Taken in Nafplio, Greece: A native of Greece most likely fulfilling his everyday routine. It is impossible, as I came to realize, for most people in Greece to imagine living a life away from the sea. I asked a friend while I was there if he had ever considered living anywhere else, and he said that if “anywhere else” did not have a sea, he could not do it. — Jennifer Bastijanic

The Parthenon, Athens, Greece, in all its glory. Photo by Jennifer Bastijanic

Danielle Sgro in front of Stonehenge.
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Phi Kappa Phi Forum Mission Statement

The purpose of the Phi Kappa Phi Forum is to enhance the image of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and promote the pursuit of academic excellence in all fields through a quality, intellectually stimulating publication for its membership.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Mission Statement

Recognizing and Promoting Academic Excellence in All Fields of Higher Education and Engaging the Community of Scholars in Service to Others

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Fellowships

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

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 its mission statement, which includes “to engage the community of scholars in service to others.”

Study Abroad Grants

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

Jennifer Bastijanic at an outdoor farmer’s market, Volos, Greece.

Danielle Sgro in front of the Oxford University Library.
2007 Named Fellowship Recipients

**Slater Fellow**
This year’s Slater Fellow is Anand Iyer, who is majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, chapter 182. He plans to attend medical school at UAB, concentrating on geriatric medicine.

**Yoerger Presidential Fellow**
Brian J. Skinner, who is majoring in physics and in mechanical engineering and minoring in both mathematics and Spanish at Virginia Tech, chapter 25, is this year’s Yoerger Fellow. He plans to pursue a PhD in physics.

**Ruth E. Brasher Fellow**
This year’s Brasher Fellow is Tyler Stoehr, who is majoring in philosophy and music and minoring in French at Brigham Young University, chapter 58. He is seeking a PhD in philosophy.

**Kathleen Greey Fellow**
This year’s Greey Fellow is Todd Kumler, a major in economics and mathematics and a minor in political science at Illinois Wesleyan University, chapter 31. He plans to concentrate his PhD studies in economic development.

**Marjorie Schoch Fellow**
This year’s Schoch Fellow is Pankaj Pal, a triple major in biochemistry, chemistry, and biomedical mathematics at Florida State University, chapter 37. She plans to enroll in a joint MD/PhD program.

**Alfred M. Wolfe Fellow**
Anne Isabel McEnroe, who is majoring in classics and English at the University of Kansas, chapter 171, is this year’s Wolfe Fellow. She is seeking a master's degree in classics.
Walter and Adelheid Hohenstein Fellows

University of Maryland: The Hohenstein Fellow from the University of Maryland, chapter 22, is Laura Marie Caputo. With undergraduate majors in physiology and in Spanish, Ms. Caputo is going to medical school.

Northeastern Region: Rodney Philip Hughes, who is majoring in mathematics and philosophy and minor ing in economics at Pennsylvania State University, chapter 3, is this year’s Hohenstein Fellow for the Northeastern Region. He plans to study economics in graduate school.

Southeastern Region: Brice Cooke Nielsen, who is majoring in biological sciences and minor ing in genetics and Spanish at North Carolina State University, chapter 33, is this year’s Hohenstein Fellow for the Southeastern Region. She plans to go to medical school.

North Central Region: Benjamin Taylor Jones, who is majoring in political science and French and minor ing in Spanish at Ohio State University, chapter 155, is this year’s Hohenstein Fellow for the North Central Region. He plans to study political science in graduate school.

South Central Region: Robert T. Wicks, who is majoring in biology, physics, and psychology, while minor ing in chemistry at the University of Mississippi, chapter 77, is this year’s Hohenstein Fellow for the South Central Region. He plans to go to medical school.

Western Region: Eisha Bintic Zaid, a genetics major at the University of California-Davis, chapter 69, is this year’s Hohenstein Fellow for the Western Region. She plans to attend medical school.
2007 Fellowship Recipients

Andrea Marriell Alegrett  
Purdue University

Matthew Joseph Bream  
Coe College

Melody Rose Anderson  
Utah State University

Matthew Edward Bullington  
Middle Tennessee State University

James David Blakemore  
Wichita State University

Robert James Carroll  
University of Louisiana at Monroe

Andre Joseph Boustani  
University of Tulsa

Alexis Leigh Crawley  
Texas A&M University

Christina Leigh Bradshaw  
Georgetown College

Adam Joshua Doss  
Augusta State University

Michael Patrick East  
Kennesaw State University

Sara Anne Egge  
North Dakota State University

Eden Alexandra Esters  
Elon University

Kate Lynne Fedewa  
Michigan State University

Adrienne Halpin  
Washburn University
2007 Fellowship Recipients

Emily Jane Hawkins
University of Oklahoma

Erik Grant Helzer
Oregon State University

Katie Allison Hubbard
McKendree College

Claire Louise Jackson
Indiana University-Purdue University at Ft. Wayne

Patrick Wesley Kane
Villanova University

Jonathan Patrick King
Kansas State University

Natalia Klosak
University of North Florida

Katherine J. Knierim
Bowling Green State University

Colin D. Koproske
University of Southern California

Patricia Ann Krus
Missouri State University

Joseph Gary Livingston
Ithaca College

Paul Joseph Martin
University of New Mexico

Allison Rose Miller
University of Houston-University Park

Vijay Kumar Mittal
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

Timothy W. Ng
California State University-Los Angeles
2007 Fellowship Recipients

Sarah Howard Peters  
University of Missouri-Kansas City

Diane Elizabeth Riley  
Southeast Missouri State University

Albert Joseph Poche, Jr  
Southeastern Louisiana University

Jenny Gin Olson  
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Javier Fernando Orman  
College of Charleston

Jonathan William Peters  
Ohio University

Louise Marie Popio  
Youngstown State University

Olga Rass  
The College of New Jersey

Alexander William Richter  
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
2007 Fellowship Recipients

Lori Lynn Scardino  
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Douglas James Schmid  
The Citadel

Allan Michael Seibert  
Auburn University

Liat Shetret  
University of Illinois at Chicago

Alison Kendall VanBuskirk  
University of Delaware

Lindsay Michelle Vosburg  
Lycoming College

Jacquelyn Winifred Zimmerman  
Louisiana State University

Farah Marie Zolghadr  
Western Illinois University

Natalie Taylor  
University of Utah
2007 Awards of Excellence Recipients

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University of Arkansas

Stephanie M. Chadwick
University of Houston-Downtown

David Christian Godlove
Radford University

Russell Louis Hugo
Western Washington University

Ashley Nichole Arnott
West Virginia Wesleyan College

Patricia Diane Faulkner
North Georgia College and State University

Ashleigh R. Greene
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Yuliya Rumenova Ivanova
Wesleyan College

John Alex Brockman
Truman State University

Jeanette Ann Ferry-Gomez
University of Texas-Pan American

Kenneth David Hanour
California State University-San Bernardino

Jennifer Lynn Jacobi
University of Missouri-Rolla

Morgan Leigh Brubaker
Iowa State University

Kyle R. Fluegge
University of Missouri-St Louis

Mackenzie Miller Hellert
University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Natalia Jaeger
Arizona State University

Joel Nino Galvez Bugayong
University of the Philippines

Molly Dee Friddle
Winthrop University

Candice Nicole Howell
Oklahoma State University

Kristen Renee Koveleski
Bloomsburg University
Carissa Ashley Kranz
University of Florida

Jaime Leigh Lindner
University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg

Kavita Pal
University of North Carolina-Charlotte

Elizabeth Irene Sheetz
East Carolina University

Michael Ambraziejus Lama
University of Illinois-Urbana

Mikaela Anne Martin
University of Maine

Kimberly Joy Smith
University of North Alabama

Abigail LaRee Leddy
Texas Woman’s University

Danielle Johanna Pals
University of Idaho

Javier Villanueva-Meyer
Texas Tech University

Deanne Leonard
University of Nevada-Reno

Fahran Kathaleen Jaymes Robb
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Thao Thanh Vu
Texas A&M International

Kara Quinn Lewis
Southern Oregon University

Justine Elizabeth Nickerson
Berry College

Jeremy Lee Schroeder
Ohio Northern University

Elizabeth Ann Wiltrout
Carnegie Mellon University

Virginia Senkomago
Berea College
Baby Talk: Increasing Early Language and Literacy in Young Children
Cynthia 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 through pediatricians to children up to age five. The books will be distributed at well-child checkups, and students and faculty will serve as volunteer readers.

Let's FLIP with PACT: Family Learning Interactive Program and Parent and Child Together
Janet McCoy
Morehead State University

Morehead State University students will plan two public-relations campaigns for the Adult Learning Center as part of a service-learning course. Press kits will be distributed to local media, and promotional kits will be distributed to children enrolled in the county’s preschool program. Each child also will receive a book to encourage reading. The campaigns’ purposes are to recruit clients for the Adult Learning Center to improve the adults’ lives and the lives of their children.

Born to Read
Misty Clifton
Southeast Missouri State 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 to prepare books for distribution by including a Phi Kappa Phi book plate and letter about early reading with babies.

Healing Words
Valerie Gribben
University of Alabama at Birmingham

In partnership with Healing Words (a volunteer organization that reads to hospital patients), Phi Kappa Phi volunteers will read to patients at Children’s Hospital, Children’s Harbor, UAB Hospital, and the Balm of Gilead (hospice) at Cooper Green Mercy Hospital, as well as at local nursing homes through Ruth and Naomi Senior Outreach. Funds will be used to purchase new books with Phi Kappa Phi book plates placed inside the covers.

Student Library Ownership
Kathy Richards
Lock Haven University

Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 179 will take every fourth grader (approximately one hundred) from a local elementary school to a bookstore to choose a developmentally appropriate book that they would like to see added to the library collection in their school. Phi Kappa Phi then will purchase the books and put book plates in them identifying the student who chose the book as well as the Phi Kappa Phi name and logo. Thus, each student will have a sense of ownership in the library collection.

Read for LIFElong Learning
Stephen Murabito
University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg

This project will provide books for Phi Kappa Phi volunteers to tutor local elementary school students. The tutors work with sixty-five to ninety students in grades two through five at a local at-risk elementary school. Tutors will write about their experience for college credit.

Motivating Our Minds More: Enhancing Technological Literacy
Laura O’Hara
Ball State University

In partnership with Motivating Our Minds (MOMS), a community-based not-for-profit organization designed to provide after-school and summer learning programs for underprivileged students grades one through eight, Phi Kappa Phi will purchase thirteen programs for the computer lab. Phi Kappa Phi volunteers will work with approximately two hundred students to improve their content skills in reading, mathematics, social studies, language arts, and culture.

Books 4 Kids
Barbara Pickthorn
Cameron University

The Cameron University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi will provide “food for learning” through free books as a supplement to the “Food 4 Kids” project sponsored by the Regional Food Bank and area public schools. Phi Kappa Phi will provide 125 books per month to students in K–3 grades who are enrolled in the “Food 4 Kids” project.
MathWORKS!
Ernest Wong
United States Military Academy

In partnership with the Systems Engineering Department at the United States Military Academy, Chapter 204 members will conduct workshops at elementary, middle, and high schools to demonstrate how basic math principles are applied to the solution of real-world problems. Funds will be used to purchase educational materials to enhance the instruction of math, science, and engineering to excite students into seeing that math truly does work.

Partners in Learning
Nancy Harris
Elon University

Through an established partnership with the local housing authority, Elon’s Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi will provide educational literacy materials (reference and reading books, flash cards, educational videos, and so on) and tutors for after-school programs that take place at two centers with twenty-five to thirty students.

Stillwater Hispanic English Language Initiative
Rinda Starr-Alsip
Oklahoma State University

Stillwater Hispanic English Language Initiative (SHELI) strives to increase literacy and the love of learning among recent adult immigrants and migrants from Mexico and other parts of Latin America. Services provided by SHELI include English placement testing, instruction, academic advisement, community orientation, and child care.

Kindergarten Readiness Partnership
Danna Gibson
Columbus State University

Members of Chapter 185 will form teams of volunteer readers to go to two of the county’s most at-risk elementary schools to read with children, engaging them in activities pertaining to the stories that they have read. The students will be provided with their own books and activity materials to take home. Phi Kappa Phi members will keep a daily report on their child’s progress and will maintain a critical incidences log that will be used to compile a booklet which chronicles their volunteer experiences. Funds will be used to purchase books and supplies.

Literacy Development Through Book Sharing at Greenwood Elementary
Burt Bargerstock
Michigan State University

This project will provide emergent and pre-reading kindergarten students with books to read in class then take home to share with their parents. The books will be kept in the classroom so that, over time, many students will be able to use them as a resource.

Project Read to Me
Janet Gooch
Truman State University

Project Read to Me will provide emergent literacy materials and training for parents of children at risk for literacy delays and will establish a children’s book-lending library for clients of the Truman State University Speech and Hearing Clinic.

Sharing Stories and Building Relationships with Head Start Families
Denise Adkins
Shippensburg University

Phi Kappa Phi funds will be used to purchase books to advance literacy by building the home libraries of 132 preschool children. All families meet the federal poverty guidelines and are already participating in Head Start center-based or home-based programs. Students from Shippensburg University will host reading days at the Head Start sites to read aloud to the children and discuss the stories.

Technology Training for Adult Learners
Judy Stiles
Missouri Southern State University

In partnership with Joplin NALA Read, Phi Kappa Phi members will act as tutors using resources (four donated computers) from Missouri Southern State University to provide technological instruction to adult literacy learners at Joplin NALA Read, local literacy council.
2007 Study Abroad Recipients

Mariam Abuhaideri
University of West Georgia
England

Shivan Bhatt
University of Georgia
Tanzania

Wan Cheong
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ireland

Carolyn Dempster
University of New Hampshire
France

Lindsay Anderson
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Great Britain

Gina Bloczynski
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Costa Rica

Emma Christensen
Slippery Rock University
France

Megan Dirks
Kansas State University
France

Allison Barbour
North Carolina State University
Guatemala

Amy Bockelman
Truman State University
Costa Rica

Misti Clark
University of Arkansas-Fayetteville
Belize

Kendra Duhon
Purdue University
Honduras

Jennifer Bastijanic
Purdue University
Greece

Molly Boland
Lycoming College
Germany

Heather Creech
University of North Carolina-Wilmington
Spain

Dustin Dwiggins
Texas A&M University
Germany

Kirsten Darby
Lycoming College
Germany

Angelique Edgerton
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ireland

Charles Bauch
University of West Georgia
Germany

Ashley Campbell
Lycoming College
Spain

Myra Fulp
North Carolina State University
Australia

Cierra Elder
Kansas State University
Brazil

Janet Felts
Campbell University
Costa Rica

Garet Ford
South Dakota State University
Costa Rica

Benjamin Franta
Coe College
Greece
2007 Study Abroad Recipients

Patricia Grant
College of Charleston
England

Jared Koerten
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Austria

Cassandra McCallister
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
Costa Rica

Danielle Sgro
Hood College
England

Davis Stephen
University of Arkansas-Fayetteville
Belize

Robert Jones
Georgia College and State University
Chile

Cameron Lewis
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Dubai

Amanda Pettit
Grand Valley State University
China

Jennifer Shaw
Coe College
Greece

Ashley Thompson
Georgetown College
Germany

Rachel Kha
California State University-Fullerton
Italy

Yihan Lin
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Australia

Leslie Smith
Louisiana State University
England

Rebecca Tokach
Kansas State University
Costa Rica

Nikta Khorram
North Carolina State University
Bolivia

Corey Longhurst
Colorado State University
France

Danielle Romero
The College of New Jersey
Spain

Kristina Soric
University of Toledo
Spain

Aubrey Maccoux
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Spain

Joseph Saei
College of Charleston
Egypt

Laura Sossamon
University of Arkansas-Fayetteville
Belize

Jessica Rozeboom
South Dakota State University
Spain

Stephen Wilkinson
Brigham Young University
Ghana

Christina King
Ohio State University
Argentina

Aubrey Maccoux
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Germany

Cassandra McCallister
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
Costa Rica

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Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
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A group of friends: My traveling in Greece involved a community service engineering project that was done with an organization called Floga. Floga is a non-profit organization that supports families that have children diagnosed with cancer. Throughout our stay in Volos, we designed a Web site for Floga, which is in the process of being made public. We also were able to meet some of the children who have benefited from this program, and we became good friends. These people are what make my experiences in traveling the most memorable.

— Jennifer Bastijanic

My roommates and I in front of the Roman Baths. — Danielle Sgro