

# PHI KAPPA PHI FORUM

Winter 2009

## AWARDS EDITION

Showcasing 274 Phi Kappa Phi  
award recipients across the disciplines



Study Abroad recipient  
Jennifer Kielhofer (in hat)  
digs Roatan Island

Fellowships • Awards of Excellence • Literacy • Love of Learning • Study Abroad • Emerging Scholars

# About Us

Archival photo.



The first organizational meeting of what came to be known as The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi took place in Coburn Hall (shown at left) at the University of Maine in Orono, Maine, in 1897. The Phi Kappa Phi name was adopted on June 12, 1900. Although the national headquarters have been located in Baton Rouge, La., since 1978, the vast majority of the Society's historical documents are still kept at the founding institution.

**P**hi Kappa Phi Forum is the multidisciplinary quarterly magazine of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Each issue of the award-winning journal reaches more than 100,000 active members as well as government officials, scholars, educators, university administrators, public and private libraries, leaders of charitable and learned organizations, corporate executives and many other types of subscribers.

It is the flagship publication of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society, with chapters on more than 300 college and university campuses across the country. Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 at the University of Maine and upwards of one million members spanning the academic disciplines have been initiated since the Society's inception. Notable alumni include former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, former NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, The Ohio State University head football coach Jim Tressel, writer John Grisham, YouTube co-founder/CEO Chad Hurley and poet Rita Dove. The Society began publishing what's now called *Phi Kappa Phi Forum* in 1915.

## Spring, summer and fall issues

The spring, summer and fall issues (usually mailed late February, late May and late August, respectively) feature a variety of timely, relevant articles from influential scholars, educators, writers and other authorities, oftentimes active Phi Kappa Phi members, who offer variations on an overall theme.

Notables to have contributed pieces include Ronald Reagan, fortieth President of the United States; Myrlie Evers-Williams, civil rights trailblazer; Warren Burger, the fifteenth Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; Molefi Kete Asante, African-American studies groundbreaker; Sally Ride, former NASA astronaut; Ernest Gaines, fiction writer; and Geoffrey Gilmore, former director of the Sundance Film Festival.

*Phi Kappa Phi Forum* also encourages movers and shakers to speak for themselves

through exclusive interviews. Q & As have run the gamut from public servants such as Lynne Cheney, former chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities, to famous artists such as playwright August Wilson to literary critics such as Stanley Fish.

(For other significant contributors, go to [www.PhiKappaPhi.org/Web/Publications/Forum/about\\_forum.html](http://www.PhiKappaPhi.org/Web/Publications/Forum/about_forum.html).)

The spring, summer and fall issues further contain columns on fields such as education and academics, science and technology, and arts and entertainment in addition to book reviews, poetry and cartoons. Plus, these issues compile member news, chapter updates and Society developments, along with letters to the editor, the Phi Kappa Phi bookshelf and general announcements of interest to keep readers abreast of Society programs and activities.

Through words and images, Web links and multimedia components, the magazine intends to appeal to the diverse membership of Phi Kappa Phi by providing thoughtful, instructive, helpful — and sometimes provocative — material in smart, engaging ways.

## Winter issue

The winter issue (mailed late November) celebrates those who win monetary awards from Phi Kappa Phi. The Society distributes more than \$800,000 annually through graduate and undergraduate scholarships, member and chapter awards, and grants for local and national literacy initiatives, and *Phi Kappa Phi Forum* applauds the recipients in this edition, listing them all and spotlighting a few.

(For more information about Phi Kappa Phi monetary awards, go to [www.phikappaphi.org/Web/Scholarships/](http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/Scholarships/).)

As an arm of the Society, *Phi Kappa Phi Forum* helps uphold the institution's 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 Forum mission statement

*Phi Kappa Phi Forum*, a multidisciplinary quarterly that enlightens, challenges and entertains its diverse readers, serves as a general-interest publication as well as a platform for The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

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The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi distributed \$500,000 to 274 applicants this year. Judges selected winners from more than 3,500 submissions in five categories. The awards edition compiles and congratulates these standouts.



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## Coming Next Issue:

### Spring is in the air.

That means it's time for cliff swallows to return, gardens to bloom, March Madness to unfold, allergies to proliferate, and taxes to be filed. The spring 2010 magazine may explore these and other topics related to the season.



### Online:

To learn more about this year's award winners — and about how to apply for next year's awards — go to [http://www.phikappaphi.org/web/Awards/Scholarships\\_Awards.html](http://www.phikappaphi.org/web/Awards/Scholarships_Awards.html)

## Writing Opportunities:

**Phi Kappa Phi Forum seeks two types of writing from active, dues-paying members for potential inclusion in the spring 2010 edition:**

1) One original, previously unpublished poem will be selected from all entries to appear in the print version as a complement to the scholarly articles and columns. Runners-up may be chosen to appear online. Poems must reflect the theme of the edition: spring is in the air. Poems should be up to 40 lines long. One poem per entrant, please. Deadline: 7 a.m. CST Monday, Dec. 7, only by email at [poetry@phikappaphi.org](mailto:poetry@phikappaphi.org).

2) Stories and photos about spring break may be compiled into a collage. Contributions can be light-hearted (but must be tasteful) or serious. For instance, maybe you went cross-country on a mission to play in a beach volleyball tournament. Perhaps you volunteered or served the greater good. Length: up to 250 words. Photos: at least 500 kb and 300 dpi; sent as attachments; color photos preferred. Deadline 7 a.m. CST Monday, Dec. 7, only by email to Editor Peter Szatmary at [pszatmary@phikappaphi.org](mailto:pszatmary@phikappaphi.org).

For more information about both writing possibilities, go to <http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/news/article.html?ArticleID=73>

**On the cover:** Study Abroad recipient and University of Nevada-Reno junior Jennifer Kielhofer (second from right), with fellow adventurers (left to right) Neesheta Patram, Kara Rothenburg, Mina Sack, and J. T. Kendall, trekked through the jungle of Roatan Island, Honduras, searching for a new archaeology site, as part of a summer study abroad program. (Photo courtesy of Jennifer Kielhofer.)

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Photo courtesy of Kyle Ensley.



The name of the tune for Kyle Ensley: using his talents to prepare for a career with the U.S. Foreign Service.

## Singing Cowboy Hopes Harvard Leads to the World Stage of Foreign Service

By John T. Harding

Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship winner Kyle Ensley brings a mix of practicality, creativity and ambition to graduate school at Harvard — and to his life agenda. The 23-year-old has molded elements from his childhood on a family ranch in Valliant, Okla., his related interest in agriculture, his volunteer work, his love of music, and his appearances on *American Idol* into a plan to work for the U.S. Foreign Service.

“I’m adventurous,” Ensley said. And this sense of adventure, he noted, is a driving force that has propelled him from a small Oklahoma town (population about 750) to the vast prospect of preparing for a career as a Foreign Service officer.

Ensley first studied public policy when earning double undergraduate degrees in international business and political science from Oklahoma State University in May. He continues to study public policy now as a first-year master’s student at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government.

He turned down Princeton University and its offer of full financial aid and a stipend. That was hard, and not just because of the money; Ensley studied at Princeton one summer and knows quite a few professors and students there. But

he opted for the larger size of Harvard’s Master in Public Policy program that allows him to study domestic and foreign policy, thereby providing him a wider network in which to interact with policymakers, he said.

So his 2009 Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship is particularly helpful. (So is a Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship, funded by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation).

Ensley comes to Harvard prepared. For instance, he interned in Washington for U.S. Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma in 2007. And Ensley attended a summer 2008 program in economics, statistics and policy analysis at Princeton.

Ensley knows public policy implies understanding an audience, and that, in turn, implies a type of performing. Despite his lack of formal training in music, the tenor, who sings pop and gospel, made it to the top 25 in the television competition *American Idol* last year, appearing in three episodes of the nationally broadcast show before being eliminated.

But the “loss” was really a gain. “My experience in front of cameras and interacting with the media made me realize I wanted to work in the public diplomacy

cone of the Foreign Service,” he said; after all, this area concentrates on the press and on cultural activities, he added.

Ensley had the same take about an appearance on the syndicated *Ellen DeGeneres Show* the day after he was cut from *American Idol*. Both experiences solidified his resolve to focus on the public relations aspect of foreign policy.

This ability to fuse various experiences into something new comes naturally to Ensley. At Oklahoma State he researched the impact of ethanol production on farmers and ranchers. His motivation for that topic grew from his family’s ranching business and led to a trip to Thailand to study agricultural resource production there. The Oklahoma State research project entailed both the Oklahoma agriculture sector as well as ethanol production’s impact on global food security — the latter a type of academic foreign policy.

His media exposure came in handy in this investigation; Ensley spoke about the issues (for instance, how ethanol production leads to an increase in the costs of feed for livestock and food prices for consumers and how ethanol production contributes to air pollution, land overuse and soil degradation) on the syndicated *Rural Free Delivery* national television program, among other outlets.

Spreading the word and doing good work — some key components of public policy — are second nature to him. Ensley has volunteered with numerous service organizations, too, from Big Brothers Big Sisters to the American Red Cross.

As for his future, “I have already taken the Foreign Service exam,” and passed it, he noted. Next step, after graduation, will be a post in an overseas embassy as part of the Pickering Fellowship, with Ensley hoping for Latin America or Europe, working on public diplomacy events.

“I am very excited about my future. I think a career as a Foreign Service officer will provide me the opportunity to serve my country while seeing the world,” Ensley said.

“I prefer to work in front of people; I like to socialize and network.” ■



**John T. Harding** (Montclair State University) retired in 1997 from *The Star-Ledger* daily newspaper in Newark, N.J., after 27 years as a business and economics writer, copy editor and wire

editor, among other roles. He also was an adjunct instructor in journalism, economics and English at Montclair State University from 1997 to 2007 and in journalism at Rutgers University from 1997 to 2000. Educated at Montclair State (B.A. in Linguistics and English and M.A. in Economics), he publishes *Editor’s Revenge*, a free monthly newsletter on grammar and usage. Subscribe to it or contact him at [editorsrevenge@gmail.com](mailto:editorsrevenge@gmail.com).

# 2009 Fellowship Recipients

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi bestows 60 Fellowships (some named\*) of \$5,000 and 40 Awards of Excellence of \$2,000 annually to members entering their first year of full-time graduate or professional study. This year, 171 applicants entered the competition. Including 2009, more than 2,500 recipients have earned Fellowships and Awards of Excellence totaling approximately \$12.5 million since the program began in 1932. This is the last year for Awards of Excellence; part of those funds will go to three \$15,000 Fellowships to begin next year.

## 2009 Named Fellowship Recipients

### Jon Chachula

King's College, University of Cambridge  
Master's of philosophy student, international relations  
*(United States Military Academy)*  
**Kathleen Greely Fellow.** Created in 2001, the fellowship honors the memory of Kathleen Greely, a longtime chapter officer at Portland State University and education librarian, who provided funds for the fellowship in her estate plan. Preference is given to a top-ranking nominee whose undergraduate field is other than the basic sciences.



### Victoria Davis

Fulbright fellow, 2009-10 academic year, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan, studying the intersection of Japanese counterterrorism and human rights policies  
Most proud of: My older sister Kelsey, who teaches English in Costa Rica  
*(Elon University)*  
**Marjorie Schoch Fellow.** The Marjorie Schoch Fellow celebrates a top-ranking nominee in any discipline. Schoch earned a B.A. from Butler University and a Master of Library Science from the University of Illinois. She also enjoyed photography and travel. Schoch was a lifelong supporter of her Butler chapter and the Phi Kappa Phi Foundation. The fellowship in her honor began in 2004.



### Angela Fischer

Boston University  
Master's student, public relations, with an international emphasis  
Satisfying community service: A service project in Thailand working with orphans and children affected by the tsunami  
*(Brigham Young University)*  
**Ruth E. Brasher Fellow.** Ruth E. Brasher, Professor Emerita at Brigham Young University, served as Director of Fellowships for the Society for years and provided a planned gift to endow a fellowship. The fellowship, established in 1998, is awarded to a nominee from the Brigham Young University chapter. If there is no recipient from this chapter, preference is given to an applicant whose record of service is exceptional and/or whose undergraduate major is domestic and family science.



### James Gholson

Harvard Medical School  
Medical student  
*(Southeast Missouri State University)*  
**Slater Fellow.** In 1985, on his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, James R. Slater, emeritus professor of biology at University of Puget Sound (and since deceased), became the first member of the Society to endow a fellowship in the donor's own name. Preference is given to the top scorer whose undergraduate field is in the biological sciences.



### Sarah Martin

University of California, Berkeley  
Law student  
*(University of Florida)*  
**Alfred M. Wolfe Fellow.** The Alfred M. Wolfe Fellowship pays tribute to Alfred M. Wolfe, the first member of his family to receive a college degree; he earned it in 1897, the year of the Society's founding. Wolfe's grandson, William J. Wolfe, donated the funds for the fellowship before passing away at age 80 in 2007. The latter Wolfe, initiated into Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Arizona, spent the bulk of his career as a teacher and librarian in public middle and high schools. Created in 2004, the fellowship goes to a top-ranking nominee majoring in agriculture, classical Latin/ancient Greek, or English.



### Nicholas Vandal

Carnegie Mellon University  
Master's student, robotics  
*(United States Naval Academy)*  
**Yoerger Presidential Fellow.** Established in 2001 from the generosity of deceased Society president Roger Yoerger, the fellowship in his name is awarded each year to a student in one of the basic science disciplines such as engineering or agriculture. Yoerger taught in and headed the department of agricultural engineering at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

## WALTER AND ADELHEID HOHENSTEIN FELLOWS

University of Maryland System administrator Walter Hohenstein and his wife Adelheid (Heidi) were initiated into Phi Kappa Phi at University of Maryland. The former served as president of the Society as well as of the University of Maryland chapter, among numerous national and chapter roles spanning more than three decades. The Hohenstein Fellowship, awarded since 2004 to honor the deceased couple, goes to a top-ranking nominee in any discipline in each of the five regions (Northeast, Southeast, North Central, South Central, Western), and, if applicable, to a recipient from University of Maryland.



### Kevin Chang

Western Region  
University of Washington School of Medicine  
Medical student  
*(University of Southern California)*



### Sara E. Fridinger

Northeast Region  
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine  
Medical student  
Career objective: Pediatrics, possibly pediatric endocrinology  
*(Villanova University)*

### Diana Gliga

Southeast Region  
Fulbright fellow studying in Romania  
Intends to study pharmaceuticals or go to medical school  
*(East Carolina University)*

### Elizabeth Jensen

University of Maryland  
California Institute of Technology  
Doctoral student, biochemistry and molecular biophysics  
*(University of Maryland)*



### Justin Poelma

South Central Region  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
Doctoral student, materials science and engineering  
Role model: Richard Feynman  
*(University of Southern Mississippi)*



### Anne Rivas

North Central Region  
University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine  
Veterinary medicine student  
Career objective: Working in a zoo while conducting research for conservation medicine  
*(University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)*

\* It takes \$100,000 to endow a fellowship.

Recipient lists compiled by Editor Peter Szatmary  
*(college or university of chapter initiation)*

## 2009 Fellowship Recipients

### Blake Antonides

University of Chicago  
Master's student, international relations  
*(Western Illinois University)*



### Justin Wade Arner

West Virginia University  
School of Medicine  
Medical student  
*(Shepherd University)*



### Taylor A. Barnes

California Institute of Technology  
Doctoral student, chemistry  
*(Middle Tennessee State University)*



### Brittany Benson

University of Michigan  
Medical School  
Medical student  
*(Grand Valley State University)*



### Olga Bertelsen

Pennsylvania State University  
Taking history courses with the goal of being accepted in the doctoral program  
*(Bloomsburg University)*



### Kyalamboka Brown

University of Michigan  
Master's student, education  
*(Michigan State University)*



### Bethany Bush

Harvard University  
Doctoral student, biochemistry  
*(Winthrop University)*

### Chen Chen

Stanford University  
Doctoral student, chemistry  
*(Wesleyan College)*



### Clint Cochran

University of Toledo  
College of Medicine  
Medical student  
Advice for peers: Get the big picture; it makes the snapshots much more interesting  
*(University of Toledo)*



### Delaney Conway

University of Washington School of Medicine  
Medical student  
Fantasy career: Becoming a doctor was my fantasy career and now I'm doing it! My other fantasy career: playing professional basketball.  
*(Portland State University)*

### Michelle Cornacchia

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey  
Medical student  
*(College of New Jersey)*

# 2009 Fellowship Recipients continued



**Alexander K. Davis**  
Princeton University  
Doctoral student,  
sociology  
Fantasy career:  
Freelance jazz trombonist  
Satisfying community service:  
Starting an "instrument  
petting zoo" for elementary  
schoolchildren  
(James Madison University)



**Whitney Gammill**  
Vanderbilt University  
Doctoral student,  
biomedical sciences  
Most proud of: Being  
a teaching assistant for an honors  
organic chemistry class  
(University of Arkansas-Fayetteville)



**Adam C. Gouge**  
University of North  
Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Doctoral student,  
mathematics  
(Truman State University)



**Dane Ashton Grismer**  
University  
of Notre Dame  
Doctoral student,  
chemical engineering  
Career objective: Research at the  
intersection of nanotechnology  
and alternative energy  
Favorite book: *The Lord  
of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien  
(North Carolina State University)



**Behesht C. Heidary**  
Yale Law School  
Law student in ethics,  
history and public  
policy  
(Carnegie Mellon University)

**Christina Ho**

University of Alabama  
School of Medicine  
Medical student  
(University of Alabama at  
Birmingham)

**Nicholas Horen**

University of Toledo  
College of Medicine  
Medical student  
(Bowling Green  
State University)

**Lenaye Howard**

Intends to pursue a master's  
degree in public policy and  
foreign affairs  
(Utah State University)



**Kristen John**  
California Institute  
of Technology  
Master's student,  
aerospace engineering  
Career objective: Work for  
NASA or one of the national labs  
(University of Texas at Austin)

**Anjulie Kelkar**

Creighton University  
School of Medicine  
Medical student  
(University of Tulsa)



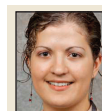
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international relations  
(University of Wisconsin-  
Eau Claire)



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Kundukulam**  
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School of Medicine  
Medical student  
(University of South Alabama)



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Graduate student,  
archaeology  
Career objective: Zoo archaeologist  
studying the behavioral ecology of  
Great Plains hunter-gatherers  
(Iowa State University)



**Tina Lefta**  
University of Kentucky  
College of Dentistry  
Dental student  
Favorite book: *The Last  
Lecture* by Randy Pausch  
(Eastern Kentucky University)



**Kevin M. Lewis**  
Harvard Law School  
Law student  
Favorite book: *1984*  
by George Orwell  
Best part of Phi Kappa Phi: Its  
unflinching commitment to  
education and knowledge  
(Illinois Wesleyan University)



**Mandy Liesch**  
Kansas State University  
Master's student,  
agronomy/soil fertility  
Favorite book:  
*Harry Potter* series by J. K. Rowling  
Most proud of: A 10-year-old in a  
Hannah Montana T-shirt saying I  
was cooler than Hannah Montana  
(University of Wisconsin-River Falls)



**Rebecca Lindstrom**  
Saint Louis University  
School of Law  
Law student  
(McKendree University)



**James Tyler Mills, Jr.**  
University of Virginia  
School of Medicine  
Medical student  
Favorite book: *To Kill  
a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee  
(Virginia Polytechnic Institute and  
State University)



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University of  
Notre Dame  
Law student  
(Ohio Northern  
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chemical engineering  
Role models: My parents  
Satisfying community service:  
National Ski Patrol  
(University of Nevada-Reno)



**Joshua Nunziato**  
University of Aberdeen  
Master of theology  
student, systematic  
theology  
(Westmont College)



**Ambrosia Ortiz  
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University of Texas  
at Austin  
Law student  
Memorable class: "Sacred Sites  
of Northern New Mexico" in the  
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New Mexico because that's where  
my husband proposed to me,  
and the professor married us  
the following year  
(University of New Mexico)



**Angela Osborne**  
Georgetown University  
Master's student,  
security studies  
Satisfying community  
service: Alpha Phi Omega National  
Service Fraternity and Service-  
Learning Scholars  
(Millikin University)



**Amanda Ploch**  
New York University  
School of Law  
Law student  
Satisfying community  
service: Literacy program for  
teenage boys held in pre-trial  
detention in Cape Town,  
South Africa  
(University of Connecticut)



**Rachel Reckin**  
University of Wyoming  
Master's student,  
anthropology/  
archaeology  
Satisfying community service:  
Tutoring Somali Bantu  
refugee children  
(University of Puget Sound)



**Anand Sandesara**  
Muhimbili University  
Master's student,  
public health  
Favorite book:  
*Interpreter of Maladies* by  
Jhumpa Lahiri  
Career objective: Physician  
and public health practitioner  
in underserved areas and  
leadership roles in  
relevant nonprofit  
organizations  
(University of Illinois at Chicago)



**Natasha Spottiswoode**  
University of Oxford  
Master's student,  
integrative bioscience  
Career objective:  
Physician-scientist  
(California State University-  
Los Angeles)



**Christopher Stroot**  
University of Chicago  
Master's student in the social  
sciences program, concentration  
in history  
(Southern Illinois University-  
Edwardsville)



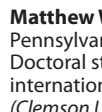
**Helena Traner**  
Case Western  
Reserve University  
School of Law  
Law student  
(Wright State University)



**Haley VanErem**  
Florida State University  
Master's student,  
social work  
Further educational  
plans: Law school  
Satisfying community service:  
Community Outreach and  
Advocacy for Refugees at  
Arizona State University,  
helping a refugee family  
adjust to the community  
(Arizona State University)



**Chris Williams**  
University of Texas  
at Austin  
Master's student,  
structural engineering  
(Southern Illinois University-  
Carbondale)



**Matthew Wilson**  
Pennsylvania State University  
Doctoral student,  
international relations  
(Clemson University)



**Rachel Zimmerman**  
Texas Woman's  
University  
Doctoral student,  
physical therapy  
Role model: My mom  
Question not asked you want  
to answer: First response  
when you found out you  
won a Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship?  
I started freaking out but  
I had to be quiet because  
I was in the library!  
(Texas Woman's University)

# 2009 Award of Excellence Recipients



**Alex P. Acton**  
Georgia State University  
Master's student, communication  
Career objective:  
Leadership and management consulting  
Favorite book: *Profiles in Courage* by John F. Kennedy  
(Columbus State University)

**Kelly Alleen**  
Northern Arizona University  
Master's student, applied anthropology  
(Western Washington University)



**Elise M. Auvil**  
Ohio University  
Master's student, language and literature  
Career objective:  
College professor  
Fantasy career: *New York Times* book critic  
(Indiana University of Pennsylvania)

**Tiffany Beck**  
Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine  
Veterinary medicine student  
(Mississippi State University)



**Molly Boland**  
University of Maryland, College Park  
Master's student, German

Advice for peers: Don't be afraid to travel alone  
(Lycoming College)



**Jeff Bosco**  
California Institute of Technology  
Doctoral student, chemical engineering

Role model: Richard Feynman  
Favorite book: *1984* by George Orwell  
(University of Delaware)

**Charlie Brummitt**  
University of California-Davis  
Doctoral student, applied mathematics  
(University of Wisconsin-Madison)



**Jill E. Cadby**  
Ithaca College  
Doctoral student, physical therapy  
Satisfying community service: Special Olympics  
(Ithaca College)

**Rachel Channer**  
McGill University  
Master's student, library and information science  
Favorite author: Margaret George  
(Southern Oregon University)



**Andrew P. Chopra**  
New York University  
Master's student of music, concentration in scoring for film and multimedia

Most proud of: My family  
(Jacksonville University)

**Todd C. Crawford**  
University of Kansas  
School of Medicine  
Medical student  
Fantasy career: Play James Bond in an upcoming 007 movie  
Satisfying community service: Natural Ties, a program that develops friendships between University of Kansas students and people with developmental disabilities  
(University of Kansas)



**Katrina Crotts**  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Doctor of education student, concentration in research and evaluation methods  
Career objective: Research fairness issues in standardized testing  
(Westfield State College)

**Tracy Davis**  
Michigan State University  
Doctoral student, education policy  
(Georgia State University)

**Kristin Demers**  
Teachers College, Columbia University  
Master's student, social organizational psychology  
(University of Tennessee)



**Tyler Drombosky**  
University of Maryland, College Park  
Doctoral student, applied mathematics  
Satisfying community service: "Shantytown," a community project at Youngstown State University to raise awareness of homelessness  
(Youngstown State University)

**Nathan Dunlap**  
University of Chicago  
Master's student, political theory and public policy  
Most proud of: In academia, a student/faculty research project on first-year composition students. Outside academia, creating an intranet site for the DuPage County, Ill., government  
(Elmhurst College)

**Erika Lynn Garbrecht**  
University of Oklahoma  
College of Medicine  
Medical student  
Satisfying community service: Trauma center  
Favorite recent book: *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult  
(Oklahoma City University)

**Mary S. Guirguis**  
University of Texas  
Medical School at Houston  
Medical student  
(University of Houston)

**Kate Harrison**  
University of California, Berkeley  
Doctoral student, electrical engineering  
Role model: My dad  
(Oregon State University)



**Afshan Ahmad Kamrudin**  
Emory University  
Master's student, public health, concentration in behavioral science  
Influential person met: My grandfather, the living breathing history of India  
(University of North Texas)



**Nickalus Khan**  
University of Tennessee  
Medical student  
Question not asked you want to answer: Other goals? Visit Mount Everest, go on an African Safari, hike the Appalachian Trail  
(University of Memphis)



**Jeremy Koehler**  
University of Michigan  
Doctoral student, mechanical engineering  
Career objective: Work on hybrid vehicles; help solve the energy crisis  
(Purdue University)

**Megan L. Larsen**  
Michigan State University  
Doctoral student, dual degrees: microbiology and molecular genetics; ecology, evolutionary biology and behavior  
(Nebraska Wesleyan University)



**Timothy Brian Lumpkin**  
Medical College of Georgia  
Medical student  
Most proud of: My family's love and support  
(Augusta State University)

**Alison McQueen**  
The New School for Social Research  
Master's student, psychology  
(State University of New York-Potsdam)



**Kelly Monahan**  
University of Iowa  
Carver College of Medicine  
Medical student  
Favorite author: Juliet Marillier  
(Coe College)



**Breanna Popelar**  
University of Southern California  
Doctoral student, pharmacy  
Best part of Phi Kappa Phi: It serves as a sounding board for scholars of all disciplines  
(University of the Pacific)

**Azadeh E. Poursaid**  
University of Utah  
Medical student  
Role model: Elizabeth Blackwell  
(University of Utah)

**Irina Prelipcean**  
University of Central Florida  
College of Medicine  
Dental student  
(University of North Florida)

**J. Luke Pryor**  
Ithaca College  
Master's student, exercise physiology  
Fantasy career: Work with the U.S. Olympic Team  
(Lock Haven University)

**Jane Frances Rownd**  
Indiana University  
Master's student, vocal performance  
(Southeastern Louisiana University)

**Ryan M. Saxby**  
University of Arizona, Eller College of Management  
Master's student, public administration and policy  
Career objective: An administrator for city, county or state government  
(Northern Arizona University)

**Catherine C. Shoultz**  
Yale University  
Master's student in public health, concentration in epidemiology of infectious diseases  
Favorite book: *Coming Out of the Ice* by Victor Herman  
(Missouri State University)



**Ann Stebner Steele**  
University of Idaho  
Master of fine arts student, creative writing  
Favorite books: *The Monkey Wrench Gang* by Edward Abbey and *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtenay  
(University of Wyoming)

**Pamela Stockwell**  
Southern Methodist University  
Dedman School of Law  
Law student  
(University of Oklahoma)

**Katherine Sullivan**  
University of Southern Mississippi  
Master's student, science nutrition and food systems management  
(University of Mississippi)

**Sadie Tynes**  
University of Chicago Divinity School  
Master's student, history of religion  
(Montana State University)



**Emily J. Uhrig**  
Oregon State University  
Master's student, environmental science  
Memorable class: The laboratory section of vertebrate physiology  
Most proud of: Being the first in my family to attend graduate school  
(Western Oregon University)

**Stina Jennifer Webb**  
South University (Savannah, Ga.)  
Master's student, physician assistant studies  
(Armstrong Atlantic State University)



**Christopher L. Wike**  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Master's student, literary and cultural studies  
(Clarion University)

Photo by Kimberly Catlin, HealthStart Maternity Care Program.



Expectant mother Shelicia Winston (left), single mother of four-year-old Kellecia (right), received a Rock-n-Read tote bag, filled with baby board books and literacy information, from Sara Webb, a care coordinator at the Tombigbee Healthcare Authority's HealthStart Maternity Care Program in Demopolis, Ala.

## Reading Is Fundamental

By Elaina Loveland

Most everybody knows about the benefits of reading to children. But what about the benefits of reading to infants, particularly for underserved families who struggle to achieve early literacy?

In the Black Belt region of Alabama, hundreds of expectant mothers make use of the Rock-n-Read Literacy Program, an outreach initiative of the University of West Alabama's Phi Kappa Phi chapter, the school's Students in Free Enterprise program in the College of Business, and the HealthStart Maternity Care Program within the Tombigbee Healthcare Authority.

"Many of the mothers who receive these books have not completed high school. A surprising number of these households have no books," said Mary Pagliero, an associate professor of romance languages and chapter president at University of West Alabama.

That's why undertakings like Rock-n-Read, which won a Phi Kappa Phi Literacy Grant for the second straight year, are vital, said reading and literacy expert Frank Manis, a psychology professor at University of Southern California.

"All human beings love a good story, and when parents read to their children, they are preparing them to be story readers and storytellers, two essential skills for later literacy," he said. "Reading to infants has many downstream benefits. When

Photo by Chrissy Brooker, Tombigbee Healthcare Authority.



Shannon Green, sales associate at a big-box store, read to her two-week-old son, Onyx Bracy, from a baby board book on May 7, in Demopolis, Ala.

parents engage in this enthusiastically and steadily, they promote vocabulary knowledge, model a love of reading, stimulate children to use their own language to talk about the book, and foster a curiosity about the world around them."

Established in August 2008, Rock-n-Read serves several counties in West Alabama. Students compile handouts about the importance of reading at home to children and put the information in tote bags with three or four baby board books that expectant mothers can read to their newborns. Each tote bag has a unique design created by a student.

The tote bags are distributed to expectant mothers who are part of the HealthStart Maternity Care Program, which

is a Medicaid program, upon completion of a prenatal care program. At the last visit, which occurs after the child is born, moms receive the free tote bag, which acts as an incentive for them to come to the final appointment, Pagliero said.

Mothers ages 14 to 44 have participated in the program; most are in their early 20s. During the spring 2009 semester, Rock-n-Read students delivered 162 tote bags. By the end of the fall 2009 semester, Rock-n-Read students will have begun preparing 500 tote bags to be delivered the following spring semester. In the 2008-09 academic year, 17 students participated in making tote bags; in 2009-10, 16 are signed up.

"We have to improve the literacy rate here and the lives of people in this area," Pagliero said. "We want to give to the community and help make it a strong area where people will thrive and have a better standard of living and develop the area themselves."

Rock-n-Read hit close to home for Phi Kappa Phi member Jessica Merklin; the 22-year-old participated last academic year as a senior in the College of Business (and is now working toward a master's in continuing education at the College of Education). As a child, she had difficulty learning to read. A teacher took the time to help her succeed and Merklin wanted to "pay it forward," as she put it. "I was able to help others as I was once helped myself."

She continued: "Being involved in this program has helped open my eyes. I never knew that the work of a very small group can impact so many lives for so long."

"With the age of technology, it is imperative to impress upon young people the benefits of reading and the opportunities afforded to those who are proficient readers," offered Marcia Pugh, division director of Grants, Research and Outreach of West Alabama (acronym GROWestAL) at the Tombigbee Healthcare Authority. "The Rock-n-Read program helps instill the desire and advantages of reading upon this generation." ■



**Elaina Loveland** has been a professional writer and editor for a decade. She is the author of two books: *Creative Colleges: A Guide for Student Actors, Artists, Dancers, Musicians, and Writers* and *Creative Careers: Paths for Aspiring Actors, Artists, Dancers, Musicians, and Writers*. Loveland has written for various publications including U.S. News & World Report, Adjunct Advocate, Dance Teacher, Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education, and Military Officer. She earned degrees in English from Goucher College (bachelor's) and George Mason University (master's) and has taught writing, editing, and literature courses at several higher education institutions in the Washington, D.C. area. Visit [www.elainaloveland.com](http://www.elainaloveland.com) or email her at [elaina.loveland@gmail.com](mailto:elaina.loveland@gmail.com).



# 2009 Literacy Grants Recipients

The Literacy Grant program supports endeavors that build and otherwise encourage the knowledge, confidence and related benefits that come from reading, math, and computers, among other fields. Fourteen grants worth up to \$2,500 apiece were awarded this year to Phi Kappa Phi chapters and individual members for ongoing projects or new initiatives that reinforce part of the Society's mission "to engage the community of scholars in service to others." Sixty-nine applicants entered in 2009, an increase of 25 percent over 2008. Including 2009, more than 100 recipients have earned literacy grants totaling approximately \$200,000 since the program began in 2003.

## Born to Read

"Born to Read" promotes early literacy by distributing books to newborns and their families at two area hospitals. Southeast Missouri State University Phi Kappa Phi members, university administrators and students prepare the books for delivery by including a Society bookplate and a letter about the importance of reading to babies. Special events publicize the program. (Sherri Jenkins, *Southeast Missouri State University*.)

## Cartoon Economics

Valdosta State University's Phi Kappa Phi chapter works with Students in Free Enterprise from the university's Langdale College of Business Administration on economic education for more than 200 kindergarteners at three area schools. The grant went partly to buy books such as Stan and Jan Berenstain's *The Berenstain Bears' Trouble with Money* and materials for piggybanks. (Jack Fisher, *Valdosta State University*.)

## Elon Academy Book Club

The grant purchases books for a new book club at the Elon Academy, a college-access program for academically talented high school students with financial need and/or no family history of college. Elon University started the academy in 2007 after a local high school was threatened with closure. University Phi Kappa Phi student members help the academy run the club and choose the books. (Darris Means, *Elon University*.)

## Family Literacy and Global Understanding

McKendree University School of Education professors and students make literacy bags that contain the Dorling Kindersley book *A School Like Mine* and interactive activities for a multi-weekend project for second and third graders about family literacy and global understanding. At semester's end, teacher candidates give the literacy bags to the cooperating teachers the former had observed. (Bethany Hill-Anderson, *McKendree University*.)

## Lending Library for Adult ESL Learners

The Aquinas Literacy Center in Chicago expands its holdings by buying books, audio books and bookcases (bearing a Phi Kappa Phi nameplate). These

English-as-a-second-language materials are available for loan to more than 185 adult students and their families and those waiting for tutoring. The 100-plus volunteer tutors include Phi Kappa Phi members. (Kathryn Moery, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign* and Aquinas Literacy Center.)

## Literacy Library for Leveled Reading

Brushy Creek Elementary School receives leveled reading books through the grant. The school's literacy specialist and teachers, along with volunteers from the community and the University of Texas at Austin, use them while working one-on-one with beginning readers, below-grade readers, and readers with learning disabilities. Bookplates recognize Phi Kappa Phi. (Stephanie Crouch, *University of Texas at Austin*.)

## Literacy among Underprivileged Children

Brigham Young University's Phi Kappa Phi chapter extols literacy and community for underprivileged preschoolers and kindergarteners and their families through a common book that the kids keep. They also get an individualized book bag; in it are a Phi Kappa Phi bookmark; a handwritten, personalized note to the student; and an educational letter for parents. (Cassandra Lawyer, *Brigham Young University*.)

## Literacy Volunteerism through Phi Kappa Phi

The grant helps support Augusta State University's Literacy Center by providing research-based tools for intensive diagnostic assessment of the literacy strengths and needs of tutees and tutors in the community. One primary goal is to match the ways that tutors teach reading with the ways that students learn best. A plaque that honors Phi Kappa Phi hangs in the literacy center. (Paulette Harris, *Augusta State University*.)

## Literary Livewires: Bringing Books to English Language Learners

As part of a service learning project, University of Texas at Arlington students read to kids weekly at the Open Door Preschool serving low-income English language learners. At a family literacy night, all children receive a backpack

with the five books that were read aloud during the program; these titles bear a Phi Kappa Phi bookplate. Teachers get a classroom set of the books, too. (Kathleen Tice, *University of Texas at Arlington*.)

## Project LEAP SMILE Center

The grant buys supplies for the SMILE (Support Makes Involvement in Learning Enjoyable) Center, part of Project LEAP (Leadership Education to Address Poverty). The afterschool SMILE center pairs 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders with Fresno State student tutor/mentors. Individual supply kits with Phi Kappa Phi nameplates are given to the kids. Group supplies were also bought. (Michael Fiorentino, *California State University-Fresno*.)

## Project Plant a Seed

In tandem with One Heart Bulgaria — a nonprofit organization aiding Bulgarian orphans — Brigham Young University Phi Kappa Phi volunteers earmarked the grant for books for more than 500 recipients, ages 3-20, at eight Bulgarian orphanages. Books included hand-picked titles for varying interests and abilities. Chapter members delivered the books in person, paying their own way. (Jeffrey Swift, *Brigham Young University*.)

## Teaching Dialogic Reading in the Community

Boise State University literacy students and chapter members, plus a local library, promote "dialogic reading" (talking about a book with a child) through educational classes. Funds bought learning materials and reading books that help teach parents, grandparents and caregivers how to read dialogically with children. Program kids receive a hardbound book with a Phi Kappa Phi nameplate. (Laura Featherstone, *Boise State University*.)

## Yes We Can – Read

The University of Tennessee at Martin Phi Kappa Phi chapter and the Martin Housing Authority (MHA) host a weekly read-aloud event for minority, at-risk, elementary schoolchildren. The grant paid for multicultural children's literature for an afterschool program at MHA's Learning Enrichment Center. The materials, with Phi Kappa Phi bookplates, are available to others. (Mary Carpenter, *University of Tennessee at Martin*.)

## Counselor Studies Others and Herself

**Editor's note:** Like most Phi Kappa Phi award winners this year, *Love of Learning* recipient Glinda Rawls answered email questions that had been forwarded to her. She enjoyed the process so much that Rawls agreed to expand her initial comments into an autobiographical profile. Here are edited excerpts.

**Job:** Assistant Professor, University Counseling and Testing Center, Western Michigan University.

**Education:** DePaul University (B.A., Communication), Grand Valley State University (M.Ed., College Student Affairs Leadership), and Western Michigan University (M.A., College Counseling, and Ph.D., Counselor Education and Supervision).

**Other credentials:** Nationally Certified Counselor, Master Career Counselor, Licensed School Counselor, Approved Clinical Supervisor, and Licensed Professional Counselor.

**Research interests:** Elementary, middle and high school and college counseling, student affairs, counselor education, and career counseling.

**How I used my Love of Learning Award:** To help finance a trip to China



Photo courtesy of Glinda Rawls. Glinda Rawls, center, and other members of the American Counseling Association stood outside the Forbidden City in Beijing, China, in late May. Rawls used her Love of Learning grant to help underwrite a trip to China and Tibet with the association.

and Tibet sponsored by the American Counseling Association, coordinated by the People to People Ambassador Programs, and focused on mental health and career development issues in China and Tibet. On my journey (May 25-June 6), I discovered that in China, just as in the U.S., the main reasons people seek counseling or psychological services are for depression and anxiety. Clients also tend to be female, as is the case in America. On a personal note, this trip was my first time outside the United States. The experience has enriched my understanding of diversity issues and fed my hunger for multicultural education.

**Favorite book:** For a first-year seminar I am teaching this semester, I included the

2007 novel *Right Behind You*, a thriller for teens by Gail Giles. It's about a nine year-old boy who kills a seven-year-old boy, spends years in the juvenile system, and emerges as a teenager confronting his troubled past and searching for a positive future. I love this book because it really challenged and deepened my understanding of redemption and forgiveness.

**Satisfying community service:** Habitat for Humanity International in Kalamazoo, Mich., helping build a house for a single mother with three children.

**Most proud of:** My mother. She went back to school at the age of 44 to complete her associate's degree in liberal studies after taking a 20-year break to raise me and my twin sister (now a lawyer). My mom, Alveria Rawls, finished her degree in two years and is now working as a receptionist. She demonstrated a true love for learning.

**Theme song:** Marvin Sapp's "Never Would Have Made It."

**Best part of Phi Kappa Phi:** At my chapter at Western Michigan University, the best part of Phi Kappa Phi is the induction ceremony. I serve on the executive planning committee for the induction ceremony. The induction ceremony is quite special: we have wonderful music, typically a live band or piano soloist, and a reception with delicious food. I enjoy honoring new members recognized for their achievement by an association that advocates for scholarship and service. The most significant aspect of the event, though, is the gathering of friends and family who support their loved ones, the inductees. ■

Love of Learning Awards help fund postbaccalaureate studies and/or career development for active Phi Kappa Phi members. Fifty awards, at \$500 each, are given annually for graduate or professional studies, doctoral dissertations, continuing education, career development, travel related to teaching/studies, etc. This year, more than 1,000 competed for the 50 awards. Including 2009, 150 members have earned Love of Learning Awards totaling \$75,000 since the program began in 2007. Due to the program's popularity, 30 additional \$500 grants will be distributed starting in 2010, making the annual tally 80 Love of Learning Awards worth \$40,000.



**Diana L. Ahmad**  
Associate Professor  
of American History  
Missouri University of  
Science and Technology

(Missouri University of Science and Technology)

**Sharon A. Aiken-Wisniewski**

Associate Dean  
for Undergraduate Studies  
University College,  
University of Utah  
(University of Utah)



**Rebecca M. Aldrich**  
University of North  
Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Doctoral student,  
occupational science  
(University of Southern California)

(University of Southern California)

**Mariko Anno**

Tokyo University of the Arts (Tokyo  
Geijutsu Daigaku)  
Doctoral student, musicology  
Satisfying community service: Peace  
Corps in Morocco  
(University of Illinois  
at Urbana-Champaign)

**Tracy L. Arambula-Turner**

University of Texas at Austin  
Doctoral student, higher education  
administration  
Role model: Sonia Sotomayor  
(University of Texas at Austin)

**Lourdes Margarita Aves Caballero**

Senior Project Officer  
National Commission on the Role of  
Filipino Women, Manila, Philippines  
(University of the Philippines)

**Aerynn Dighton**

University of California-Davis  
Post-baccalaureate student, classics  
(California State University-  
Stanislaus)

**Lance Eckerle**

Vanderbilt University  
School of Medicine  
Postdoctoral research fellow,  
pediatric infectious diseases  
(Auburn University)

**Margaret A. Eggleston**

Manager, Technical Workforce  
Federal Aviation Administration-Air  
Traffic Organization, Washington, D.C.  
Most proud of: My educational  
journey from GED to Ph.D.  
(Virginia Polytechnic Institute and  
State University)



**Michelle Marie Enriquez**  
Science teacher  
Miyamura High School,  
Gallup, N.M.

Master's student, education,  
University of New Mexico  
Favorite book: *The Power of One*  
by Bryce Courtenay  
(University of Southern California)

**Rita May Fetalvero**

Columbia University  
Master's student, actuarial science  
(University of the Philippines)

**Anne Marie Fink**

University of Illinois at Chicago  
Doctoral student, nursing science  
Using Love of Learning Award for:  
My study titled "Cytokines, Fatigue,  
and Depressive Symptoms  
in Chronic Heart Failure"  
(University of Illinois at Chicago)

**Lisa D. Gardner**

University of Maryland, Baltimore  
Doctoral student, epidemiology  
Satisfying community service:  
Providing care for alley cats  
(University of Maryland)

# 2009 Love of Learning Recipients



**Sheldon A. Goldberg, Lt. Colonel, USAF (Ret.)**  
University of Maryland  
Doctoral student,  
history

Most proud of: The fact that I achieved a level of professional and academic success that I would never have dreamed of when I first left home as a high school dropout (University of Maryland)

**Linda Gosner**

Curatorial Assistant, Archaeological Collections Repository  
Arizona State Museum  
Taking graduate courses in archaeology at alma mater, University of Arizona (University of Arizona)

**Mark H. Griep**

Fulbright scholar, nanotechnology Research Center for Applied Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan  
Ultimately will work in research for the U.S. Army Research Laboratory (Michigan Technological University)

**Dawn T. Gulick**

Professor, Physical Therapy  
Widener University  
Most proud of: My daughter  
Best part of Phi Kappa Phi: The wonderful collegial relationships (Lock Haven University)



**Nancy T. Guthrie**  
Coordinator for Spanish-Speaking Programs  
Study Abroad Center,  
Iowa State University

Satisfying community service: Working in Peru with students building mud stoves that save trees and improve health (Iowa State University)

**Ryan S. Hoffman**

San Jose State University, Lucas Graduate School of Business  
Master of business administration student  
Cabrillo College  
Accepted to licensed vocational nurse to registered nurse transition program (San Jose State University)



**Matthew Hutcherson**  
Regional Director  
Mountain BizWorks,  
an Asheville, N.C.-based  
nonprofit providing

business planning training for underserved communities  
Influential person met: Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus at an economic development conference (Western Carolina University)

**Oluseun Samuel Idowu**

University of Missouri-Kansas City  
Interdisciplinary doctoral student, geosciences and mathematics  
Question not asked you want to answer: Previous job? National TV weather presenter with the Nigerian Meteorological Agency. (University of Missouri-Kansas City)

**Andrea L. Joyce**

Texas A & M University  
Postdoctoral research associate,  
entomology  
Satisfying community service: Entomology outreach for sixth-grade girls (Texas A & M University)



**Yoshihiro Katsuhama**  
Colorado State  
University  
Doctoral student, civil  
engineering

Career objective: International consultant in water resources of developing countries (Colorado State University)

**Deborah E. Laurin**

California State University-  
Los Angeles  
Master's student, psychology  
Satisfying community service: Social support to refugee families (California State University-  
Los Angeles)

**Brian James Leech**

University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Doctoral student, history  
Using Love of Learning Award for: Travel for dissertation research on neighborhood relocation due to mining operations in Butte, Mont. (University of Montana)

**Hongwei Liao**

University of Michigan  
Doctoral student, electrical  
engineering  
Best part of Phi Kappa Phi: Bringing talents of a variety of academic backgrounds together (University of Michigan)

**Kerriann Marden**

Tulane University  
Doctoral student, anthropology  
Employment: Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, conducting nondestructive analysis of human skeletal remains (University of Maryland)

**Elisabeth Maxwell**

Oregon State University  
Doctoral student, public health  
Most proud of: Working, parenting and volunteering while commuting to campus almost an hour away and maintaining a high GPA (Oregon State University)

**Roger Lee Mendoza**

Pension actuary  
Private practice, Cherry Hill, N.J.  
Satisfying community service: The four-day People Power Revolution of 1986 (University of the Philippines)



**Omar Y. Mian**  
Virginia Commonwealth  
University,  
School of Medicine  
M.D./Ph.D. student

Fantasy career: Fly-fishing guide in Montana (Virginia Commonwealth University)

**Robin Y. Minchhoff**

R.N. and intensive care unit practice educator at a 600-bed teaching hospital  
Fantasy career: Treasure hunter (Villanova University)

**Melissa J. Mokol**

University of Connecticut  
Doctoral student, nursing  
Satisfying community service: Soup kitchen  
Favorite book: *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck (University of Connecticut)

**DeMar Austin Neal IV**

Florida State University  
Doctoral student, music,  
vocal performance (baritone)  
Satisfying community experience: Concerts for the Boston Alzheimer's Center (Florida State University)

**Luke A. Nichter**

Assistant Professor of History  
Texas A & M University-Central Texas  
Best part of Phi Kappa Phi: The network of members and partner discounts (Bowling Green State University)



**Wilkistar Otieno**  
University of South  
Florida  
Doctoral student,  
industrial engineering

Role model: Barack Obama (University of South Florida)

**Tammy E. Parece**

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Master's student, geography (Virginia Commonwealth University)



**Byung-Jung Park**  
Texas A & M University  
Doctoral student,  
civil engineering,  
concentration

in transportation  
Satisfying community service: Adopt-a-highway program (Texas A & M University)

**Laura Ann Perry**

University of Memphis  
Doctoral student, American history  
Satisfying community service: Tutoring at the Memphis Literacy Council  
Most proud of: Going back to school after a 12-year hiatus (University of Memphis)



**Sarah E. Pitts**  
University of Alabama  
Senior, music therapy  
Intern in music  
therapy, Florida

State Hospital (University of Alabama)

**Emily Poon**

University of Illinois  
at Urbana-Champaign  
Doctoral student, neuroscience (University of Illinois  
at Urbana-Champaign)

**Charlemagne A. Rafols**

University of California,  
Los Angeles  
Master's student, screenwriting  
Satisfying community service: Driving a college group to Mexico to bring goods to the poor and playing with the neighborhood kids (California State University-  
Los Angeles)

**Ryan M. Rish**

The Ohio State University  
Doctoral student, adolescent,  
postsecondary and community  
literacy (The Ohio State University)

**Cynthia Rubenstein**

Nursing professor  
James Madison University  
Doctoral candidate, nursing,  
Villanova University (Villanova University)



**Danielle L. Rudder**  
Using Love of Learning  
Award for: Applications  
to psychology graduate  
programs

Role model: My parents  
Most proud of: My nerdiness! (Michigan State University)



**Carly Elizabeth Schall**  
University of Wisconsin-  
Madison/University  
of Stockholm  
Doctoral student,

sociology  
Role model: My husband  
Most proud of: My beautiful  
infant son (University of Wisconsin-Madison)



**Laura Schambers**  
University of Colorado  
Denver School  
of Medicine  
Medical student,

planning to enter obstetrics  
and gynecology (Westmont College)



**Heidi Schlagheck**  
Former Air Force officer  
Current stay-at-home  
mom

Most proud of: My  
son who underwent two open-  
heart surgeries and a craniotomy  
before six months of age and  
has inspired my fantasy career  
to build a nonprofit organization  
with global reach about single-  
ventricle congenital heart  
defects (Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
and State University)

**Christine Schnitzler**

Oregon State University  
Doctoral candidate, zoology  
(Oregon State University)



**Simone Sessolo**  
University of Texas  
at Austin  
Doctoral student,  
comparative literature  
(University of Texas at Austin)

## Unearthing a Passion for Archaeology

By Jeremy C. Garland

**J**ennifer Kielhofer's childhood hikes on her father's 40-acre cattle ranch in Truckee, Calif., part of the ancient home of the Native American Washoe tribe, were one reason the University of Nevada-Reno junior spent six weeks this past summer on a dig on Roatan Island, off the eastern coast of Honduras.

"Digging and uncovering a bygone past intrigued me" as a child, said Kielhofer. Indeed, on these regular outings with her dad, they occasionally found small artifacts that further reflected the 9,000 years of history that experts conclude the Washoe tribe has had in the region. Little did she know then that these amateur forays would become the foundation for her passion for archaeology.

Her summer expedition to Roatan Island, a trip partly financed by a Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad grant, was folded into a University of South Florida program to determine which ancient ethnic groups had occupied the land from 900 to 1500, a span of important eras in Honduran history. Researchers believe that Mayan, Pech, and Tolupan civilizations may have used the island as a ceremonial location.

"Archaeology is often the only way to uncover a people's past and cultural heritage. When sites are destroyed, the avenue to this unique heritage is lost forever," said Kielhofer, who majors in anthropology and minors in archeology and Spanish. The dig uncovered evidence that helped preserve the history of the ancient populations. A greater understanding of what led to their unique development will

Photo courtesy of Jennifer Kielhofer.



University of Nevada-Reno junior Jennifer Kielhofer (left), along with Study Abroad classmate Mina Sack, excavated in June at an archaeological dig on Roatan Island, off the eastern coast of Honduras, as part of a six-week summer study abroad program. Kielhofer helped pay for her trip with a Society grant.

provide the people of Honduras with an important method to help advance their future, she said.

By excavating existing sites, surveying for new sites, and analyzing artifacts in the lab, Kielhofer received a crash course in archaeological fieldwork, she explained. At an ongoing excavation, she discovered the first remnants of architecture at the site – small, crude pieces of ceramic that are believed to have been part of a ceremonial structure – providing a new perspective on how ancient people lived on the island.

Surveying for new sites meant a week, a full 40 hours, of going on grueling hikes, chopping back thick brush and dodging thorns. In the lab, Kielhofer learned how to determine whether uncovered pieces of ceramic belonged

to a jar or a bowl and how to classify those pieces.

"Overall, this experience confirmed my love for archaeology," concluded the 20-year-old. "Now I feel confident that I could set up an excavation grid anywhere and have success conducting my own grid."

Surely her dad would be thrilled; they still hike together, and those early days digging at the family ranch uncovered much more than they ever could have imagined. ■



### Jeremy C. Garland

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**Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants help undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by venturing afield. This year, more than 200 applicants competed for 50 \$1,000 grants. Including 2009, 318 students have earned Study Abroad Grants totaling \$318,000 since the program began in 2001.**



**Kimberly Adams**  
Duquesne University  
Junior, physician  
assistant major  
Study abroad: Tanzania  
and Tunisia

Study abroad: Currently  
at University of Munich  
Satisfying community service:  
Helping local immigrants assimilate

**Ashley Bartman**  
The Ohio State University  
Junior, chemistry and  
history of art double major  
Study abroad: Studio Art Centers  
International, Florence, Italy,  
early next year

**Marc Beaudoin**  
United States Military Academy  
International history major  
Study abroad: Catholic University  
of Lyon, Lyon, France, fall semester

**Kasey Bandy**  
University of Georgia  
Senior, health promotion  
and behavior major  
Study abroad: Buenos Aires,  
Argentina  
Memorable class: Anthropology  
of eating

**Thomas Anderson**  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
and State University  
Sophomore, international studies  
major, focusing on business  
and environmental policy

**Deanna Belsky**  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Biochemistry and Asian studies  
double major  
Study abroad: Southwest  
University of Finance and  
Economics, Sichuan,  
Chengdu, China



**Jeremy Bender**  
University of Maine  
Junior, marine science  
major  
Study abroad: Currently  
at James Cook University,  
Townsville, Australia  
Satisfying community service:  
Dog walker at the  
Humane Society

# 2009 Study Abroad Recipients



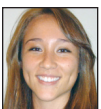
**Christy Beyke**  
Western Kentucky University  
Junior, chemistry and biology double major

Study abroad: Southwest University of Finance and Economics, Sichuan, Chengdu, China  
Favorite book: *Ender's Shadow* by Orson Scott Card



**Samantha Bond**  
University of Maine  
Junior, marine biology major

Study abroad: SEA Semester cruise from Honolulu to San Francisco  
Satisfying community service: Helping the elderly with lawn and house projects



**Brittany Leigh Carr**  
East Carolina University  
Junior, biology and Asian studies double major

Study abroad: Historical, cultural and religious field study in India  
Influential person met: 17<sup>th</sup> Gyalwang Karmapa



**Mallory Collins**  
University of Memphis  
Anthropology major  
Study abroad: Pune, India



**Teresa Cunningham**  
North Carolina State University  
Senior, graphic design major

Study abroad: Graphic design and literature in Prague, Czech Republic  
Role models: My mother and father



**Daniel Edward Ellis**  
North Carolina State University  
Junior, parks, recreation, and tourism management major

Study abroad: Ghana, West Africa



**Suzanna Ellzey**  
University of Southern Mississippi  
Junior, biochemistry major with a pre-med emphasis

Study abroad: King's College London, England  
Favorite book: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

## Devon Emig

University of Mississippi  
German and English double major  
Study abroad: Currently at the University of Trier, Germany



**Stacey Epping**  
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
Senior, secondary education major,

emphasis on social studies and Spanish  
Study abroad: San Josecito, Costa Rica



**Hannah Eubanks**  
Missouri State University  
Junior, anthropology major

Study abroad: Fall semester in Findhorn Ecovillage, Forres, Scotland  
Favorite book: *Chronicles of Narnia* series by C. S. Lewis



**Rebecca L. Farnum**  
Michigan State University  
Sophomore, interdisciplinary

humanities and microbiology double major  
Study abroad: American University in Cairo, Egypt  
Career objective: Humanitarian organizations in Africa and the Middle East



**Lesley Greenwell**  
Western Kentucky University  
Senior, corporate and organizational

communications major  
Study abroad: Theater at Harlaxton College, near Grantham, England  
Satisfying community service: 4-H



**Aaren Hunt**  
North Carolina State University  
Junior, human biology and Spanish

double major  
Study abroad: Sololá, Guatemala  
Career objective: Practice medicine in a developing, Spanish-speaking country



**Lydia Irion**  
Texas A & M University  
Junior, English major  
Study abroad: Courses in 19<sup>th</sup>-century French

art history and fashion history in Paris, France  
Career objective: Writer  
Fantasy career: Travel writer



**Jansen Langle**  
Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort Wayne  
Senior, German major

Study abroad: 2009-10 academic year at Albert-Ludwig University of Freiburg, Germany



**Iris Z. Lin**  
University of California-Davis  
Junior, psychology and sociology double major

Study abroad: 2009-10 academic year at University of Ghana  
Role model: My mother



**Nicole Loring**  
Syracuse University  
Junior, political science and economics, double major

Study abroad: City University of Hong Kong  
Role model: Aung San Suu Kyi

## Chelsea Losh

Georgia College & State University  
English major  
Study abroad: Waterford Institute of Technology, Ireland



**Alison Lutz**  
Plattsburgh State University  
Junior, mathematics major

Study abroad: Northern Ireland, exploring the impact of the Troubles on communities

## Whitney McCullough

Georgia College & State University  
Sociology major  
Study abroad: Waterford Institute of Technology, Ireland



**Jessica McKinney**  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Junior, agricultural and applied economics major

Study abroad: Across Australia, learning about environmental policy  
Favorite author: Jane Austen  
Satisfying community service: Afterschool program for international children at a YMCA



**Kassi McKinney**  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Junior, agricultural and applied economics major

Study abroad: Across Australia, learning about environmental policy  
Favorite books: Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* and Isabel Allende's *The House of the Spirits*



**Melissa Pfluger**  
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point  
Junior, choral music and general music

education double major  
Study abroad: Fall semester at University of Limerick, Ireland  
Satisfying community service: Amateur mariachi band for a community Our Lady of Guadalupe mass



**Tim Pitts**  
Mississippi State University  
Senior, computer engineering major

Study abroad: University of South Australia  
Satisfying community service: Tutoring and mentoring underprivileged children



**Ruth Poe**  
University of Southern Mississippi  
Junior, history and psychology

double major  
Study abroad: Learned about the Vietnam War while in Vietnam  
Favorite author: James Rollins



**Carissa Porter**  
University of Arkansas-Fayetteville  
Sophomore, French major

Study abroad: Center of Applied Linguistics in Besançon, France



**Lucas Pulley**  
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale  
Junior, mechanical engineering major

Study abroad: Attended the Technical University of Braunschweig Germany and interned at the National Institute for Material Sciences



**Kyle William Riggs**  
University of Missouri-Columbia  
Junior, chemistry, business and Spanish

triple major  
Study abroad: Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogota, Colombia  
Further educational plans: Medical school  
Question not asked you want to answer: Inspiration to become a doctor? At 18 months and at 8 years old, I underwent open-heart surgery. I want to dedicate my life to giving the same care that I received.



**Jason Roeschley**  
Illinois Wesleyan University  
Junior, Hispanic studies major

Study abroad: Currently at University of Guanajuato  
Favorite author: Ayn Rand



**Erick Romig**  
University of Alaska-Anchorage  
Junior, Spanish language and

literature major  
Study abroad: Fall semester at Universidad de Belgrano, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Favorite book: *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London  
Role model: Noam Chomsky



**Kaycie Rupp**  
Nebraska Wesleyan University  
Junior, political science and Spanish double

major  
Study abroad: Currently at Universidad Catolica del Norte, Coquimbo, Chile  
Further educational plans: Law degree and possibly a master's in public policy or international relations



**Aleksey Sanchez**  
Florida State University  
Senior, international affairs and Russian double major

Study abroad: Moscow State University  
Career objective: U.S. Foreign Service Officer stationed in Russia

# 2009 Emerging Scholar Recipients

## Nursing Her Way to Service

By Gina Logue

A chance encounter in her first college semester led 2009 Emerging Scholar Award winner Miriam Mahfoud to redirect her educational path.

The nursing major at California State University-Fresno was so intrigued by a deaf student's use of an interpreter in a freshman chemistry class that she decided to make deaf studies her minor, hoping to fuse the two disciplines in a career.

"I know that learning a different language, like Spanish, may be more beneficial than knowing ASL (American Sign Language) in California," said the sophomore, "but I believe that the deaf community is often underrepresented. Hospitals may lack or have limited equipment and staff to make healthcare readily accessible to the deaf."

Combining public service with personal achievement is nothing new for Mahfoud. At Kingsburg (Calif.) High School, she volunteered at a local hospital, helped the homeless, and participated in an Adopt-a-Family program. She also found time for the Girls State leadership program and the Key Club service organization, along with the math club, volleyball team, yearbook staff and choirs. Mahfoud further served as class president freshman and sophomore years.

"I like to do a lot of different activities because I want to be well-rounded," she said. "I feel like if I'm not doing something, I'm wasting my time."



Photo courtesy of Miriam Mahfoud.

Miriam Mahfoud hopes to serve members of the deaf community in interacting with the health care system. Her career path was inspired by a deaf student in her freshman chemistry class.

Her productive agenda at Cal State-Fresno entails being a scholar in the Smittcamp Family Honors College, for instance, and volunteering at a neighborhood food pantry run by Fresno State students.

With an agenda so full, a student needs a superior work ethic and excellent time management skills. Mahfoud, 19, attributes these qualities to her parents. Her father, a civil engineer, came to America at age 18 from Syria. Her mother, a kindergarten teacher, arrived at age 12 from the Philippines.

"We (Miriam and her three sisters) were disciplined in education growing up," she said. "I appreciate my parents' efforts in teaching me the importance of hard work."

Her major might have seemed like a foregone conclusion since she has an aunt who is a nurse. However, that decision also includes a public service dimension. In her personal statement to become an Emerging Scholar, she wrote, "Ever since I visited a tiny orphanage in Cambodia on a mission trip, I knew I wanted to pursue a career that would give me the opportunity to serve and love others."

"Then, in my senior year of high school, an anatomy class was offered for the first time. I decided to take it and fell in love with the complexity and intricacy of the human body. For these reasons, I decided to become a nurse."

Mahfoud plans to pursue a master's degree and find a job utilizing her training in nursing and deaf studies. ■



**Gina Logue** (Middle Tennessee

State University) is a producer and media representative in the Office of News and Public Affairs at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU). She

entered academia after more than 20 years as a broadcast journalist at numerous regional radio stations, covering the last term of Alabama Gov. George Wallace and the third term of Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards, as well as state legislatures, elections and other political news. Since arriving at MTSU in 2001, she has won seven public relations awards from the Tennessee College Public Relations Association and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Educated at MTSU (B.S. in political science), she contributed articles to and performed administrative work for the *Encyclopedia of the First Amendment* (CQ Press, 2008) and is working similarly on the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of the Fourth Amendment* (also for CQ Press). Email her at odahleen@gmail.com.

## 2009 Study Abroad Recipients continued



**Anne Schnitzenbaumer**  
Ball State University  
Junior, architecture major

Study abroad: Field study across Ireland about the Troubles  
Role models: The matriarchs of my family  
Satisfying community service: Spending time with senior citizens

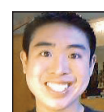


**Jared Sheehan**  
Miami University of Ohio  
Junior, double major in accounting and

in environmental principles and practices  
Study abroad: Business and Chinese courses while visiting numerous Chinese cities last summer  
Favorite book: *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

**Kathryn Showers-Curtis**  
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater  
Central and Eastern European studies major  
Study abroad: Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, and an intensive language program in Bratislava, Slovakia

**Alexis C. Smith**  
University of Southern Mississippi  
Senior, psychology and history double major  
Study abroad: Vietnam  
Favorite book: *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell



**Bryan Tom**  
Arizona State University  
Junior, economics and political science, double major

Study abroad: 2009-10 academic year at East China Normal University,

Shanghai, China,  
Career goals: State Department as a legal advisor or diplomat  
Satisfying community service: Working with the Shanghai Migrant School teaching disadvantaged children English



**Carrie Van Dusen**  
Brigham Young University  
Junior, communications/public relations major

Study abroad: Teaching at an orphanage in Trujillo, Peru, learning nonprofit public relations and building a Web site for the orphanage

**Molly Van Hart**  
The Ohio State University  
Psychology major  
Study abroad: Kathmandu, Nepal



**Megan Wiessner**  
Fordham University  
Junior, visual arts and history double major  
Study abroad:

Fall semester at the School for International Training, Dakar, Senegal



**Melanie Wooten**  
Georgia College & State University  
Biology major, pre-med  
Study abroad: Galapagos Islands, Ecuador



**Mary Zhong**  
San Diego State University  
Junior  
Study abroad: University of Oxford  
Further educational plans: Law school

# 2009 Emerging Scholar Recipients

The Emerging Scholar Award recognizes outstanding sophomores, in addition to select others, enrolled at Phi Kappa Phi member institutions. Each year, the Society distributes 60 \$250 awards to noteworthy applicants with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75 on a 4.0 scale and with a minimum of 30 semester hours academic credit earned at their current college or university. This year, 175 applicants competed for the 60 grants. Including 2009, 180 recipients have earned Emerging Scholar Awards totaling \$45,000 since the program began in 2007. This is the final year for this program.



**Eric M. Battles**  
California State University-Fresno  
Political science major



**Whitney Dawn Gochinas**  
Northwestern State University  
Pre-med major



**Alyson Link**  
University of Central Missouri  
Elementary education major



**Kristin Audrey Phillips**  
Florida State University  
International affairs and political science major

**Martha V. Blakely**

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Chemistry and mathematics double major

**Sarah Haas**

University of Texas at Austin  
Accounting major



**Hannah Lipe**  
North Carolina State University  
Psychology and applied sociology (concentrating in criminology) double major

**Meighan Read**

University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Mechanical engineering major



**Kelsey Bradbury**  
Pennsylvania State University  
Advertising and psychology double major



**Karin E. Hanson**  
South Dakota State University  
Mechanical engineering and Spanish double major



**Lucy Lyford**  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
Psychology major

**Molly E. Richard**

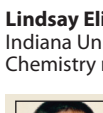
University of Southern Mississippi  
Religion major



**Mary J. Burroughs**  
North Carolina State University  
Chemical engineering major

**Mark Harris**

University of Southern Mississippi  
Philosophy major (junior)



**Lindsay Elise Matolyak**  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Chemistry major

**Lauren Rigsby**

Middle Tennessee State University  
Biology major

**Hannah Blake Stute Sadowski**

Georgia College & State University  
Environmental science major

**Baylee Butler**

Wright State University  
Political science major



**Marie Holowach**  
University of Southern Mississippi  
Speech language pathology major



**Mike Mazzotta**  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Fantasy career: Pharmaceutical researcher or nanotechnology researcher

**Lucia Schepps**

Syracuse University  
Public relations major



**Erin Elizabeth Schubach**  
Georgia College & State University  
English major

**Elizabeth Camp**

Western Carolina University  
Nursing major

**Trey Horkey**

Texas Tech University  
Energy commerce major (junior)



**Justin McIntyre**  
Youngstown State University  
Political science major, pre-law track

**Jason Shah**

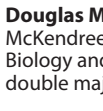
University of New Orleans  
International studies major

**Alyssa Cattle**

University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Math major

**Paul Huffman**

Duquesne University  
Pharmacy major



**Douglas Mennerick**  
McKendree University  
Biology and secondary education double major

**Samuel Staton**

Syracuse University  
Sport management, finance major (senior)

**Natalie Craik**

University of Texas at Austin  
Biomedical engineering major



**Matthew Hunt**  
North Carolina State University  
Biomedical engineering major

**Monica Moore**

Florida State University  
Political science major

**Elizabeth Stokley**

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Industrial design major

**Anjali Datta**

University of Texas at Austin  
Electrical engineering major

**Kevin Isa Izadpanah**

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Biochemistry and biology double major

**Theresa Neiderer**

University of Maryland, College Park  
Neurobiology and physiology major



**Rachel Stoller**  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Economics major

**Adam Emerson**

Middle Tennessee State University  
Psychology and international relations double major



**Danielle M. Kaslow**  
University of Miami  
Print journalism and English literature double major



**Thanh Nguyen**  
Oklahoma City University  
Cell and molecular biology major

**Jonathan Strong**

Ball State University  
Electronic art and animation and computer science double major



**Ann Marie Frappier**  
University of Nevada-Las Vegas  
Mechanical engineering major

**Anna Koster**

University of Nevada-Reno  
Music and chemistry double major

**Brian D. Garcar**

Youngstown State University  
Integrated math/secondary education major



**Michael W. Kotarinos**  
University of South Florida  
Business economics and statistics double major

**Christian Nunez**

Florida State University  
Political science and social work double major (junior)

**Randall Sullivan**

Northwestern State University  
Physics major

**Emily Allison Garcia**

University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Accounting and Spanish double major

**Kirsten Kraker**

Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Biology pre-veterinary medicine major

**Bethany Offutt**

University of Maryland  
Criminology and psychology double major



**Elaine Tolbert**  
Western Carolina University  
Anthropology major (junior)



**Brent S. Geist**  
Villanova University  
Accounting and finance double major (junior)

**Jessica Francis Adams LeClair**

University of Central Florida  
Health sciences major

**Thomas M. Pangia**

Georgia College & State University  
Chemistry major



**Ashley Villarreal**  
University of Southern Mississippi  
Biological sciences and Spanish double major

**Anushi Patel**

Florida State University  
Biological sciences major

**Kathryn Wheeler**

Duquesne University  
International relations major

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Alfred University, Alfred, N.Y.  
 Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich.  
 Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.  
 Arcadia University, Glenside, Pa.  
 Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz.  
 Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Ark.  
 Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, Ga.  
 Auburn University, Auburn, Ala.  
 Auburn University-Montgomery, Montgomery, Ala.  
 Augusta State University, Augusta, Ga.  
 Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn.  
 Ball State University, Muncie, Ind.  
 Berea College, Berea, Ky.  
 Berry College, Mount Berry, Ga.  
 Black Hills State University, Spearfish, S.D.  
 Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, Pa.  
 Boise State University, Boise, Idaho  
 Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio  
 Bradley University, Peoria, Ill.  
 Brenau University, Gainesville, Ga.  
 Brigham Young University-Hawaii, Laie, Hawaii  
 Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah  
 Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 California State University-Chico, Chico, Calif.  
 California State University-Dominguez Hills, Carson, Calif.  
 California State University-Fresno, Fresno, Calif.  
 California State University-Fullerton, Fullerton, Calif.  
 California State University-Long Beach, Long Beach, Calif.  
 California State University-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.  
 California State University-Northridge, Northridge, Calif.  
 California State University-Sacramento, Sacramento, Calif.  
 California State University-San Bernardino, San Bernardino, Calif.  
 California State University-Stanislaus, Turlock, Calif.  
 Cameron University, Lawton, Okla.  
 Campbell University, Buies Creek, N.C.  
 Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Wash. Ellensburg, WA  
 The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.  
 Clarion University, Clarion, Pa.  
 Clarkson University, Potsdam, N.Y.  
 Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.  
 Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
 College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C.  
 The College of New Jersey, Ewing, N.J.  
 Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo.  
 Colorado State University-Pueblo, Pueblo, Colo.  
 Columbus State University, Columbus, Ga.  
 Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, S.D.  
 Delta State University, Cleveland, Miss.  
 DePaul University, Chicago, Ill.  
 Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C.  
 East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tenn.  
 Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky.  
 Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Mich.  
 Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, N.M.  
 Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, Ore.  
 Eastern Washington University, Cheney, Wash.  
 Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Ill.  
 Elon University, Elon, N.C.  
 Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan.  
 Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Fla.  
 Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Fla.  
 Florida International University, Miami, Fla.  
 Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Fla.  
 Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.  
 Fontbonne University, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y.  
 Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kan.  
 Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colo.  
 Francis Marion University, Florence, S.C.  
 Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.  
 Georgia College & State University, Milledgeville, Ga.  
 Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Ga.  
 Georgia State University, Atlanta, Ga.  
 Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Mich.  
 Hood College, Frederick, Md.  
 Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho  
 Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill.  
 Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Ind.  
 Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pa.  
 Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, Ind.  
 Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa  
 Ithaca College, Ithaca, N.Y.  
 Jackson State University, Jackson, Miss.  
 Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Ala.  
 Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Fla.  
 James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.  
 Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan.  
 Kean University, Union, N.J.  
 Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Ga.  
 Kutztown University, Kutztown, Pa.  
 Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas  
 Lock Haven University, Lock Haven, Pa.  
 Longwood University, Farmville, Va.  
 Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.  
 Louisiana State University-Shreveport, Shreveport, La.  
 Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, La.  
 Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa.  
 Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va.  
 McKendree University, Lebanon, Ill.  
 McNeese State University, Lake Charles, La.  
 Mercer University, Macon, Ga.  
 Miami University, Oxford, Ohio  
 Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.  
 Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Mich.  
 Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
 Millersville University, Millersville, Pa.  
 Millikin University, Decatur, Ill.  
 Minnesota State University-Mankato, Mankato, Minn.  
 Minnesota State University-Moorhead, Moorhead, Minn.  
 Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Miss.  
 Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Miss.  
 Missouri State University, Springfield, Mo.  
 Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, Mo.  
 Montana State University, Bozeman, Mont.  
 Montclair State University, Montclair, N.J.  
 Morehead State University, Morehead, Ky.  
 Murray State University, Murray, Ky.  
 Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio  
 Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb.  
 New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, N.M.  
 New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, N.M.  
 Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, La.  
 North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, Greensboro, N.C.  
 North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.  
 North Dakota State University, Fargo, N.D.  
 North Georgia College & State University, Dahlonega, Ga.  
 Northeastern University, Boston, Mass.  
 Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Ariz.  
 Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Ill.  
 Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La.  
 Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio  
 The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio  
 Ohio University, Athens, Ohio  
 Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla.  
 Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va.  
 Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore.  
 Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa.  
 Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kan.  
 Plattsburgh State University, Plattsburgh, N.Y.  
 Plymouth State University, Plymouth, N.H.  
 Portland State University, Portland, Ore.  
 Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.  
 Radford University, Radford, Va.  
 Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, N.Y.  
 Sage Colleges, Troy, N.Y.  
 Salem State College, Salem, Mass.  
 Salisbury University, Salisbury, Md.  
 Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.  
 San Diego State University, San Diego, Calif.  
 San Jose State University, San Jose, Calif.  
 Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, W.Va.  
 Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, Pa.  
 Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, Pa.  
 South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D.  
 Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
 Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, La.  
 Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Carbondale, Ill.  
 Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Edwardsville, Ill.  
 Southern Oregon University, Ashland, Ore.  
 State University of New York-Cortland, Cortland, N.Y.  
 State University of New York-Oswego, Oswego, N.Y.  
 State University of New York-Potsdam, Potsdam, N.Y.  
 Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.  
 Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tenn.  
 Texas A & M International University, Laredo, Texas  
 Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas  
 Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas  
 Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas  
 Troy University, Troy, Ala.  
 Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo.  
 United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.  
 United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.  
 University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Ala.  
 University of Alabama in Huntsville, Huntsville, Ala.  
 University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
 University of Alaska-Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska  
 University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Fairbanks, Alaska  
 University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.  
 University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, Fayetteville, Ark.  
 University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, Ark.  
 University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, Conn.  
 University of California-Davis, Davis, Calif.  
 University of Central Florida, Orlando, Fla.  
 University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Mo.  
 University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn.  
 University of Delaware, Newark, Del.  
 University of Evansville, Evansville, Ind.  
 University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.  
 University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.  
 University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, Texas  
 University of Houston-Downtown, Houston, Texas  
 University of Houston, Houston, Texas  
 University of Houston-Victoria, Victoria, Texas  
 University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho  
 University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Ill.  
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Ill.  
 University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.  
 University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.  
 University of Louisiana-Lafayette, Lafayette, La.  
 University of Louisiana-Monroe, Monroe, La.  
 University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky.  
 University of Maine, Orono, Maine  
 University of Maryland, College Park, Md.  
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass.  
 University of Memphis, Memphis, Tenn.  
 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.  
 University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss.  
 University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Mo.  
 University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo.  
 University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.  
 University of Montana, Missoula, Mont.  
 University of Montevallo, Montevallo, Ala.  
 University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, Neb.  
 University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Neb.  
 University of Nevada-Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nev.  
 University of Nevada-Reno, Reno, Nev.  
 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N.M.  
 University of New Orleans, New Orleans, La.  
 University of North Alabama, Florence, Ala.  
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, N.C.  
 University of North Carolina-Wilmington, Wilmington, N.C.  
 University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Fla.  
 University of North Texas, Denton, Texas  
 University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.  
 University of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif.  
 University of the Philippines, Quezon City, Philippines  
 University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, Greensburg, Pa.  
 University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Johnstown, Pa.  
 University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico  
 University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.  
 University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R.I.  
 University of South Alabama, Mobile, Ala.  
 University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg, S.C.  
 University of South Florida, Tampa, Fla.  
 University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif.  
 University of Southern Maine, Portland  
 University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss.  
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.  
 University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, Tenn.  
 University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas  
 University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas  
 University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas  
 University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Galveston, Texas  
 University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, Texas  
 University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas  
 University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio  
 University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Okla.  
 University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah  
 University of West Alabama, Livingston, Ala.  
 University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Ga.  
 University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, Wis.  
 University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Green Bay, Wis.  
 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wis.  
 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Platteville, Wis.  
 University of Wisconsin-River Falls, River Falls, Wis.  
 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Stevens Point, Wis.  
 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, Wis.  
 University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo.  
 Utah State University, Logan, Utah  
 Utah Valley University, Orem, Utah  
 Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Ga.  
 Villanova University, Villanova, Pa.  
 Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va.  
 Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.  
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Va.  
 Washburn University, Topeka, Kan.  
 Wayne State College, Wayne, Neb.  
 Weber State University, Ogden, Utah  
 Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga.  
 West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.Va.  
 West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, W.Va.  
 Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N.C.  
 Western Illinois University, Macomb, Ill.  
 Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Ky.  
 Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich.  
 Western Oregon University, Monmouth, Ore.  
 Western Washington University, Bellingham, Wash.  
 Westfield State College, Westfield, Mass.  
 Westmont College, Santa Barbara, Calif.  
 Wichita State University, Wichita, Kan.  
 Widener University, Chester, Pa.  
 Winthrop University, Rock Hill, S.C.  
 Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio  
 Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio