Chapter 185 will form teams of volunteer readers to go to one of the country's most at-risk elementary schools to read with children and engage them in activities pertaining to the stories that they have read. Pre-K students will be provided with their own books and activity materials to take home, and a video chronicle of the program will be shown at the fall induction ceremony. Phi Kappa Phi funds will purchase books and supplies, certificates, brochures, and a videotape, and will fund a concluding forum.

### Baby Talk: Extending the Partnership\*

**Cynthia N. Fletcher**  
Iowa State University

Phi Kappa Phi funds will support Baby Talk, a research-based approach to fostering early literacy. Phi Kappa Phi funds will purchase 833 board books for distribution by pediatricians to children up to age five. The books will be distributed at wellchild checkups, and students and faculty will serve as volunteer readers.

### Project One More Story\*

**Marie Katherine Duncan**  
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

Project One More Story is a partnership with Chapter 202, Danville Ronald McDonald House, and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. This project targets children with serious illnesses and their families by creating a children's library and volunteer-based reader program at the Ronald McDonald House, which provides temporary care for families of seriously ill children.

### First Books for Reading Partners

**Donald D. Mowry**  
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

This project brings together two literacy programs to better serve the needs of young children who are learning English as a second language. Phi Kappa Phi funds will be used to purchase approximately nine hundred books along with supplies for two literacy events, an annual Literacy Renaissance Festival, and a recognition/reward event.

### Literacy Unplugged

**Paulette P. Harris**  
Augusta State University

This project supports both children and adults who participate in the Augusta State University Literacy Center. Phi Kappa Phi funds will purchase two computers and software for use by those preparing for the GED or for gaining workforce literacy. University students tutor children and adults each week-day.

### Family Literacy Outreach

**Judy L. Stiles**  
Missouri Southern State University

This project will include a family literacy PSA produced with the help of students at Missouri Southern State University. Student volunteers also will provide literacy packets to area literacy programs and be trained to work with children and families at area service agencies.

\* Project also received Phi Kappa Phi literacy grant funding in 2005.

### **Youngstown State University English Festival 2007\***

**Sandra W. Stephan,**  
Youngstown State University

Phi Kappa Phi funds will support Chapter 143's English Festival targeting middle and high school students. Approximately one thousand students from 160 schools will attend the three-day event and participate in writing and language activities.

### **Family Literacy and English Language Literacy as Cultural Competencies\***

**Davis W. Worley**  
Indiana State University

This project encompasses family literacy, safety literacy including fire-safety strategies, and cultural literacy. Phi Kappa Phi members will serve as story-time readers, facilitators, and discussion leaders for adults and children through the local library. Phi Kappa Phi funds will purchase bilingual texts for use by students and adults.

### **English as a Second Language Conversation/Civics Class**

**Catherine J. Kozlowicz**  
Carroll College

In partnership with Carroll College, the project will create an English as a Second Language Conversation/Civics class for non-English speakers in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Phi Kappa Phi funds will purchase ESL curricular materials for students and tutors and support printing and postage costs for training and recruitment fliers, outcome tracking materials, and so forth.

### **Family Literacy Packs Project**

**Sonja V. Heeter**  
Clarion University of Pennsylvania

This project targets 460 pre-school children and their families who live in a rural area. Phi Kappa Phi funds will purchase books and some materials for literacy packs for distribution by teachers to children, parents, and caregivers.

### **The Write Place**

**Jennifer J. Ritter**  
University of Alaska Anchorage

In partnership with area schools and agencies, Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 253 will provide high school students one-on-one learning opportunities with a peer or university tutor. Phi Kappa Phi funds will purchase reference books, tutor training books, and support materials.

### **Asian American Tutorial project**

**James A. Teng**  
University of Southern California

On Saturdays, volunteers from USC, UCLA, and Occidental College work to serve the educational needs of elementary-age children in the Los Angeles Chinatown community. Volunteers mentor and tutor those who have difficulty becoming proficient in English and who come from primarily immigrant and low-income families. Phi Kappa Phi funds will update the project's library.

### **Jardine Literacy and Language Corner**

**Mary K. Molt**  
Kansas State University

The Literacy Library and Language Corner will serve approximately two hundred children residing in a student-housing complex associated with Kansas State University. Seventy percent of the population of the housing complex is comprised of international students with limited communication skills for emergencies. Phi Kappa Phi funds will provide English language books, alternate language translation materials, and language acquisition tools to support volunteer reading events and individual check-in/check-out of materials.

### **Phi Kappa Phi Literacy Kits for Even Start Families\***

**Odena I. Harper**  
Indiana State University

Phi Kappa Phi funds will purchase books and materials for literacy kits that parents will develop during parenting classes provided by the Clay County, Indiana, Even Start Family Literacy Program. College members of Phi Kappa Phi also will develop and enhance kits with puppets, activities, and an evaluation form.



*Past Study Abroad Grant recipients share their memories...*



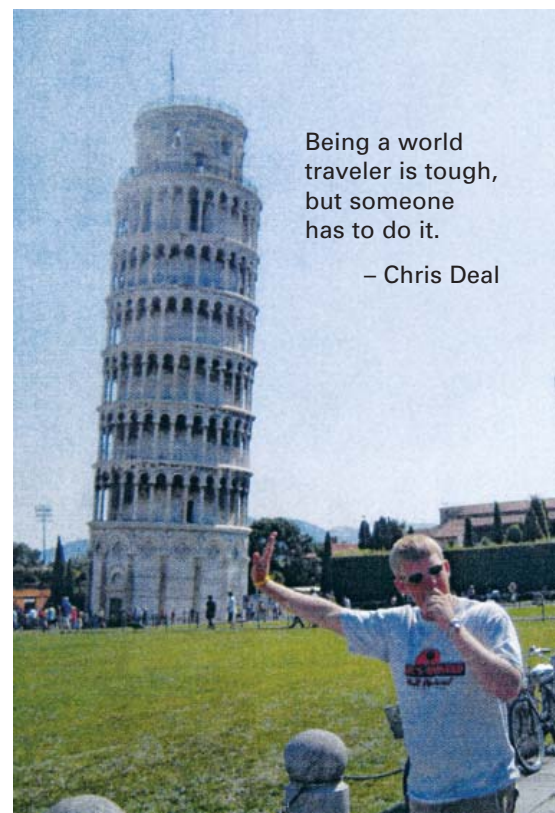
This is a picture of me standing on Isla Popa getting ready to set-up quadrants to study the island's poison dart frogs. – Joshua Mastenbrook



Children of the Embera Drua Village, located on the Chagres River near Gamboa, Panama. – Joshua Mastenbrook



A stop by the former Dachau concentration camp was not the most pleasant but was one of the most memorable moments of our trip. – Chris Deal

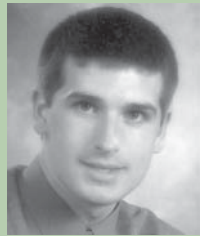


Being a world traveler is tough, but someone has to do it.

– Chris Deal



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North Carolina State University  
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**Alexander Andrasik**  
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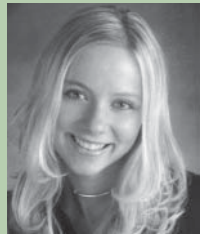
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# 2006 Study Abroad Recipients

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Guatemala



**William Phillips**  
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**Anna Wilkerson**  
University of South  
Carolina Upstate  
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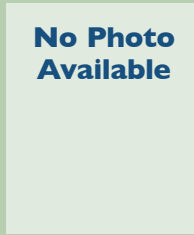
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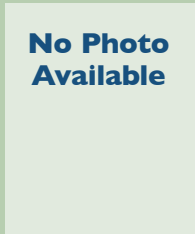
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## *Promotion of Excellence Grants – Period 2*

**Dr. Sylvie Debevec Henning,**  
East Carolina University

### **International Education Program**

A series of monthly cultural activities will increase student understanding of selected cultures. Six student interns will be actively involved in promoting and administering international programs on the ECU campus. The overall goal is to increase the cultural understanding of ECU students.

**Prof. Haig Khachatoorian**  
North Carolina State University

### **Global Currents Forum**

The Global Currents Forum is a theme-based lecture and panel series that includes important scholars, policy makers, and analysts. The series will be presented over three semesters with a different big theme for each semester.

**Ms. Yvonne J. Johnson**  
Central Missouri State University

### **Cultural Literacy Symposia**

Using a mixture of nationally recognized speakers, films, and workshops presented by Central Missouri State University faculty and local community members, this project will provide CMSU students the opportunity to increase their awareness of, and sensitivity to, cultural literacy.

**Dr. David W. Concepcion**  
Ball State University

### **Advancing Student Academic Excellence**

In a teaching commons, four faculty members from different disciplines will perform research in the scholarship of teaching and learning to develop learning activities that promote academic excellence among students.

**Dr. Garrett R. Heysel**  
Lycoming College

### **Promoting Excellence in Research and Information Competencies**

In this project, advanced-level student researchers will assist faculty who propose coherent, detailed summer research plans. The project also will support a small number of faculty or librarians who plan to develop curricula that enhance research and information competencies in courses open to first- and second-year students.

**Dr. David Prenskey**  
The College of New Jersey

### **Leadership Symposia**

The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) Leadership Symposia are planned to strengthen an emerging campus-wide interdisciplinary leadership program by providing activities for students to develop leadership skills and for faculty to develop intensive honors leadership experiences.



This is Libertadores Pass crossing from Argentina back to Chile, one of the two paved roads over the Andes Mountains.  
– Rebecca E. James

Our Cultural Diversity class in front of a Caribbean restaurant where we ate lunch during a field trip.  
– Katherine Spencer



An interesting use for the old train station in Madrid: who said Spain was arid!  
– Chris Deal



Michigan State University Panama Study Abroad group on Barro Colorado Island, home of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute.  
– Joshua Mastenbrook

