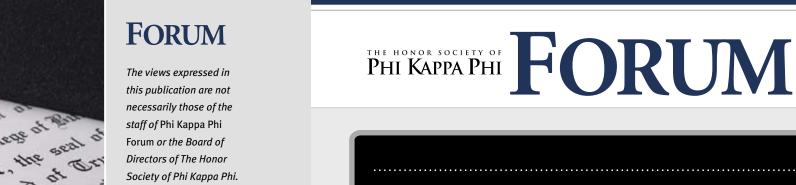
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Phi Kappa Phi encourages and recognizes academic excellence through several programs. Through its awards and grants programs, the Society each triennium distributes more than \$1,700,000 to deserving students and faculty to promote academic excellence 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 7576 Goodwood Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 or go to the Phi Kappa Phi web page at www.PhiKappaPhi.org.

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# > Fellowship Helps Young Legal Eagle's Future Take Flight

ALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, Los Angeles graduate Andrew Jick, 20, will attend the University of California, Berkeley School of Law this fall with the aid of a Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship. Jick was selected as this year's Kathleen Greey Fellow. Preference for the Greey Fellowship is given to one of the top-ranking nominees whose undergraduate field is outside the realm of the basic sciences.

"Winning the Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship means a lot to me." Jick says. When he first came to Cal State L.A. he met another Phi Kappa Phi fellowship winner who was planning to attend law school.

"A shining example of dedication and accomplishment, that person was who I aspired to be," he continues. "Now that I have won this fellowship, I hope that I, too, can serve as a role model to the next generation of students, and am honored to think that maybe some of them will aspire one day to be like me."

Jick, a business administration major at Cal State L.A. was anything but a typical undergraduate student. Frustrated by the lack of challenge in junior high school, he chose to skip high school entirely, opting to start college at age 14 through the University's Early Entrance Program. As a member of the program, Jick was automatically granted admission to the General Education Honors

Program and received an "A" in each Honors class that he took. In recognition of his academic and personal accomplishments, he was awarded the GEHP Student of the Year when he was only 15.

Jick also is a member of the Cal State L.A. chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society. He has been recognized during his tenure at Cal State L.A. with the 2002-03 General

Education Honors Student of the Year Award; the university's Alumni Association 2005-06 and 2006-07 Undergraduate Alumni Scholarships; and the 2006 Golden Eagle Award of Excellence.

In addition to maintaining an academically rigorous schedule, Jick was actively involved in numerous campus and community activities. He mentored applicants to the Early Entrance Program; provided oneon-one math and English instruction to middle school and high school students; volunteered at the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, Family Violence Division; interned at the Los Angeles Superior Court; and competed on Cal State L.A.'s Forensics Team in parliamentary debate and impromptu speaking.

Though Jick was introduced to the fundamental aspects of the American legal system his sophomore year, it was not until he took a "Legal Research and Writing" class in his senior year that he was convinced he wanted to be a litigator. "I was asked to defend on appeal a man who had committed armed robbery," Jick said of the hypothetical case that set his future. "It was a very challenging, interesting, and rewarding experience."

"Law school is a goal I have worked toward unwaveringly since I was 13 years old," he continues. "Being accepted to the UC Berkeley School

> of Law is my single greatest accomplishment, and the culmination of years of work, stress, sacrifice, and determination. By helping to fund my law school education, Phi Kappa Phi has recognized my achievement and put its faith in my ability to succeed in law school and beyond. In this way, the fellowship has given me much more than money."

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**Slater Fellow** Courtney Lynne Ondeck, Carnegie Mellon University This year's Slater Fellow is Courtney Lynne Ondeck, who is pursuing a double major in Material Science Engineering and Biomedical Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University, #047. She plans to complete an MD/PhD in Medicine and Biomedical Engineering.



Yoerger Presidential Fellow David Eli Hoffert, University of Wisconsin-Madison David Eli Hoffert, who is majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Computer Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, #021, is this year's Yoerger Fellow. He is planning to pursue a PhD in Robotics Mechanical Engineering plus Computer Science.



Ruth E. Brasher Fellow Jennifer Leigh Boyd, North Carolina State University This year's Ruth E. Brasher Fellow is Jennifer Leigh Boyd, who is majoring in Biomedical Engineering Science and Technology at North Carolina State University, #033. She will pursue a PhD in Orthopaedic Engineering.



Marjorie Schoch Fellow Rajshir Mainthia, Virginia Commonwealth University This year's Marjorie Schoch Fellow is Rajshri Mainthia, a Chemistry major at Virginia Commonwealth University, #193. Her graduate plans include earning a degree in Medicine.



# Alfred M. **Wolfe Fellow**

Patrick David Heery. Ohio University

Patrick David Heery, who is majoring in Classics and World Religions at Ohio University, #073, is this year's Alfred M. Wolfe Fellow. He plans to pursue a Masters of Divinity degree in graduate school.

## Walter and Adelheid Hohenstein Fellows



**Northeastern Region:** Vatsal Bharatbhai Patel, who is majoring in Molecular and Cellular Biology at the University of Connecticut, #059, is this year's Hohenstein Fellow for the Northeastern Region. He plans to attend Medical School.

Vatsal Bharatbhai Patel. University of Connecticut



**Southeastern Region:** Mary Kimberly Holder, who is majoring in Economics at the University of West Georgia, #150, is this year's Hohenstein Fellow for the Southeastern Region. She plans to study Economics in graduate school.

Mary Kimberly Holder, University of West Georgia



North Central Region: Benjamin Adam Lenderman, who is majoring in Finance, Management and **Business Administration** at Indiana State University, #221, is this year's Hohenstein Fellow for the North Central Region. He plans to study Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Management in graduate school.

Benjamin Adam Lenderman, Indiana State University



**South Central Region:** Lucia Elizabeth Guillory, who is majoring in Psychology with a minor in Art History at the University of Houston, #054, is this year's Hohenstein Fellow for the South Central Region. She plans to study Industrial Organizational Psychology in graduate school.

Lucia Elizabeth Guillory, University of Houston



Christopher Stephen Prentice, an English Literature major at the University of New Mexico, #017, is this year's Hohenstein Fellow for the Western Region. He plans to study English Literature of the 19th Century in graduate school.

Christopher Stephen Prentice. University of New Mexico

# **2008 Fellowship Recipients** (Continued)

(Listed in alphabetical order by school.)



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# **Young Students Inspired by Book Program**

The Phi Kappa Phi Chapter at Lock Haven University brought all fourth grade students from a local elementary school to Borders book store to select books for their school's library. Kathy Richards, chapter president and literacy project director, chose her literacy project with one idea in mind: she wanted to encourage students at Jackson Elementary School to read more.

WORK IN THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT of the University," she says. "I understand the importance of teaching the joy of reading to young children."

Richards says the results from her Literacy Award program were amazing and are having a lasting impact.

"You can't imagine what it's like to take 100 students of low socioeconomic status, many of whom have never been in a big book store, let alone been given money to spend on what they love, and see the joy on their faces," Richards said following the field trip. "In fact, I recently saw the librarian from Jackson Elementary School. She told me 'our' books are getting a 'major workout' during summer school. She's thrilled!"

Richard says she also has seen a number of the fourth-graders who benefited from her literacy program over the summer as she's run errands. "When they see me they say, 'you're the lady who bought us books!""

Not only did the students at Jackson Elementary Schools benefit from the program, Richard says. Her Phi Kappa Phi students also were touched.

"Another wonderful result of the Jackson Elementary project was the boost it gave to student teaching placements," she said. "The Phi Kappa Phi students who went had such an incredible experience, they asked to be placed at that school for student teaching.

"The fourth grade teachers agreed to the arrangement. It truly has been a wonderful experience for all of us."

More than 300 books were selected by the fourth graders and purchased using funds from Richards' Phi Kappa Phi Literacy Grant. Each book then was placed in the school's library with a Phi Kappa Phi book plate and the signature of the student who picked it. "There will always be a book in the library that has their name on it, giving them a piece of ownership in the library collection," Richards said.

help to illustrate the project's success:

"Thank you for Borders, McDonalds and the book I got. I would love to go again."

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From Taylor

"I loved what you did for the whole school and provided books for our school. Thank you so much. Now I can read them. I can get the book and see my name, so thank you so much. I am proud of myself because if my kids grow up and go to this school they can bring that book home. I will say, 'Professor Richards' grant got that for me.' Thank you."

Sincerely, Kerstein

"Thank you for taking us to the field trip to Borders and I liked that trip because we got to pick out a book and donate the book to our school library."

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- From Derrick

## **Bright From the Start**

DOBBI URBAN (Minnesota State University) Mankato Preschool through 7th gradelevel students from a local school serving many underprivileged students will be given a reading kit with highly engaging books that have a Phi Kappa Phi book plate in each. Kits will include a reading guide for students and parents that explains the importance of regular reading and how to foster a love of reading. Matching funds will be used to purchase new and interactive books for the school's outdated library to create excitement about reading. Students will also be challenged to read and then recognized with a certificate for their achievement. Phi Kappa Phi students will help develop the reading guide and assemble kits. Press kits also will be distributed to recognize the program and Phi Kappa Phi.

## **Rock-n-Read Program**

Mary Pagliero (University of West Alabama) Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 276 will partner with UWA Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) to promote early literacy. Funds will be used to purchase baby board books, into which will be placed literacy pamphlets and a letter prepared by students of both organizations emphasizing the importance of reading to children from cradle to Kindergarten. The books will be distributed by Care Coordinators of the HealthStart Maternity Care program (a Medicaid agency program) to mothers-to-be in the Tombigbee Healthcare Authority service area.

## **Supporting Literacy: Project Success and Family Literacy**

MICHAEL O'CONNER (Millikin University) Phi Kappa Phi will support a voluntary after-school tutoring program at one of the local elementary schools and will help expand that program to serve families of the students. Phi Kappa Phi funds will purchase books for the families and materials for the tutoring program, and for professional development in informational literacy. Students and faculty will serve as volunteers in several aspects of this program.

# **Literary Livewires: Bringing Books to English Language Learners**

**NATHLEEN TICE** (University of Texas at Arlington) As part of a service learning project, students at the University of Texas at Arlington will read aloud weekly to children who attend the Open Door Preschool that serves low-income English language learners. The project will include a family literacy night where each child will be given a backpack that includes the five books that were read aloud. The books will contain Phi Kappa Phi book plates, and classroom teachers will continue reading aloud from a classroom set of the books.

# Illuminating Language, Illuminating Culture: A Phi Kappa Phi Hispanic Literacy Initiative

ANISSA GRAHAM (University of North Alabama) In a global community, traditional literacy needs to be supported by cultural literacy. "Illuminating Language, Illuminating Culture: A Phi Kappa Phi Hispanic Literacy Initiative" will combine aspects of traditional literacy programs in an effort to increase cultural literacy, primarily among the Spanish-speaking population of English Language Learners (ELL) at Weeden Elementary School, but also among students in the school as a whole. The initiative will provide Spanish-English storybooks for the children enrolled in the ELL program; students will be able to keep those books to read at home with their parents. Children also will be provided with special bilingual, ageappropriate dictionaries to assist them with homework. The final prong of this initiative involves purchasing materials (DVDs and computer software) for classroom use school-wide that will promote awareness of the cultures of origin of the students enrolled in ELL at Weeden.

# **2008 Literacy Grant Recipients** (Continued)

## **Literacy Library for Leveled Reading**

CATHERINE DELK (Austin. TX - initiated in Cameron University) Phi Kappa Phi funds will purchase 200 leveled reading books for an elementary school literacy library. Teachers and volunteers will use these books when teaching reading to beginning readers, below grade-level readers, and readers with learning disabilities in grades K-5. A commemorative book plate will be placed at the beginning of each book, recognizing Phi Kappa Phi for its donation. The local Phi Kappa Phi chapter will be invited to participate.

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## **Tutoring Adult Learners**

JUDY STILES (Missouri Southern State University) A combined effort with Joplin NALA (Neighborhood Adult Literacy Action) Read, a non-profit, tax-exempt literacy council, and MSSU will use members and resources of Phi Kappa Phi to foster and strengthen literacy skills in adult learners. It also will coordinate with community resources to provide services, enabling learners to reach their full potential. This will be accomplished by recruiting and tutoring adults who need help in reading, math, and/or English as a second language (ESL), recruiting volunteers, and training tutors. Students from Missouri Southern State University and Ozark Christian College will be recruited as volunteer tutors. In addition, the Director of Joplin NALA Read is a Phi Kappa Phi member and will assist the project Manager, Phi Kappa Phi member Judy Stiles of Missouri Southern State University, in overseeing the project. Resources from the grant will provide both literacy and ESL student books.

# **Building a Math in Literature Library**

**DONALD AUSTIN** (Union College) The Studying Arithmetic In Literature (SAIL) program at Union College's Kenney Community Center for Education and Outreach works with two elementary schools in Schenectady, NY, to improve the math and reading literacy skills of 50 at-risk elementary students. Phi Kappa Phi funds will be used to establish a small library of children's books that fully incorporate mathematics into literature. In addition, funding will purchase additional resources (e.g. reference guides and materials) to help volunteer program educators become more effective at literacy tutoring.

## **Activity-Based Literacy** Development: Phi Kappa Phi and Federated Head Start

NITA PADEN (Northern Arizona University) Northern Arizona University PKP members (students, faculty/staff and alumni) will use reading development materials purchased through the grant to engage low-income Head Start program students in a variety of fun and beneficial reading activities. The activities are designed to take multiple approaches to literacy skill development, including word and object association, vocabulary development, listening and reading (music and rhyming), and reading comprehension.

## **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 they have read. Phi Kappa Phi volunteers will read a new book with these children each week. On Friday of each week, copies of the book and all story-related activity materials will be sent home with the children for them to keep. Phi Kappa Phi members will keep a daily report on their child's progress, and will maintain a "critical incidence" log which will be used to compile a booklet chronicling their volunteer experiences. At the end of the reading program, Phi Kappa Phi members (students and faculty) will present a book collection to each child enrolled in our partnership schools' pre-K programs. This initiative is a collaborative effort between our local Phi Kappa Phi chapter, the Mayor's "Read Every Book" program, and our local Literacy Alliance. Funding for this partnership endeavor is provided by the Literacy Grant.

## **Rowan County Reads**

JANET RICE McCoy (Morehead State University) University students and their professors partner with the Adult Learning Center for a two-pronged approach to supporting literacy. Education majors will implement monthly enrichment activities for adult clients and their children. Programs will focus on specific books with crafts, games, and reading activities. In November, public relations students will plan a community celebration for National Family Literacy Month. Events will include the mayor signing a proclamation and the distribution of a book to every child enrolled in preschool in Rowan County.

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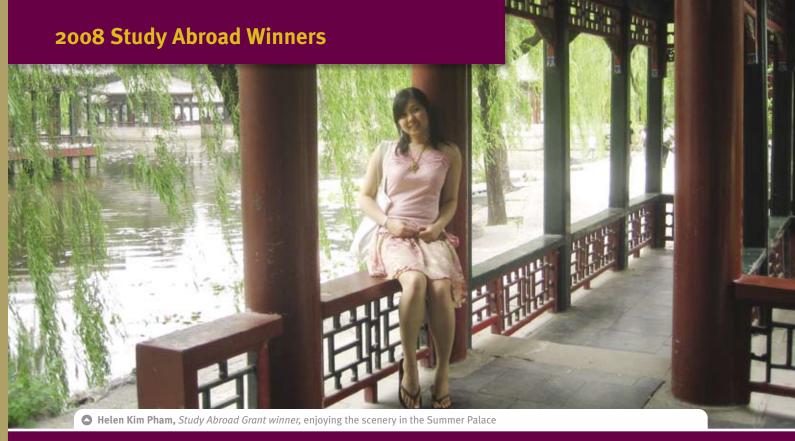
## **Born to Read**

SHERRI JENKINS (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 prepare books for distribution by including a Phi Kappa Phi book plate and letter about the importance of early reading with babies.

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## **Raising Readers in Story County**

CYNTHIA FLETCHER (Iowa State University) Phi Kappa Phi funds will support the county's growing early literacy collaboration by purchasing 833 board books for distribution to children through age 8 at physician check-ups at the urban clinic, as well as at five new rural well-child clinics in the county. University faculty and students are volunteering to conduct an on-going evaluation of the project.



# **Summer Studies Bring Far East Closer for Study Abroad Winner**

While other college students spent their summers working or taking a breather before the fall semester, Helen Pham went to the wall. The Great Wall, that is. Pham, a sophomore business and finance major at Truman State University, spent five weeks in China studying the language on a Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad grant.

Y SUMMER STUDY ABROAD in China was an exhilarating and colorful experience, and I am very grateful to The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi for making it possible," Pham says. "Every day was filled with new surprises and adventures." One of those surprises was that her study abroad classes, which she took daily at Shanghai University, were conducted entirely in Chinese. These rigorous immersion Chinese language classes encompassed reading and writing, listening, and conversation.

"I was an amateur student of Chinese for years, and began taking formal classes this year at Truman State," she says. "However, I knew I'd become fluent faster if I lived in the country and used it every day. It's a practical language for me to learn because China's influence on the world is growing rapidly, and I believe I will find it to be a useful asset to my career."

After her morning language studies, Pham spent many of her afternoons delving deeper into China's rich culture and history with classes in Chinese calligraphy, Chinese knitting, Chinese history and Chinese literature.

Pham is pursuing an East Asian Studies minor to round out her business curriculum. She hopes her experience in China will give her additional insights into the many ways globalization will impact U.S.-China relations in the future. "I hope to explore international business opportunities," she says. "I wanted to use this study abroad experience to familiarize myself with a government, economy and culture unlike my own."

She also hopes to use her experience to strengthen Truman State University's Society for Sino-American Studies, which focuses on promoting Chinese and Asian cultures as well as global and China-U.S. relations. She currently serves as the social chair and acting vice president of that organization, and will run for president next year.

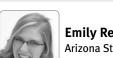
With trips to cultural landmarks in Beijing and Shanghai, and a weekend field trip to the "gorgeous and heaven-like" cities of Suzhou and Hangzhou, Pham says her trip was an opportunity of a lifetime.

"There is a saying in China that I completely agree with, especially after this trip," Pham says. "To read ten thousand scrolls is not as good as traveling ten thousand miles.'

"This study abroad program grant not only provided me an amazing adventure, it also let me learn beyond the textbook and in the actual setting," she continues. "I felt myself live the common Chinese life that is so unlike my own. I will hold on to the many unforgettable memories made while abroad as I continue in my studies. It has revitalized my motivation to learn in hopes that, one day, I will return." 🔾 🔾 🔾

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# **2008 Study Abroad Winners** (Continued)



**Emily Reynolds** Arizona State University

Linh Nguyen

Berea College

Lisa Young

Costa Rica



Romeo Cabanban Jacksonville University



**Brian Salvador** Portland State University

(Listed in alphabetical order by school.)



**Haley Aaron** Samford University



**Elena Hampton-Stover** University of Arkansas-Fayetteville

Michael Campbell

United States Naval

Academy

China



**Zachary Anderson** University of Georgia



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**Marjorie Johnson** University of Rhode Island

-Helen Pham





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Sarah Lehmker University of South Florida



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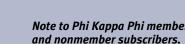
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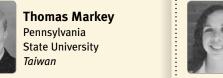
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