Elected as Seniors, continued

Stephanie Marion Gardner* Emma Lynn Gatley John Giannone

Jolene Frances Gibb*

Michelle Hannah Goldstein★

Kara Forbes Googins* Stephen Graham James Andrew Gulyas

Randy Hamchand
Patrick James Hannon
Agata Katarzyna Harabasz

Abdullah Hasan Kylie Hill

Kelsey Dayle Hodas

Steven Hong*

Phoebe Heather Hughes Owen Samuel Insel* Timothy John La Jeunesse Charlotte Lee Kading*

Akbar Khan

Alison Lindsay Koontz Bradley Paul Koval Sowmya Kuruganti Peter Joesph Larson Julianna Janet Lau* Jessica M. Leff* Jingming Li* Austin Lin

Nicole Louise Liptak Cathleen Mary Lisk Linnea Jane Logie

Theodore Joseph Lopatin* Melissa Beth Lovitz David Ian Luchs Sarah Ann Luft

Diana Cristina Macklem Mark Evan Mancuso Brian Connor McCarty Aayushi Ashok Mehta Julia Beret Mertens Alex John Minalga Taylor Marie Moore Jenna Noelle Morris-Love Melissa Dorothy Moser*

Fariya Naz

Kathryn Marie Nolte*

Alumna

Natalie Florea Hudson

Alexander James Norman*
Fejiro Blessing Okifo
Allison Esta Olderman*
Andrew Mulvihill Oravecz

Ashley Dion Ortiz Isaac Erin Packtor

Ashley Elizabeth Violante Palma*

Stephanie Palmer* Thomas J. Passarelli* Roshni Patel

Katherine Ann Peinhardt*
Iva Stanislavova Petkova
Ragini Sanjay Phansalkar*
Emily Anne Rankin
Karen Swei Ren*
Arthur E. Robinson*
Mary Charlotte Rockett
Monika Marianna Rozynski
Devin Matthew Samuels
Thomas Samuels*

Justin Daniel Sardi Colleen Mary Schmalberger Marc Lawrence Schuman Joshua Joseph Skydel Brendan Michael Smalec Melissa Karen Smith Morgan Erin Smith Zachary Austin Smith Alexandra Lynn Snavely* Amanda Stanzione Ryan Delano Sullivan Ryan Christopher Swick Kayla Marie Theriault Danielle Marie Todd Rachel Lawrie Ursitti* Amelia C. Varteresian★ Matthew B. Vece★ Stephanie Pham Vu Cory Su Wang

Whitney Jeanne Washburn*
James Robert Wendt*
Victoria Ann Wickenheisser
Hannah Paige Yerxa
Chelsea Rebecca Young*
Alyssa Rachel Zabin

PHI BETA KAPPA Society

Epsilon of Connecticut Chapter

Initiation of New Members

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Welcome and Congratulations . . . Mun Choi

Provost, University of Connecticut

Presentation of the Initiates Veronica Makowsky

President, Epsilon of Connecticut

Kenneth Foote

Treasurer, Epsilon of Connecticut

Keynote Speaker Jeremy Teitelbaum

Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

University of Connecticut

The History Preston Britner

Historian, Epsilon of Connecticut

The Promise of the Initiates Veronica Makowsky

The Conferral of Cords Jaclyn Chancey

Vice President, Epsilon of Connecticut

Carla Galfano

Secretary, Epsilon of Connecticut

Veronica Makowsky Kenneth Foote Preston Britner

The Declaration Veronica Makowsky

Reception to follow immediately after ceremony



SOCIETY HISTORY

Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious undergraduate honors organization, was founded on December 5, 1776, at the College of William and Mary. It was the first society to have a Greek-letter name, and it introduced the essential characteristics of such societies: an oath of secrecy, a badge, mottoes in Latin and Greek, a code of laws, an elaborate initiation, a seal, and a special handshake.

In the winter of 1781, with the British army positioned on the York peninsula, William and Mary closed. Though it reopened a year later, ΦBK activities were not re-established there for many years. This closure would have been the end of ΦBK had chapters not been chartered at Yale in 1780 and Harvard in 1781. Other chapters were added gradually, with 25 comprising the National Council of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa at its creation in 1883.

In 1831, after anti-Masonic agitation prompted much discussion about the Φ BK oath, Harvard dropped the requirement for secrecy, an action that probably saved the society from further open criticism as well as from rivalry with the social fraternities that made their appearance around that time.

A second change was more fundamental. Originally Φ BK had been a society of congenial spirits, similar in membership to the present-day fraternity, and in the character of its meetings to a debating or literary club. As time passed, it tended more and more to become an "honor" society, existing to recognize and to foster excellence in liberal learning at the undergraduate level.

Another necessary development was the admission of women and African Americans. The first chapters to induct women were at the University of Vermont, in 1875, and at Connecticut's Wesleyan University, in 1876. The first African Americans were elected at Yale, in 1874, and at Vermont, in 1877.

Between 1887 and 1917, 64 new Φ BK chapters were established, and by 1983 another 147 had been chartered. UConn's Φ BK chapter, Epsilon of Connecticut, was chartered in 1956. Since 1988, the national organization has been known as "The Phi Beta Kappa Society."

Today, there are 283 chapters at American colleges and universities, electing only the top liberal arts and sciences students at the nation's top institutions. There are also 60 active alumni associations located in all regions of the country. Within those chapters and alumni associations, ΦBK continues to recognize excellence while promoting lifelong growth through programs, publications, awards, and civil discourse.

Newly-Elected Members

Elected as Juniors

June Veronica Arriens Alexandra Hunter Ball* Allison Rose Battista Jason Borga Theresa Grace Bulan Laura Taylor Caruso Eric Ti Chen* Jerlon Chiu* Adrian Jacob Coscia Laura Jean Costello* Jenna Alexia Devoe Timothy Ryan Donahoe* Bryan William Ferrigno Aiden Leigh Ford Melissa Lynn Gargano Daniel Jacob Golden* Brian Robert Greco Anton Gudz* Celia Sweet Guillard* Owen Sullivan Hart Nicole Alexandria Henry* Milod Cyrus Kazerounian* Nicole Paige Kesner* Melanie Brett Klinck Shilpa Reddy Kolli*

Luke Taylor Reed Larosa Elizabeth Ina Lauri Patrick John Lenehan* Eric Christopher Lord Erika Lauren Mayer Kelly Ann McArdle* Hannah Miller Mitesh D Mistry* Paul Stephen Morris* Isabel Chun-Yun Nip Daniel Anderson O'Connell Paige Anne Orlofsky Giorgina Samira Paiella Louis Ambrose Paulsen Sarah Ann Purtill* Anna Rozman* Iennifer Selensky* Katie Elizabeth Shelnitz Anthony David Sposato Jeremy John Timperanza Elizabeth Anne Tripp* Shelley Truong Vuong Gillian Hope Weintraub Thomas Ouyang Xu Bingyao Zhou*

Elected as Seniors

Katherine Lvnn Alfred* Lauren Marie Almonte★ William Anthony Baron Karina Francisca Barra-Arredondo Rebecca Lynne Barton Leanne Erin Basile* Shaun Griswold Benvie Keith Alan Berggren Nellie Veronika Binder Katherine Anne Blouin Michael J. Bond Mallory Lyn Bouley Megan Rose Brady Lisa Michelle-Glazier Brody Kevin John Broems Evelyn Suzanne Callahan* Sarah Lynn Camera Casey Elphege Camire*

Katie Bernice Cavanaugh Michael G. Cinque Brittany Alaina Ciullo* John Michael Colavito Alexandra Lynn Computzzi Michael Patrick Condon* Emma Elizabeth Czaplinski Carl Andres D'Oleo-Lundgren* Carla Rocha Damaceno* Michael Kenneth Daniels* Samuel George Darby* Makayla Bolin Davis★ Daniel Martin Dawson* Nicholas Gabriel Denardo Connor Wright Elliott* Sarah Elizabeth Filmer Kymberly Carol Forsyth Jingyuan Fu