

The
PHI BETA KAPPA
Society



**CEREMONY OF
INITIATION**

Texas Tech University

April 26, 2012

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

Senator Robert Krueger
Former U.S. Ambassador to Burundi and Botswana

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dr. Laura J. Beard
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 RECESSION

*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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A BRIEF HISTORY OF PHI BETA KAPPA

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 ($\Phi\beta\kappa$) 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.orgs.ttu.edu/phibetakappa.

2011 COMMITTEE ON MEMBERS IN COURSE

Dr. Jennifer Snead, Chair
Genevieve Durham
Dr. Lance Drager
Dr. Charles Grair
Dr. Mary Jane Hurst
Levi Johnson
Dr. Michele Currie Navakas
Dr. Edward Quitevis
Richard Rosen
Dr. Connie Scarborough

2012 MEMBERS IN COURSE

TEXAS TECH CHAPTER OF PHI BETA KAPPA

Student, Major

Lesley Noelle Abraham,
Cell and Molecular Biology

Landon Kirk Akins, Political Science

Erika Allen, Biology

Justin Ayankola, Biology

Carrie Bradshaw,
Exercise and Sport Sciences

Valerie Brooker, Biology

Wade Hunter Brown, Chemistry

Rebecca Ruth Buie,
Cell and Molecular Biology

Samuel Lamas Bushong,
Mathematics

Catherine Rebecca Cage,
Mathematics

Michael L. Conner, Chemistry

Allison Leslie Caudill, Psychology

Joshua Shane Dees, Spanish

Natalie Nicole DeLeon, Psychology

Akash T. Desai, Biology

Gabriella Maria Dominguez,
Political Science

Brittney Ferguson, Psychology

Erin Michele Fitzgerald,
Mathematics

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Communication Studies

Erin Foster,
Exercise and Sport Sciences

Megan Galindo, Biology

Alexandra Gardner*, Chemistry

Isla Gonzalez, Social Work

Meera J. Gudavalli, Biology

Nick Grimberg, Sociology

Arianna Jael Hankins, Biochemistry

Melanie Rae Helms, Psychology

Joseph Patrick Herbert,
Cell and Molecular Biology

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German

Megan Elizabeth Jares,
Geosciences

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Jacqueline K. Kafka, English

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Terry Knight, Anthropology

Isamar Marmolejo, Sociology

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Cell and Molecular Biology

Lauren Michelle McVay, Spanish

Mary Moellering,
Cell and Molecular Biology

Zachary Ryan Monreal,
Political Science

Bryan David Munson, English

Lauren Elizabeth Myhre, English

Julia Adele Nielsen, Biology

Kristin Olson, Economics

Kealey Parkin,
Russian Language and Area Studies

Daniel Puckett, Biology

Daniel Rakes, Economics

Sriyutha Reddy, Biology

Kimberly M. Reynolds, Psychology

Rebecca Redcorn, Mathematics

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Ashley Nicole Seal, History

Kara Shelton, Social Work

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Rebecca Quinn Smith, English

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Cell and Molecular Biology

Kyle Burten Stitle, Biochemistry

Sowmya Sunkara, Psychology

Rahel Tekola*, Political Science

Phillip E. Wainwright, Psychology

Michaela M. Wallace, Biology

Stephanie Denise Weinfuss,
Sociology

Lauren Eva Wheeler,
Exercise and Sport Sciences

Phillip Whitehead, Psychology

Joshua Alan Wilson, Biochemistry

* 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 two Phi Beta Kappa junior inductees for 2012:

Alexandra Gardner (Chemistry)
Rahel Tekola (Political Science)

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 2012 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:

First: Bethany Rolan, Lubbock High School, Lubbock
Second: Midora DuBose, Lubbock High School, Lubbock
Third: Alexa Gomez, Lubbock High School, Lubbock

Thanks to Rob Posteraro, Alice White, Alison Myhra, Daniel Brannon, Michele Grable, and Mary Jane Hurst for reviewing applications.

The 2012 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. Glen Biglaiser, Political Science
Charlotte Bingham, Associate Vice Director for Administration &
Managing Director of Office of Equal Opportunity
Dr. David Birney, Chemistry
Dr. James Brink, Honors
Dr. Dominick Casadonte, Chemistry
Kurt Caswell, Honors
George Clark, English
Karen Clark, English
Dr. Nathan Collie, Biology
Dr. Lou Densmore, Biology
Dr. Richard Deslippe, Biology
Dr. Michael Dini, Biology
Genevieve Durham, Dance
Dr. Lynne Fallwell, History
Dr. Quan Ha, English
Duane Hill, Music
Dr. Mary Jane Hurst, English
Dr. Min-Joo Kim, English
Dr. Laura Lowe, Sociology, Anthropology, & Social Work
Dr. Yehia Mechret, Chemistry
Dr. Anita McChesney, Classical & Modern Languages & Literatures
Dr. Robert Peaslee, Mass Communications
Dr. Luis Ramirez, Sociology, Anthropology, & Social Work
Dr. David Roach, Communication Studies
Dr. Christine Robitschek, Psychology
Dr. Brenda Rodgers, Biology
Dr. Jen Shelton, English
Dr. Jennifer Snead, English
Dr. James Surles, Math
Dr. Frank Thames, Political Science
Dr. Magda Toda, Mathematics
Shirley Webb, Education
Dr. Julie Willett, History
Dr. Jorge Zamora, Classical & Modern Languages & Literatures

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 2012 inductees by Texas Tech University.

Engraved Phi Beta Kappa keys are being provided for 2012 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).

“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

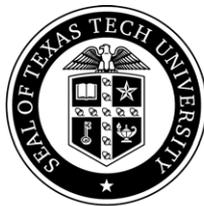
“Reclaiming a Black Research Scientist’s Forgotten Legacy”

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



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