NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Our chapter is excited to invite 123 Juniors and 193 Seniors to become members of Phi Kappa Phi. Invitations went out on February 15. The initiation ceremony will be held in the Smith Student Center, Room 321, on March 25, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. following the Academic Honors and Student Leadership Convocation.

To educate those invited, we arranged for an information session providing them with more details about ΦΚΦ and its benefits. This will be held Monday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. in room 319 in the Smith Student Center. We also distributed lists of invitees to members, faculty, staff, and deans so they can approach those invited and encourage them to join. Please consider reaching out to those students you know, if you haven’t already.

In harmony with National’s guidelines, we will also induct additional faculty and staff. Nominations were requested and chapter officers selected from those.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONTEST

In an effort to get the word out about Phi Kappa Phi, we have placed posters around campus. In addition to the printed posters, we hope to get a little action in the photo/social media area. We will be creating a campaign on at least one if not all of our social media accounts—Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

We’ll be asking members and invitees to post a photo of themselves in front of one of our Phi Kappa Phi posters. Then, from the photos posted, we’ll have random drawings for two prizes to student ΦΚΦ members or students who were invited to join.

Although faculty and staff will not be part of the drawing, we hope you will participate and get in the spirit. Watch for announcements and help the campus be more aware of our Phi Kappa Phi chapter!
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Each of us is on a long journey. A journey that we map out by the choices we make each day. Some of us have a clearly marked map. Some of us just seem to refer to the map now and then. As members of Phi Kappa Phi, we have in common at least a tiny dot on our map—the moment we chose to become a member. The journey is our life. And the map is our timeline—what we will do and with what priority to achieve the things that are important to us while we’re here on our journey.

Some of us joined ΦΚΦ as students. Some were invited later as faculty or staff. Each of us can ask ourselves, what is my motivation? Is Phi Kappa Phi just a dot on my map? Or, is it a line, a path? Do I just want a resume point? Or, am I looking for ways to be involved in intellectual progress and the betterment of humanity? There is no right or wrong answer. When it comes to our life journey, it is we who map it out and make it happen. But, if the ideals of ΦΚΦ are in harmony with our life ideals, then we can ask, “What small thing(s) can I do to become more involved, more supportive of our chapter and its efforts?”

For me, personally, my involvement has been rewarding, and I have been surprised and delighted by my nomination to the Volunteer Spotlight and for having my poem chosen for publication in “The Forum.” I’d love to see others in our chapter receiving similar or greater rewards for their involvement. I hope soon, that we will have students receiving scholarships and faculty receiving the Love of Learning or the Scholar or Artist awards. It’s our organization, and as members, we can be part of the giving and the receiving.

I would especially like to thank our chapter officers Michael Ignelzi, Sunita Peacock, Jennifer Keller, and Jennifer Sanftner-McGraw for their dedication. And, I would also like express special thanks to Eliott Baker and Min Lim for their regular meeting attendance and their continued involvement and unwavering support.

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For many of us, it may feel like we’ve drawn too many paths on our map of life. For some, maybe Phi Kappa Phi can be a long line of involvement. For others, maybe it’s a little more like a series of dashes. Whatever the case, please try to be involved and supportive to the degree that your life goals allow. And, may the lines on your map take you to all the places you truly want to reach.

Did You Know?

When SRU was accepted into the prestigious academic honorary of Phi Kappa Phi, humanities Dean William McKinney, who petitioned Phi Kappa Phi for inclusion, stated, “I am overjoyed to have this. Membership with this kind of origination sends a signal that Slippery Rock University is what we’ve always known it to be, a quality academic institution.”

In evaluating SRU, Phi Kappa Phi examined academic programs, credentials of faculty, library holdings, admission standards and the success of graduates.
Eliott Baker, Phi Kappa Phi member since 2008, is retiring this semester. He began his career at Slippery Rock University in 1980 as Director of Admissions, then in 1986 he became Registrar and later Director of Academic Records. He now retires from the position of Executive Director of Academic Records, Summer School and Graduate Studies.

He puts in long days. It’s not unusual for him to stay at the office two hours after everyone else is gone or to answer a work-related email from home at midnight. Eliott Goodman Baker, takes his job seriously, and for the most part, he loves it.

Eliott has brought that same dedication and drive to ΦΚΦ. While he never served as an officer, he attended meetings and ΦΚΦ events, spoke at initiation ceremonies, and basically brought his support and good humor to our chapter more than one would expect from such a busy man.

Eliott’s wife, Deb said, “Eliott does a wonderful job at work. People come up to me and say about him, ‘What a pain…, but I love him.’

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SOME MEMBER BENEFITS

♦ ACADEMIC RECOGNITION: Certificate of initiation and Society pin; Exclusive Phi Kappa Phi graduation stoles, cords, and medallions; Logo graphics for CV or résumés

♦ SOCIETY SERVICES: Subscription to Phi Kappa Phi Forum magazine; Personalized press releases; Online communities for professional and social networking

♦ CAREER RESOURCES: Career assistance through the Career Center and membership verification letters; GS level upgrade for members seeking federal employment; Podcasts on educational and career-related topics

STEP IT UP

Did you step it up since our last newsletter? You still can! If each of us does just one step more than our usual, our chapter will make a significant step toward improvement, Possibilities include…

♦ Become active by renewing national membership.
♦ Support our chapter - renew your local membership.
♦ Attend one more meeting than usual.
♦ Develop, maintain, and spread your enthusiasm.
♦ Tell students what’s so great about Phi Kappa Phi.
♦ Share comments on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.
♦ Apply for a grant, award, or scholarship.
♦ Encourage others to apply for a grant, award, or scholarship.
♦ Share your accomplishments with the chapter.
♦ Serve on a committee.
♦ Become an officer.

SRU ΦΚΦ HAS A RUNNER-UP!

Recent SRU graduate, Taylor Good, had her photo chosen in the ΦΚΦ graduation photo contest. She’s in the top 10 of more than 125 entries! Taylor could win a $100 Amazon gift card if she takes first place. And, our SRU chapter would receive a little free publicity. You can vote for her photo until February 26 at http://www.phikappaphi.org/about/news/news-landing/2017/02/10/vote-now-fall-2016-graduation-photo-contest#.WKXxZ3kzVYc. (Won’t let you? Try it from your home computer.)

STAY CONNECTED!

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♦ Update your contact info
♦ Tell us when a member has achieved something
♦ Stay in touch even if you leave SRU