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Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars and NAFSA: Association of International Educators will join together this year as we both organize our annual conferences in beautiful Denver, Colorado (a city which can now claim to be the home of the Super Bowl 50 Champions Denver Broncos).

I do not know whether you are a football fan or believe that soccer is the true football, but I do know that you are committed to International Education and the support of Global Scholarship. NAFSA has existed for 68 years and has expanded (now more than 10,000 members worldwide) to become the largest professional organization promoting all aspects of international education such as education abroad, international admissions and recruiting, English as a Second Language, international student and scholar services, international teaching, research and scholarship, and leadership development and advocacy.

Members of Phi Beta Delta fit into these broad knowledge communities and networks regardless of whether they are a student, a faculty member, or a staff member at an institution with a Phi Beta Delta Honor Society chapter. Phi Beta Delta has inducted thousands of members at nearly 200 institutions since the organization was founded in 1986.

We hope that our Phi Beta Delta members and others will come to our conference in Denver for exciting sessions and discussions and will take advantage of a rare opportunity to attend the NAFSA sponsored Plenary talk the afternoon of Friday, June 3 to hear Nobel Peace Prize winner Mr. Kailash Satyarthi speak of his efforts to eliminate child labor and to fight for the right of all children to an education.

The Phi Beta Delta Conference will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 3, will break for the NAFSA Plenary talk by Mr. Satyarthi later that day, then re-convene the morning of Saturday, June 4 for presentations, celebrate our outstanding chapters, student members, faculty and staff at our Annual Award Luncheon, and end late Saturday afternoon with final presentations and discussions about "The State of Global Learning: Competency, Capacity and Commitment."

We are fortunate that Phi Beta Delta has designated Dr. Rajrani Kalra as the Conference Planner; she may be reached at rkalra@csusb.edu. Presentation proposals are sought by March 7, and conference registration as well as registration for hotel rooms at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel will open on March 1 at www.nafsa.org/denver.

This conference will be very dynamic as it meets as a Partner Event to the large NAFSA conference. Attendees come to NAFSA from more than 100 countries and typically attendance is down to 10,000 members and non-members. Phi Beta Delta members will add a scholarly reflection of our engagement within higher education in the U.S. and beyond. Join us with us and help us all move forward as we strive to internationalize our campuses and communities!
Call for Abstracts of Presentation and Poster Proposals

**THEME:**
State of Global Learning: Competency, Capacity and Commitment

To submit presentation proposals and poster abstracts, please visit: [http://www.phibetadelta.org/cfp2016](http://www.phibetadelta.org/cfp2016)

**Submission Deadline:** March 7,
**Notification of acceptance by:** March 14

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**PAST CONFERENCE PHOTOS**

In April 2001, the Phi Beta Delta Conference was held in Montreal, Canada.

The above photos show, clockwise from top:
- A group photo of some conference attendees with the Mayor of Montreal (center with medallion).
- Mr. Gerald Tremblay, Mayor of Montreal from 2001 to 2012 with Dr. Jack Merchant, California State University, Sacramento; President of Phi Beta Delta.
- Dr. Ron Moffat, San Diego State University, Phi Beta Delta Regional Vice President -west, 1996 to 1998; and
- Professor Balbir Sahni, Director, Concordia University, Centre for International Academic Cooperation, welcoming delegates to the conference on behalf of the conference host institution.

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**CHAPTER NEWS**

Send your Chapter news and photos to the director of publications, Michael Smithee, at ms@smitheeassociates.com

For example, include year:
International Education developments
International Education Week activities
Induction ceremonies
Honors and Awards

Alpha Sigma - Syracuse University
At Sacramento State University on Nov. 17, during International Education week, many faculty and students passed through the doors of the new headquarters of the Office of International Programs and Global Engagement in order to celebrate World Language Day. Among the organizers and participants were numerous faculty, staff, and student members of the Omicron Chapter of Phi Beta Delta.

Volunteers from across campus shared multiple languages, including ASL, Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese), Farsi, French, German, Hebrew, Hmong, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Lithuanian, Mongolian, Navajo, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Thai, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Participants had a chance to learn about languages, study abroad programs, and other international opportunities, including the Peace Corps.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of and support for the victims of the terrorist attacks in Paris the previous Friday. French faculty members Kevin Elstob, Vanessa Arnaud, and Nicole Buffard, all members of Sacramento State’s Phi Beta Delta Omicron Chapter, led this commemorative event to help promote a message of tolerance, humanity, and peace.

A short film documenting the entire World Language Day program was planned by WLD Committee members and produced by Hugh Le, an ESL instructor at Sacramento State University: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfA-J0r96rA
International Education Week (IEW) has long been an exciting time for the Delta Iota Chapter. During IEW our chapter has a tradition of hosting a reception to honor our J-1 Exchange Visitors, including Fulbright Scholars and exchange students. It is a special time to convey our appreciation to our international visitors.

During the reception several of the J-1 exchange visitors give brief speeches about their impressions of life in the United States and about their academic endeavors. It is always inspiring to hear about the exciting research they are doing and to learn from the students about their experiences and aspirations in coming to the United States to study at the University of Houston.

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Our chapter tries to make this event very special for our guests. During the ceremony we acknowledge the various groups of international visitors, their family members, and their faculty advisors. For many, it is their first experience in learning about honor societies, so we share the meaning and goals of Phi Beta Delta, and how our Phi Beta Delta Honor Society is so unique in that it recognizes the scholarly achievements in international education of faculty, staff and students.

After the formal presentations everyone enjoys visiting with one another, learning more about the countries and cultures represented, and indulging in delicious hors d’oeuvres. Our guests provide wonderful feedback about this event, so we plan to continue this tradition that welcomes our international visitors who have chosen to make the University of Houston their home away from home.

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Eta Epsilon - Western Illinois University

During International Education Week, members of the Eta Epsilon Chapter participated in the cultural simulation, Acirema. This event was held to demonstrate the challenges international students face during the admission process and once they are here in the United States. After the exercise, the group debriefed and discussed how the participants felt and what frustrations they endured. Participants were informed of the actual process international students experience and how to become more culturally sensitive. They were also encouraged to attend some of the international activities held at Western Illinois University.

Upcoming events for the spring semester:
- The annual induction ceremony will be held in April.
- The chapter will continue its annual International Days at the local middle schools. Over a span of two days, international students and members of the Eta Epsilon Chapter will present on different countries to 7th and 8th graders.
- Presentation to the campus community on E-waste.
- 15 tapings, “Western Community, Global Opportunities” - This program is a series of 15-minute episodes, each highlighting someone or something with an international focus on the campus or in the community. The episodes will be broadcast regularly on WIU TV channel (channel 3).

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Eta Psi - Argosy University

The Eta Psi chapter of Phi Beta Delta at Argosy University, Tampa held an international coffee hour on December 4. The purpose of the event was two-fold: first, to celebrate the holidays, and, second, to share information on the upcoming Phi Beta Delta annual conference (June 3 and 4) in Denver, Colo. Many students expressed interest in developing presentations and papers. They have established a working team to assist each other in preparing for the conference. Dr. Robertson (Southeast Regional Vice President of PBD) provided an overview of the benefits of the conference. Dr. Leonard Mardis (left) shared his personal experiences of the conference. Both presentations were well-received and a good attendance in Denver is expected.

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Omega - California State University, Northridge

Cinema & Publications by Faculty

The global documentary Let Them Eat Cake by Prof. Alexis Krasilovsky was screened at the La Femme International Film Festival at Laemmle Theater in Beverly Hills, Calif. on Friday, Oct. 16.

In addition, Prof. Krasilovsky has co-authored a book with Hamet Margolis and Julia Stein, also global in scope, Shooting Women: Behind the Camera, Around the World (Intellect Press/Univ. of Chicago Press, October 2015). The book was celebrated at two book events in November 2015: (1) Skylight Books, Saturday, Nov. 14 in Los Angeles, and (2) Samuel French Bookstore, Sunday, Nov. 15 in Hollywood.

Many CSU Northridge students were involved in both projects, in the US and abroad.

Prof. Krasilovsky is chair of the Department of Cinema and Television Arts at California State University, Northridge, Phi Beta Delta - Omega
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From Alexandra Kost, Team Development Specialist, AFS-USA, Inc.: Education and Intercultural Learning: Fostering global citizenship through intercultural dialogue - a wonderful resource for teachers to sign up for monthly updates.


PBD PUBLICATIONS

Call for Journal Articles
Scholars and researchers from across disciplines are invited to address issues in international education and studies. The editors of International Research and Review, the official journal of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society, welcome scholarly articles 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 the International Research and Review at: http://phibetadelta.org/publications.php

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