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**Phi Beta Delta**  
**HONOR SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS**  
**30th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**June 3 and 4, 2016**  
 (Coordinating with the NAFSA 2016 Conference)  
**Denver, Colorado**  
<http://www.phibetadelta.org/conference>

[A Message from the  
Phi Beta Delta Board of Directors](#)



Dear Phi Beta Delta members,

Greetings from the Phi Beta Delta Board of Directors and many thanks for all you do to promote international education. The Board of Directors of Phi Beta Delta appreciates your hard work and would like to congratulate all Phi Beta Delta members and chapters on the 30th anniversary of your Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars. With the 30th Annual Meeting just around the corner, we are writing to encourage you and your colleagues to attend our Phi Beta Delta annual conference in Denver, Colo., June 3 and 4, 2016 and celebrate with us your accomplishments and your international society's 30th anniversary.

**The 30th Anniversary Conference** is planned to coincide with and supplement the NAFSA (Association of International Educators) conference (May 29 to June 3). More than 10,000 professionals from around the world are expected to attend the NAFSA Conference. Our own Phi Beta Delta annual meeting is well attended, with a good representation of international students. We hope to see you there.

As you well know, Phi Beta Delta, the Honor Society for International Scholars, is the **first honor society dedicated to recognizing scholarly achievement in international education** of faculty, staff, visiting scholars, and domestic and international students. Phi Beta Delta awards scholarships to students, faculty, and staff, publishes the journal *International Research and Review, the Proceedings*, and the e-newsletter *The Medallion*, and hosts its annual conference on international education and exchange.

**The original purposes of Phi Beta Delta**, as expressed in the Alpha Newsletter (below), include (1) recognizing academic excellence, (2) establishing a network of scholars, (3) increasing the importance and credibility of the international experiences, (4) internationalization of the curriculum, and (5) fostering international exchanges. These continue as goals for the Society as well as for the broad community of international education.

**During the past 30 years** our Phi Beta Delta local chapters have been active in our colleges and universities promoting a broad understanding of the world and the exchange of scholars and expansion of study abroad programs. Phi Beta Delta chapters have held hundreds of events and talks on international topics, welcomed hundreds of visiting scholars, provided numerous scholarships and awards to deserving students, and they continue to promote international education and to encourage international initiatives among students, faculty, and staff.

**Thank you for all you do.** Thank you for your continued support of Phi Beta Delta and of its mission of promoting international education. We hope you will be able to join us in Denver, Colo., June 3 and 4, 2016 to celebrate the occasion.

Happy 30th Phi Beta Delta Anniversary,

Phi Beta Delta Board of Directors



**Phi Beta Delta Journal:**  
**[International Research and Review](#)**



We are pleased to announce that the Fall 2015 issue of the *International Research and Review* has been published. This is the official journal of Phi Beta Delta. You may access it at the link below:  
<http://phibetadelta.org/docs/Z5-JRR%20Fall%202015.pdf>



*Phi Beta Delta, Honor Society for International Scholars*  
**30th Anniversary**  
Founders of  
Phi Beta Delta  
Karl Anatol and Edward Blankenship



The idea for Phi Beta Delta was first conceived of in 1985 on the campus of California State University, Long Beach, by Dr. Edward S. Blankenship, then Director of International Programs and Exchanges in the Center for International Education, and by Dr. Karl W.E. Anatol, then Dean of the School of Humanities.

The purpose was to formally recognize the achievement of international students, U.S. students returning from study overseas, international scholars, staff involved in international education, and faculty engaged in scholarly international endeavors.

The activities and intents of existing national honor societies were examined and none was found which appropriately addressed these populations or specifically focused on the international experiences. Therefore, it was decided to develop an honor society which would focus on international education and exchange, and which would serve as a catalyst for international programming.

As a result, Phi Beta Delta, the Honor Society for International Scholars, was officially founded on the campus of California State University, Long Beach, on Feb. 27, 1986, and it was designated as the Alpha Chapter. Thirty-eight other institutions nationwide were invited to join as Charter Chapters. These chapters met together for the first National Conference on May 22, 1987 in Long Beach, Calif., and officially established Phi Beta Delta as a then-national honor society.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Call for Journal Articles

Scholars and researchers from across disciplines are invited to address issues in international education and studies. The editors welcome papers on topics that can include, but are not limited to, our understanding of international studies, education, internationalization, globalization, teaching and learning in the context of international educational exchange and, within the university classroom, issues regarding curricular development, and other related topics. We welcome critical, qualitative, quantitative, and social scientific perspectives. For more information and guidelines visit:  
<http://phibetadelta.org/International%20Research%20and%20Review.php#>

Send your papers to: [ms@smitheassociates.com](mailto:ms@smitheassociates.com)  
Submissions requested by July 15, 2016



## NEWS

### Fulbright Awarded and New Southeast VP Announced



The Phi Beta Delta, Board of Directors is pleased to congratulate Dr. Robert Robertson, Vice President for the Southeast Region of Phi Beta Delta, on his receipt of a Fulbright Award. Dr. Robertson has been named a Fulbright (Specialist) Scholar

Faculty of Economics at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia in developing workplace relevant skill training particularly using online education tools and techniques. He will also consult with the Chamber of Commerce on workforce skills training issues. In addition, he will be a keynote speaker at the Global Universities in Distance Education conference in Madrid Spain, June 2 to 26, 2016.

For this reason, Dr. Robertson is stepping down from the Board of Directors. We will miss his active participation. Fortunately, Bob will continue as an active PBD member by continuing his endeavors to promote Phi Beta Delta among his students. He has recommended Dr. Cynthia Parmenter from Argosy very highly to replace him as regional VP. She has been very active in her home chapter and has presented at PBD conferences. As a result, the Board of Directors has confirmed Dr. Parmenter as the new Phi Beta Delta, Vice President for the Southeast Region.



## CHAPTER NEWS

Send your Chapter news and photos to the director of publications, Michael Smithee, at [ms@smitheeassociates.com](mailto:ms@smitheeassociates.com)

For example, include your:

- International Education developments
- International Education Week activities
- Induction ceremonies
- Honors and Awards

### Omicron - Sacramento State University

The Omicron Chapter had its annual initiation ceremony and travel photo contest on May 5. Sixteen new members were inducted into the chapter, including one honorary member, a visiting scholar from the Zhejiang University of Technology in Hangzhou, China. Shown in the two photos are eleven of the new initiates and part of the display of the entries in the photo competition, with one of the Omicron Chapter officers, Professor Samantha Hens. Left to right, the new initiates shown in the group photo are: Logan Zeppieri, Professor Euisuk Kim, Zachary Thonen, Rachel Crawford, Angie Lopez, Dean Orn Bodvarsson, Shelby Willson, Rochelle Arruda, Professor Bin Xue (our honorary member), Daniel Perez, and Professor Diane Lee. Everyone who attended the banquet was invited to judge the travel photo entries, which were all submitted by members of the Omicron Chapter. The winner was Professor Eun Mi Cho. During the dinner, travel photos from this year and previous competitions were projected in a continuous loop, a reminder of the many places around the world where Omicron members have traveled.

Submitted by:  
 Professor Catherine Turrill Lupi  
 Chair, Art Department  
 Chapter Coordinator

Photo captions: Left, initiates for Spring 2016. Right, 2016 Photo Contest.



### Alpha Sigma - Syracuse University

On April 1, 66 new members were inducted into the Syracuse University Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Delta in Hendricks Chapel. The ceremony included a keynote speech by the President and Chancellor of Syracuse University, Kent Syverud, who was also inducted as an honorary member. Craig Slutzker, benefactor and English Conversation Group leader for many years was also inducted as an alumni member, and Maria Kuznetsova, visiting Fulbright Russian International Education Administrator, in recognition of their strong commitment to the goals of Phi Beta Delta.

Jackie Monsour, interim President following the retirement of Dr. Elane Granger, led the ceremony, supported by other PBD officers from across campus. New members, supported by friends and family in the audience, processed onto the stage to receive their medallions, shake hands and have their photos taken. A lovely reception for members, friends, faculty and family members was held immediately after the ceremony.

Submitted by: Dr. Patricia Burak, Director, Slutzker Center for International Services, Chapter Coordinator



In the photo: the president of the Ukrainian Student Club at Syracuse University, MPA student and Hursky Fellow, **Oleksiy Anokhin** (left) and **Olga Boichak** (right), Ph.D. student in the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, also from Ukraine, are congratulated by **Chancellor Kent Syverud** (middle) who was awarded an Honorary Membership in the Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Delta at the April 1, 2016 ceremony.



Front row (left to right): **Mrs. Lillian Slutzker**, Benefactor of the Lillian and Emanuel Slutzker Center for International Services, **Dr. Ruth Chen**, wife of Chancellor Syverud and Professor of Practice at Syracuse University, **Mr. Craig Slutzker**, inducted as an Alumni member of PBD in recognition of his contributions as an English Conversation Group leader and philanthropic supporter of international students and scholars; back row (left to right): **Dr. Patricia A. Burak**, Director, Slutzker Center for International Services and Chapter Coordinator, **Oleksiy Anokhin** and **Olga Boichak**.



### Eta Psi - Argosy University

On March 2, 2016 the Eta Psi Chapter of Phi Beta Delta inducted 47 new members. Chapter President Leonard Mardis and Campus President Jeff Day welcomed the new members into the chapter at a special ceremony held at the Argosy University Tampa campus. Also, Cynthia Parmenter, in the center of the picture on the right, below, recently earned the degree of Doctor of Business Administration in International Business. The title of her dissertation was "Perceptions of Team Members on the Impact of Culture on the Effectiveness of Global Virtual Teams." Congratulations, Dr. Parmenter.  
Submitted by: Dr. Robert Robertson



Pictured from left to right are: **Armando Jalil** (Eta Psi Chapter Director of Planning), **Jeff Day** (Campus President), **Cindy Parmenter** (PBD Regional VP, Southeast), **Katharine Bentham** (Faculty Sponsor) and **Leonard Mardis** (Eta Psi Chapter President)



Argosy Inductees - Spring 2016



### Eta Omega - Chestnut Hill College



Chestnut Hill College's first induction ceremony for Phi Beta Delta Honors Society for International Scholars

Chestnut Hill College's Global Education Office held its first induction ceremony for Phi Beta Delta Honors Society for International Scholars. Three students were recognized for their scholarly achievement while studying abroad. Norma George, DML, board member of Phi Beta Delta, attended the event. Pictured from left to right: (Students) Adele Giangliullo, Colleen Malone, Maci Kociszewski, Huan Zhang (graduate assistant), Dr. Barbara Diemer (faculty), Dr. Norma George, Dr. Jacqueline Reich (faculty), Trachanda Garcia (staff), Jose Soto (staff), and Ann Liberona (FLS staff).

On April 19, Chestnut Hill College's Phi Beta Delta Chapter Eta Omega held its first induction ceremony. Chestnut Hill College, a small, private, Catholic liberal arts college in Philadelphia, has taken great strides to increase its international presence. Under the leadership of Trachanda Garcia, director of global education, Chestnut Hill College has more than doubled the international student enrollment in graduate and undergraduate programs, created over 15 partnerships with institutions of Higher Education abroad to exchange students, staff, and faculty, and added a stand-alone ESL school partnership, called FLS International. The College has been globalizing according to plan and in keeping with long-range goals and the CHC mission. Adding an active chapter of Phi Beta Delta is the natural progression in continuing to maintain a global focus on campus and connecting individuals across a variety of departments to continue integration of global awareness, programming, study abroad, international student integration, and research. Phi Beta Delta will help Chestnut Hill College achieve its goals of true comprehensive internationalization by creating another avenue in which faculty, students, and staff can have a collective, creative, and globally minded voice.

At the induction ceremony, the new members were delighted to be joined with Dr. Norma George, Regional Vice President, Northeast Region of Phi Beta Delta. Dr. George shared with the group that she was pleased with the progress that has been made at Chestnut Hill College in the recent years: "Chestnut Hill College has already distinguished itself in the field of international education by the numerous activities it hosts, encourages and supports. Several of your students leave this campus each semester to immerse themselves in the languages and cultures of international communities through study abroad; many come from other lands to take their places through student exchanges. Some of your number leave to share their skills through your Service Learning Abroad programs and the African Sisters Partnerships, and others come to you through your FLS programs to immerse themselves in the English language and to enjoy what Philadelphia so generously offers."

Dr. George stayed for our popular monthly event held on campus called Travel at Teatime. The Teatime allows CHC international students and study abroad returnees an hour to share their personal cultural perspective of their home country or their host country. Dr. George remarked: "your monthly Tea Time Talks allow members of your community to interact informally with nationals from the twenty seven countries represented on your campus to learn about their ways of eating, playing, learning and more."

Dr. George left the Phi beta Delta members with these remarks, "Indeed, you have been quietly and steadily building an international community as though it were the most natural thing in the world. By formally aligning yourselves with Phi Beta Delta today, you are joining a network of leaders in global education and establishing this institution as a leader in the field."

Submitted by:  
Trachanda Garcia  
Director of Global Education  
Chapter Coordinator



Theta Epsilon - Shepherd University



Dr. Joy Stevenson was recently honored to be invited to be the keynote speaker at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Virginia as they founded the Theta Epsilon Chapter on April 5, 2016. Prior to the meeting she was able to meet with the new university president, Dr. Mary Hendrix, who enthusiastically supports the newly formed honor society. The Chapter Coordinator, Dr. Ann Marie Legreid (Dean of the School of Business and Social Sciences) and Dr. Charles Nieman, Director of International Initiatives, recognized seven fellow faculty and staff who have been instrumental in internationalizing their campus. Six undergraduates and two graduate students representing seven academic areas were inducted. The induction ceremony ended with wonderful words from Ms. Balkis Azzez, a visiting international student from Tunisia, who had received a Thomas Jefferson Scholarship for the 2015-16 academic year through the U.S. Department of State. Her comments about her year at Shepherd certainly reinforced the Phi Beta Delta commitment to scholarly achievement in international education and exchange.



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