Make the Mission Inn YOUR destination!
Registration now open for the 2015 Phi Beta Delta Conference.

The Mission Inn in Riverside, Calif. and California State University, San Bernardino will host the 2015 Phi Beta Delta conference on April 23 and 24, 2015. Make sure to join us!

For a tentative agenda of the conference, visit the Phi Beta Delta website. The agenda is still subject to change and will be finalized as of March 20.


CHAPTER NEWS

Dear Chapter Presidents and Chapter Coordinators:

Please think about these items.

The DEADLINE for the April Medallion is April 8. Send your News to me by Wednesday April 8 at ms@smitheeassociates.com.

1. Any issues, commentary, blogs, reports, or ideas about international education, internationalization, or globalization.
2. Send Chapter News that might include but not be limited to:
   - Inductions you have had since your last submission to the Medallion
   - Plans for your chapter this academic year
   - Plans for International Education Week
   - Changes in your chapter
   - Internationalization efforts at your institution
   - Community activities
   - Information that would be valuable to student members of PBD
   - Information that would be valuable to faculty and staff members of PBD
   - Include PHOTOS that I can print in the Medallion

Thanks,

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Beta Chapter, California State University, Fullerton

In September 2014 and January 2015, Beta Chapter Board members organized a membership recruitment drive in conjunction with the campus-wide "Days of Discovery" to welcome newly-admitted students. Based on the theme "Stewards from Around the World," we offered free samples of desserts from various countries. In October 2014, we held our annual International Luncheon activity, a networking event with fellow scholars discussing travels, research projects, languages, and other international activities.

We celebrated International Education Week 2014 in November with 3 events:

1. The Interim Associate Vice-President for International Programs organized a one-day workshop highlighting international experiences at CSU Fullerton.
Several faculty panel sessions were held to discuss the promotion of faculty-led short-term study abroad programs. The day ended with a reception for all participants including a welcome for new visiting research scholars.

2. We inducted 79 new members including a faculty member, the Director of the International Business Center from the Mihaylo College of Business & Economics. The agenda program for the reception included presentations by students on various international activities, ranging from international internships, field work abroad, community/volunteer work and other topics including cultural differences.

3. Professor Michelle Luster organized a reception called “International Tea for a Global Community” where students and faculty/staff talked about the history of tea from different countries and participants had samples of tea tasting.

The Beta Chapter Volunteer Scholars Program was initiated by Student President, Sky Pham, an international student from Vietnam majoring in Finance.

This program enhances public awareness of Phi Beta Delta as an organization. It promotes teamwork skills and community involvement opportunities for all members. CSUF Beta chapter maintains volunteer once a month at “Someone Cares Soup Kitchen,” a community service activity that provides daily meals to the homeless, unemployed, working poor families, senior citizens, the unemployed or under-employed, the mentally and physically challenged and most importantly, to children. The words of Mother Teresa have inspired Mr. Pham in his volunteer work:

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

Submitted by: Lay Tuan Tan
Beta Chapter Coordinator (2007-2015); Database Coordinator: 1995-2015

Editor’s Note: On February 27, 2015, Ms. Tan retired from CSU Fullerton. She has been a stalwart member of Phi Beta Delta for many years, serving faculty as chapter coordinator, and senior vice-president internationally. Dr. John Hickock, incoming chapter coordinator, and current president

Dipasri Ghosh say this, “Lay Tuan (retiring from both CSUF & PBD) leaves mighty big shoes to fill; she has been our tireless liaison and champion for over a decade.” From all of us in Phi Beta Delta, we wish her well in her retirement, and hope that she looks in on us from time to time.

Alpha Pi Chapter, University of Kansas

The Alpha Pi Chapter of Phi Beta Delta at the University of Kansas welcomed new members at its annual induction ceremony in November. Three staff, five faculty and 21 students were inducted. Learn about PBD’s new members here. Assistant Vice Provost for International Programs Joe Potts was the featured speaker. The Phi Beta Delta board thanked President Lorraine Haricombe for service to the organization upon her upcoming departure from KU.

Beta Gamma Chapter, University of Oklahoma

Beta Gamma chapter is excited to share a new initiative at the University of Oklahoma, the OU Fellowship for Global Engagement.

The Fellowship is a program established to ensure its students have the tools to succeed in an increasingly global community. Global Engagement Fellows must commit to the program for the entirety of their undergraduate career. Fellows will receive a $5,000 cash scholarship account, which can be used during their undergraduate years for at least two international experiences, with their first experience ideally taking place during the summer after their freshman year.

This program is exclusively for freshmen; students must demonstrate proficiency in a modern foreign language, attend international events, and maintain an e-portfolio documenting experiences and reflections, in addition to writing essays and other requirements.

For more information, visit: http://www.ou.edu/cis/sponsored_programs/fellowship-for-global-engagement.html

We are also preparing for our spring induction ceremony and electing student leadership for academic year 2015-2016.

Students show off their certificates of induction at an induction ceremony in November. Pictured from left to right are Matt Cassady, Catalina Paz Herranz, Pablo Rodrigo Tomalba, Ty Isom, Phi Beta Delta Beta Gamma Treasurer 2014, studied Arabic and International Studies abroad in Jordan, Lebanon, and Tunisia. He has now accepted a position with the U.S.
Danielle Jackson, Becky Seewald, Yushan Han, and Maytrelli Segovia. Department of State in Washington, D.C., after he completed an internship for a U.C. Senator. He is pictured above in Tunisia.

Ty Isom, Phi Beta Delta Beta Gamma, Treasurer 2014, and University of Oklahoma Vice President for International Programs and William J. Crowe, Jr. Chair in Geopolitics and Dean of the College of International Studies, Dr. Suzette Grillot. Dean Grillot hosts the award-winning weekly World Views radio show on OU’s NPR affiliate, KGOU.


We will co-sponsor the celebrations for International Women’s Day on March 6, 2015 with the theme “Make It Happen.” The day will begin with an international scholarly panel of speakers from various countries who will discuss notable programs, events and local projects that encourage effective action for advancing and recognizing women around the world. Included in the day’s event is a quilt-making project focusing on women role models around the world and an international tea reception.

Spring 2015 induction ceremony is scheduled for April 17, 2015.

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

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- International Education advancements
- International Education Week activities
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We are looking for members to submit reviews of books they have read. These can be scholarly non-fiction or non-fiction pertaining to cultural, intercultural and international topics.

To express your interest in either of these two activities send an email to Dr. Michael Smithee at ms@smitheeassociates.com.