The Phi Beta Kappa Society

Ceremony of Initiation

Texas Tech University

April 28, 2011
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PROCESSION and AFFIRMATION

WELCOME
Chancellor Kent R. Hance
Texas Tech University System

REMARKS
Dr. Robert Smith
Provost, Texas Tech University
Dr. Robert Stewart
Senior Vice Provost, Texas Tech University

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Dr. Mary Jane Hurst
Professor of English, Texas Tech University

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
Richard D. Rosen
President, Lambda of Texas Chapter, Phi Beta Kappa

CEREMONY OF INITIATION
THE PRESENTATION
THE HISTORY
THE PROMISE
THE CALLING OF NAMES
THE DECLARATION

CONCLUDING REMARKS and RECEPTION

Following the ceremony, all are invited to a reception in the Law School Forum

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2010-2011 OFFICERS - LAMBDA OF TEXAS
TEXAS TECH CHAPTER OF PHI BETA KAPPA

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Professor of Law

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Assistant Professor of English

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Dr. Cynthia Sorrensen
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Historian Emerita
Dr. Alice Virginia White
Phi Beta Kappa was founded on December 5, 1776, by five students at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. With its roots established during the American Revolution, Phi Beta Kappa has for more than two centuries fostered the principles of freedom of inquiry and freedom of thought and expression. These ideas, symbolized on the society's distinctive gold key, promote the foundations of personal freedom, scientific inquiry, liberty of conscience, and creative endeavor. The letters Phi Beta Kappa (Φβκ) represent the Greek initials of the society’s motto: “Love of learning is the guide of life.”

Only about ten percent of colleges and universities in the United States have been approved to shelter chapters of Phi Beta Kappa. Only three public universities in the State of Texas are home to Phi Beta Kappa chapters.

Membership in Phi Beta Kappa is for life. Invitation to membership is a significant academic honor. Acceptance of that invitation reflects a commitment to the liberal arts and sciences and to freedom of inquiry and expression.

Election to membership in Phi Beta Kappa is wholly within the discretion of the members of the local chapter, subject only to the limitations established by the national Phi Beta Kappa Society. There is no right to election solely by reason of fulfillment of a minimum grade point average or of completion of other minimum eligibility requirements in part or in total. Although the honor bestowed by membership in the Society recognizes academic achievement, the qualifications for election to Phi Beta Kappa are independent of the academic policies of Texas Tech University or of any university. Further details about eligibility can be found at www.depts.ttu.edu/phibetakappa.

2011 COMMITTEE ON MEMBERS IN COURSE

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• Student
  Chidere Akalonu
  Cameron Austin Kealoha Barber
  Andrew Michael Barrios
  Laurel Mae Beneze
  Suhani Mukesh Bhakta
  Karlissa Janae Black
  Rachel Lewis Blaydes
  Angelea Dianna Bolanos*
  Travis Brewer
  Emily Kristen Collins*
  Cody Comiskey
  Amparo Carolina Coronel
  Michael James Courtland*
  Kelsey-Ann Deterding
  Rushabh Prakash Dev
  Melissa Dodson
  Mamie Gao
  Dean M. Gould
  Heather Gunn
  Lillian Harlan
  Alexandria Hertz
  Ileana Hinojosa
  Heather Hoelting
  Michael Nelson Hogan
  Jordan Leigh Jamerson
  Ana Guadalupe Jarquin
  Jennifer Jasso
  Robert Ory Johnson
  Jennifer Joseph
  Shannon Kelly
  Sarah Kennedy
  Julie Ann Krapfel
  Tuan Van Le
  Charles Daniel Magness
  Joseph Michael Markey
  Kristen Ann McLaughlin
  Sean Michael Mitchell
  Andres Marguia
  Stephanie Neatherlin
  Brian Nguyen
  Alexis Justine Peterson
  Rhea Marie Ponder
  Heather Rozea
  Samir Dhansukh Ruxmohan
  Daniel Scott Shofner
  Steven Patrick James Small
  Justin Wayne Sosa
  John E. Thompson
  Nathan Weber
  Benjamin Lewis White
  Merick Yamada

• Major
  Biology
  Zoology
  Philosophy
  Mathematics
  Biology
  French
  Biology
  Biology
  Geosciences
  Psychology
  Biochemistry
  Chemistry
  Chemistry
  Spanish
  Microbiology
  History
  Psychology
  Psychology
  Spanish
  Spanish
  Geography
  Anthropology
  Biology
  Political Science
  Latin American and Iberian Studies
  Biology
  Exercise and Sports Sciences
  Psychology
  Geography
  Chemistry
  Psychology
  History
  Economics
  Exercise and Sports Sciences
  Spanish
  Psychology
  Psychology
  Psychology
  Biology
  Biology
  Economics
  Mathematics
  Global Affairs
  Psychology
  Chemistry
  Psychology

* indicates the student is currently a junior
The Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico has endowed a scholarship for a student or students in the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas Tech University. Donations to this scholarship can be made directly to the Texas Tech Foundation with designation for the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association’s Arts and Sciences Scholarship.

This year’s scholarship recipients are the three Phi Beta Kappa junior inductees for 2011:

Angelea Dianna Bolanos (Psychology)
Emily Kristen Collins (Biology)
Michael James Courtland (Biochemistry)

Phi Beta Kappa’s criteria for membership are even stricter and more rigorous for students at the junior level than they are for students who are seniors; the Alumni Association’s Arts & Sciences Scholarship is awarded to our 2011 junior inductees in recognition of their outstanding academic and intellectual achievement.

The Alumni Association also sponsors awards for outstanding juniors from area high schools. An endowment has been established with the Lubbock Area Foundation to benefit and expand this program, and donations to the Alumni Association’s endowment may be made through the Lubbock Area Foundation, 1655 Main Street, Suite 202, Lubbock, TX 79401.

This year’s High School Academic Excellence Award winners are:

Sheridan Gwen Treadwell, Monterey High School, Lubbock
Jane Madeline Mahan, Lubbock High School, Lubbock
Gabriel Ian Joseph Nathan, Lubbock High School, Lubbock

Thanks to Rob Posteraro and Alice White for reviewing applications.
The 2011 Members in Course of the Lambda of Texas Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa wish to honor the following Texas Tech faculty members, instructors, and mentors, whose teaching and example they have found exceptionally inspiring:

Dr. Rashid Al-Hmoud (Economics)
Dr. Christina Ashby-Martin (Honors College)
Dr. John Beusterien (Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures)
Dr. Dominick Casadonte, Jr. (Chemistry)
Dr. Nathan Collie (Biological Sciences)
Dr. Stefano D’Amico (History)
Dr. Michael Dini (Biological Sciences)
Dr. Charles Grair (Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures)
Dr. Jeff Larsen (Psychology)
Dr. Isis Leslie (Honors College)
Dr. Ron Milam (History)
Erin McCrory (Graduate Instructor, Psychology)
Dr. Carmen Pereira Muro (Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures)
Dr. Marjean Purinton (English, Honors College)
Ambassador Tibor P. Nagy Jr., Vice Provost for International Affairs
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Dr. Timothy Nokken (Political Science)
Dr. Christine Robitschek (Psychology)
Dr. Brenda Rodgers (Biological Sciences)
Dr. Lorum Stratton (Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures)
Dr. Aliza Wong (History)
Dr. Alice Young (Psychology)
Members of the Lambda of Texas Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa extend thanks to current and previous regents, chancellors, presidents, provosts, deans, chairs, and faculty and staff colleagues for their support in establishing and maintaining the chapter, which was installed at Texas Tech in 2007. Special thanks to Dean Lawrence Schovanec (College of Arts and Sciences), Dean Stephen Fritz (Honors College), and Dean Carol Edwards (College of Visual and Performing Arts).

The Lambda of Texas Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa extends thanks to the School of Law for allowing the ceremony to be held in the Lanier Center.

Lifetime Phi Beta Kappa membership dues and membership certificates are being provided for 2011 inductees by Texas Tech University.

Engraved Phi Beta Kappa keys are being provided for 2011 inductees through the generosity of the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

Phi Beta Kappa keys, honor cords, and/or honor stoles may be worn at commencement. Cords and stoles will be available for optional purchase at the Alumni Association table during the reception. They can also be purchased online via the Phi Beta Kappa national website (www.pbk.org).

The Lambda of Texas Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa honors the memory of Dr. Sarah Kulkofsky (Theta of New York, 2007), Assistant Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Texas Tech.
“Everything that is done on these West Texas Plains ought to be on a big scale. It is a country that lends itself to bigness. It is a country that does not harmonize with things little or narrow or mean. Let us make the work of our college fit in with the scope of our country. Let our thoughts be big thoughts and broad thoughts. Let our thinking be in world-wide terms.”

— Paul Whitfield Horn
First President of Texas Tech, 1925

“On the day that Percy L. Julian graduated at the top of his class at DePauw University, his great-grandmother bared her shoulders and, for the first time, showed him the deep scars that remained from a beating she had received as a slave during the last days of the Civil War. She then clutched his Phi Beta Kappa key in her hand and said, “This is worth all the scars.””

— Felicia R. Lee
“Reclaiming a Black Research Scientist’s Forgotten Legacy”
The New York Times, 6 February 2007

“Phi Beta Kappa stands for freedom of inquiry and expression, disciplinary rigor, breadth of intellectual perspective, wide knowledge, the cultivation of skills of deliberation and ethical reflection, the pursuit of wisdom, and the application of the fruits of scholarship and research in practical life. We champion these values in the confidence that a world influenced by them will be a more just and peaceful world.”

— John Churchill
Executive Secretary of The Phi Beta Kappa Society