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The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors and the Executive Office in Washington, D.C., is pleased to announce that the 18th Annual Conference was a huge success.

All this could not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the Phi Beta Delta staff in the Executive Office, students from the Universidad de las Americas, and our friends at The George Washington University, Scottish Rite Temple, Embassy of Argentina, and Cosmos Club.

At its annual meeting, the society took the very unusual step of conferring by unanimous vote on David Merchant, Director of Publications, a special edition of the Phi Beta Delta medal.

The citation was for great service during the past transition year, with “his greatest service being his extraordinary leadership when Dr. Evans died.” The medal is the same special edition that was given to U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell and is engraved with the legend “From the Chapters” and “For his Greatest Service”.

Message from the President

India Dennis, *Capital University*

As I am writing this to you, I am drawn to the spring flowering of the magnolia trees in my back yard in Columbus, Ohio, and reminded of how absolutely beautiful the cherry trees were in Washington the weekend of the conference.

It was very successful with excellent presentations by international scholars and addresses by Dennis McBride from The Potomac Institute and Former Ambassador Ronald Palmer.

The messages were clear - there is the need for us all to continue to learn more about other cultures and to become catalysts for the internationalizing of our campuses and communities.

I value the goals of Phi Beta Delta a great deal and continue to be refreshed and stimulated by my connections and work for this community of international scholars from every imaginable discipline.

I pledge to you to build on the good work of former President Paul Rich who had such vision for the society.

There are many improvements we still want to make and we invite your suggestions and input in ways to better serve your needs.

You are Phi Beta Delta, and your efforts on your campus on behalf of us are what keep the society vital. Let us know how we can help you.

Here's to a great year for Phi Beta Delta!

Navigator Award

The Potomac Institute for Policy Studies has teamed with Phi Beta Delta to establish an annual award for students – specifically to acknowledge outstanding contribution to the scholarship of science and technology policy. The acclaimed Navigator Award has been given yearly by the Potomac Institute to members of Congress, an executive in the Administration, and a private sector pioneer.

The Navigator Awards are so-named to reflect that national leadership, particularly in science and technology policy, is a never-ending process of finding the way ahead. Navigation, one of man's enduring technical challenges, is equally challenging in policy.

The newly announced student Navigator category was established this year to recognize contribution to policy studies from the academic community.

The award selection will be managed by Phi Beta Delta and Potomac committees, and the winning submission will be published in the *Review of Policy Research*, a leading peer-reviewed journal, published by the Policy Studies Organization and the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies. In addition, the student Navigator will be invited to present an abbreviated paper at the annual Navigator Awards Banquet in Washington DC, wherein he or she will receive the prestigious award with the winning members of Congress, the Administration, and private industry.



Chapter News

ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER

by: Dennis Peterson - Iowa State University

Fifty persons attended the April 2, 2004 Spring Meeting of the Alpha Delta Chapter, Iowa State University. Ten new members were inducted into membership by Dr. Kurt Thurmaier, Chapter President. Dr. Jim Pease, Assistant Professor, Natural Resource Ecology and Management, presented on "Environmental Education in the International Arena: The Influence of Culture." He also presented this program at the recent international conference of Phi Beta Delta. The officers for next year will be Kurt Thurmaier, President; Clare Cardinal-Pett, Vice President; Denise Bjelland, Secretary, Rebecca Matters, Treasurer. ■

BETA CHAPTER

by: Bob Eriksen - California State University, Fullerton

Our Spring 2004 induction will feature a fascinating panel of Cal State Fullerton faculty sharing a multi-media presentation on their recent group Fulbright award to Thailand.

The fall semester was very exciting. Our provocative discussion "New World Disorder" featured students, faculty and staff with diverse perspectives on this challenging issue. Our Fall induction ceremony was a truly dignified event for our 25 newly inducted student members and 4 faculty members. Award nominees for the all-chapter awards were announced: Dr. Richard Deming- faculty, Ms. Lay Tuan Tan- staff, Ms. Belinda O'Keefe and Ms. Yu-Hsin Wang- Students. Students (and brothers) Nikola, Petar, and Vasil Chekardzhikov held the audience spellbound with a magnificent musical interlude of Bulgarian folk music.

Our chapter held its banner proudly at the annual conference in Washington DC this year, as Lay Tuan Tan, who has held virtually every position in our chapter and works tirelessly for all our activities and events, received the Edward S. Blankenship Outstanding Staff Award. We now count ourselves as the most honored chapter of the society! ■

DELTA LAMBDA CHAPTER

by: Edward Smith - Rowan University

Thirty new members were formally inducted into Delta Lambda Chapter (Rowan University) Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society at the annual ceremony on Sunday, April 4, 2004. The speaker for the evening was Thomas Bigaj of the Department of Philosophy and Religion and a native of Poland. Pictured below, left to right are: Lisa Wilmer, Treasurer, Olga Sieri, Drs. Anthony Robb, Sonia Spencer and Edward Smith of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, and Galina Santos Quiñones, Secretary. ■



GAMMA ETA CHAPTER

by: Bassam F. Khoury - Central Michigan University

On Monday, March 29th, the Gamma Eta Chapter of Phi Beta Delta inducted 38 new members into the society, bringing our total of active members to 74. The program included a welcoming and a keynote speech, both presented by our current President, Dr. Rebeca Torres-Rivera; a presentation about Phi Beta Delta and International Education given by our Coordinator/Treasurer, Mr. Bassam Khoury; the new member induction and presentation of the medallions and certificates by Mr. Khoury and Dr. Torres-Rivera; musical entertainment by an international student guitarist; and a lovely reception followed.

The Gamma Eta Chapter also contributed funds to underwrite the film "Lost in Translation," which was one film included in CMU's 2nd Annual International Film Festival. The International Film Festival, which ran from March 25th, 2004 through April 4th, 2004, is organized by the Central Michigan Life, which is the University newspaper; the CMU College of Communication and Fine Arts; and the Film Society at CMU.

The International Club at CMU sponsored a student discussion panel on intercultural communication entitled "Lost in Translation" on March 18th, 2004. The Gamma Eta Chapter of Phi Beta Delta donated funds to assist the International Club in promoting this event. ■

OMICRON CHAPTER

by: Monica Freeman - California State University, Sacramento

In April of 2003 and again in November of 2003, the Omicron Chapter honored its visiting international research scholars with receptions. The "Circle of Friendship," in which all faculty, scholars, students, and staff present introduce themselves to the group, has become a tradition at this semester events. At a separate function in spring of 2003, retiring Professor of Japanese, Dr. Shotaro Hayashigatani, was honored for over 30 years of service at California State University, Sacramento. Dr. Hayashigatani, currently serves as the President of the Omicron Chapter.

In May of 2003 the Omicron Chapter held its annual dinner and initiation ceremony. Dr. Donald R. Gerth, former President of California State University, Sacramento, spoke at the event on the international dimensions of the capital city of Sacramento and the "Capital Campus." Dr. Gerth, a long-standing member of the Omicron Chapter, was honored with a plaque marking his many years of service to CSU Sacramento.

During the month of May 2003, the Omicron Chapter also held a reception in the Library Art Gallery at the CSUS campus in honor of the statewide California State University Academic Council for International Programs. The ACIP members serve as an advisory board to the CSU study abroad programs. ■

EPSILON SIGMA CHAPTER

by: Brenda Cowans - University of Memphis

On March 31, 2004, we held our second induction ceremony. We had 14 new inductees. They are: Titilola Afolabi, John L. Brassel, Margaret Christie, Luojia Daniel, Laura Fismire, Allen Flowers, Rocio Gonzalez, Dr. David Kemme, Angela Meduri, Rene Patey, Timitrail Pettis, Hongtao Qiao, Dr. William Smith, and Sumalka Wegodapola. This brings our membership to 46.

On Wednesday April 14, 2004 we are sponsoring a lecture given by Consul General Rong Chaun Wu here on our campus. He is Director-General of the Taipei Economic And Cultural Office in Atlanta. Director Wu speaks on the economic and political developments of Taiwan and its progress of the process of democratization. ■

Award Winners of the 18th Annual Conference

Faculty Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education

– Pauline Jolly

Pauline Jolly was born in Spanish Town, Jamaica, and attended the University of the West Indies where she majored in Natural Sciences (Botany, Zoology and Chemistry). Jolly later received her Master of Science (Biology-Parasitology) degree at Tuskegee University and Doctorate (Science Education) degree from Louisiana State University.

Jolly is active in fostering interaction and collaboration between US and foreign students, and selects and nominates eligible students for induction into the society.

Edward S. Blankenship Outstanding Staff Award

– Lay Tuan Tan

Tan is the Associate Director of the Office of International Education and Exchange at California State University, Fullerton.

Tan's colleagues at CSUF and the Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Delta only has kind words for her. The Chapter Coordinator of the Beta Chapter, Robert Eriksen, characterizes her as "an enthusiastic booster of Phi Beta Delta throughout the campus, and never misses an opportunity to promote the organization to students, faculty, and other members of the university community."

Student Award for International Achievement

– Mohan B. Dangi

Dangi is an engineer graduate at the Colorado School of Mines, where he received first his bachelor degree in chemical engineering and then his master degree in environmental engineering.

Dangi is "tenacious at following his dream to contribute in a meaningful way to his home country, Nepal," said Kathy G. Gengenbach. "He is tireless in his effort to educate others to the needs of the developing world."

Domestic Student Award for Int'l Achievement

– Sabra Volek

Volek is an International Relations and European Studies graduate at Central European University. She joined Phi Beta Delta by way of the Alpha Pi Chapter at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, where she received her bachelor degree in Political Science and International Studies.

Thomas Heilke, Associate Professor and Interim Associate Dean of International Programs at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, said, "She sees the world in a wide frame, thinking about her homeland in an international context, and about her first object of undergraduate study—Russian language and literature—in the same way." Heilke added, "She understands the need for greater international awareness among all of us."

Oustanding Regional Awards

Northeast Region

Alpha Nu Chapter – *Northeastern University*

Southeast Region

Delta Zeta Chapter – *Western Carolina University*

Midwest Region

Delta Pi Chapter – *Baker University*

Southwest Region

Delta Iota – *University of Houston*

West Region

Omega Chapter – *California State University, Northridge*

Eileen M. Evans

Overall Outstanding Chapter Award

Congratulations Delta Iota Chapter at the University of Houston for winning this year's prestigious award – the Eileen M. Evans Overall Outstanding Chapter Award.

It is only appropriate to confer the Delta Iota Chapter this award, which embodies the excellence and high standards characteristic of our late and beloved Executive Director, Dr. Eileen M. Evans.

Let us all strive to live up to Dr. Evans's standards and never forget her legacy.



David Merchant, the Society's Director of Publications, presenting the award to Delta Iota Chapter's Anita Gaines and the University of Houston Delegation.