AWARDS EDITION
Showcasing 274 Phi Kappa Phi award recipients across the disciplines

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

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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the national headquarters have been located in Baton Rouge, La., since 1978, the vast majority of the Society’s historical documents are still kept at the founding institution.

Phi 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, forty-first 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.

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.)

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.”
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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.

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 into a collage. Contributions can be light-hearted (but must be tasteful) or serious. For instance, maybe you went cross-country 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.

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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2009 Fellowship Recipients

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 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 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.”

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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.
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 Greer Fellow. Created in 2001, the fellowship honors the memory of Kathleen Greer, 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 (Eton University)

Marjorie Schoch Fellow. The Marjorie Schoch Fellowship celebrates a top-ranking nominee in any discipline. Schoch earned a B.A. from Butler University and a Master of Liberal Studies 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.

James Gholson
Harvard Medical School
Medical student (Southeast Missouri State University)

Slater Fellow. In 1985, on his 95th 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 an applicant whose record of service is exceptional and/or whose undergraduate major is domestic and family science.

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.

2009 Fellowship Recipients

Blake Antonides
University of Chicago
Master’s student, international relations (Western Illinois University)

Olga Bertelsen
Pennsylvania State University
Taking history courses with the goal of being accepted in the doctoral program (Bloomburg 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)

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 pharmac concerns 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 (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)

Recipient lists compiled by Editor Peter Szatmary (college or university of chapter initiation)
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2009 Fellowship Recipients

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
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
(Carnegie Mellon University)

Dane Ashton Grismer
University of Notre Dame
Doctoral student, chemical engineering
Career objective: Research at the intersection of nanotechnology and alternative energy

Christina Ho
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Master of public policy and
Intends to pursue a master’s degree in public policy and
Satisfying community service: Literacy program for schoolchildren
(University of Washington-Seattle)

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

Lenaye Howard
University of Texas at Austin
Doctoral student, chemistry
(University of Southern Maine)

Kristen John
California Institute of Technology
Master 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)

Carly S. Nasheh
New York University, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
Master’s student, public administration, public and nonprofit management and policy, international specialization
Immediate career objective: Foreign Service (Florida State University)

Anand Sandesara
University of Oxford
Master 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)

Natalia Spottiswoode
California Institute of Technology
Doctoral student, integrative bioscience
Career objective: Physician-scientist (California Institute of Technology-Los Angeles)

Christopher Stroot
University of Chicago
Master student in the social sciences
Favorite book: The Road by John Steinbeck
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)

Lewis Tracer
Case Western Reserve University
School of Law
Law student (Washington and Lee University)

Haley VanErem
Florida State University
Master’s student, international relations
(University of Southern Maine)

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
(University of North Florida)

Elise M. Auvil
Ohio University
Master's student, language and literature
(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
Career objective: 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
Career objective: 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
(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, IL, government
(Emilhurst College)

Erika Lynn Garbrecht
University of Oklahoma
College of Medicine
Medical student
Satisfying community service: Trauma center Favorite 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)

Ashan Ahmad Kamrudin
Emory University
Master's student, public health, concentration in behavioral science
Career objective: 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
(University of Wisconsin-Madison)

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

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
(Carnegie Mellon University)

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

Breanna Poplar
University of Southern California
Doctoral student, pharmacy
Best part of my Ph.D process: The laboratory section of my research project
(University of the Pacific)

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

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

J. Luke Pryor
Ithaca College
Master’s student, exercise physiology
Career objective: Fantasy career: Work with the U.S. Olympic Team
(Southeastern Louisiana University)

Jane Frances Round
Indiana University
Master’s student, vocal performance
(Northern Arizona University)

Ryan M. Saxby
University of Alabama
Master’s student in public health, concentration in epidemiology of infectious diseases
Favorite book: Coming Out of the Ice by Victor Herman
(Mississippi State University)

Catherine C. Sholts
Yale University
Master’s student in public health, concentration in nutrition and public policy
Most proud of: The laboratory section of my research project
(University of Houston)

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Most proud of: Being the first in my family to attend graduate school
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(Clarion University)

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2009 Literacy Grants Recipients

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 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 baby board book on May 7, in Demopolis, Ala.

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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 tutors 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 for Learning Enjoyable) Center, part of Project LEAP (Leadership Education to Address Poverty). The afterschool SMILE center pairs 4th-6th graders with Fresno State student tutors/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.)
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.
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. Grieb
Fullbright scholar, nanotechnology Research Center for Applied Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taichung, 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 (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: Press job as 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)

Yoshio 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)

Kerrinann 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. Mokel
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 service: 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 (Bowing Green State University)

Wilkkistar 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 Anne 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, 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 (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 Schambros
University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine
Doctoral 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)
2009 Study Abroad Recipients

Unearthing a Passion for Archaeology

By Jeremy C. Garland

Jennifer 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 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.

### Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants

Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants help undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by venturing afar. 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

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

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

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

#### 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

#### 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

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

#### Jeremy C. Garland
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2009 Study Abroad Recipients

Christy Beyke  
Western Kentucky University  
Junior, chemistry and biology double major  
Study abroad: Southwest University of Finance and Economics, Sichuan, 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: 17th century Buddhist Gyalwang Karmapa

Nancy Darby  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
Senior, Japanese area studies double major  
Study abroad: Study Abroad: Asia  
Influential person met: Professor Sato of Tohoku University

Bryan Deng  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Senior, English and Chinese double major  
Study abroad: Harbin Institute of Technology, China  
Influential person met: President Zhang of Harbin Institute of Technology

Hannah Eubanks  
Missouri State University  
Junior, anthropology major  
Study abroad: Fall semester in Finsvorg Ecolodge, 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  
Junior, public relations and Spanish double major  
Study abroad: Exchange at Harlaxton College, near Grantham, England  
Satisfying community service: 4-H

Aaren Hunt  
North Carolina State University  
Junior, human biology and Spanish  
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 19th-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  
Senior, 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

Miss L. Pfugler  
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  
Southern Illinois University  
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: Inspirational 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  
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.”

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.

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 all born in the United States,” said the sophomore. “Our family moved to Kingsburg shortly after I was born. Iwas taught the importance of hard work.”

“Teaching me the importance of hard work.”

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

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

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

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

Further educational plans: Law school

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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.
The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi includes among its vast ranks more than 300 chapters at university and college campuses, mostly in the United States. As part of the nation’s oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society, one million members and counting have ties to these chapters since the Society’s founding at the University of Maine in 1897. Here is a list of current active chapters:

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 at Montgomery, Montgomery, Ala.
Auburn University, Auburn, Ala.
Augusta State University, Augusta, Ga.
Augsburg University, Minneapolis, Minn.
Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn.
Ball State University, Muncie, Ind.
Berea College, Berea, Ky.
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Mass.
Black Hills State University, Spearfish, S.D.
Bloomington-Bloomsburg State University, Bloomsburg, Pa.
Boise State University, Boise, Idaho.
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio.
Bradley University, Peoria, Ill.
Brenau University, Gainesville, Ga.
Bingham Young University, Hawaiian, Hawaii.
Bingham University, Provo, Utah.
Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.
California State University-Channel Islands, Calif.
Califomia 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.
Carlow University, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Cedarville University, Ellicott City, Ellicott, W. Va.
The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.
Clarion University, Clarion City, Pa.
Clarkson University, Potsdam, N.Y.
Clarkson College, Omaha, Neb.
Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
College of Duquesne, Pittsburgh, Pa.
The College of New Jersey, Ewing, N.J.
Colorado State University-Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs, Colo.
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.
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