FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

What are your plans after you get your undergraduate degree? Are you continuing your education? Do you have a particular dream or goal? A Fellowship award from Phi Kappa Phi could help you achieve it.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi currently awards fifty Fellowships of $8,500 each, six at $20,000 each, and two at $35,000 each to members entering the first year of graduate or professional study. Each active Phi Kappa Phi chapter may select one candidate from among its local applicants to compete for the Society-wide awards. National deadline is April 15, 2019 (opens December 15, 2018). Our chapter deadline is April 1, 2019.

Apply for a Fellowship! Go to www.phikappaphi.org for instructions, fact sheets, advice in pdf and video, personal statement and work samples. Submit your package to our chapter and go for it.

SCHOLARSHIP MEETINGS

Our Grants and Award officer, Jennifer Keller, provided information on study abroad scholarships at a Study Abroad Info Meeting on August 30.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Jennifer shared points such as dates covered, eligibility, contact info, and links to application. She also invited Tess Thrower and Amber Davidson from Global Engagement, who gave specifics on what study abroad opportunities were available and what assistance she can provide for grant applicants. Both Jennifer, Tess, and Amber are available to answer any questions.

If you will be studying abroad between May 1, 2019 & June 30, 2020, we will have another info meeting on December 6, 2018, Spotts World Culture Building, room 309 at 12:45 to share information you'll need.
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lately, I've been reflecting on how grateful I am for all the work of those who have contributed to the beginning and the continuation of our chapter. It’s my understanding that Dr. Robert Smith was the one who started the ball rolling to have a Phi Kappa Phi chapter here at SRU. Past presidents: William McKinney, Eva Tsuquishi-Daddesio, Julaine Field, Sunita Peacock, Michael Ignelzi, and other officers: Tom Como, Catherine Cooklin, Amanda Yale and Min Lim all have done their part. And, of course, there were all the original charter members who worked hard to bring life and activity to the new chapter.

Since I became an officer in 2014, there have still been those who shine in the area of contributing to our chapter, some who come to mind include: all of the officers during this time - Michael Ignelzi, Sunita Peacock, Jennifer Keller, Jennifer Sanftner-McGrav, Beth Boerger, and Catherine Massey - who have each in their own way worked to further the interests of the chapter and our members. There’s always so much to do as a faculty or staff person, plus the responsibilities of personal life. I appreciate any and all time put toward the well-being of our chapter.

Others who have helped with initiations or in some other way have been involved include Eliott Baker, Min Lim, Stacy Jacob, Cindy LaCom, Justin Kleemook, and student volunteers: Amy Brunner, Megan Torok, and Autumn Harth. Of course, we can’t forget Amy McCamey who was our Administrative Assistant for many years until her retirement.

I’m sure there are others I have neglected to mention, still I appreciate their contributions. Let’s continue building and working by following this year’s conference title: Keep calm and carry on excellence. Thanks to all of you for everything you do!

VP ATTENDS CONVENTION

“Keep calm and carry on excellence. Thanks to all of you for everything you do!”

Keep Calm and Carry on Excellence! That was the theme of the 2018 convention of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, held in Minneapolis, MN from August 2nd through August 4th. I [Beth Boerger] was delighted to attend the convention as the delegate of the Slippery Rock University chapter. The convention started on a high note with the keynote address by the very funny Julie Schumacher, professor of creative writing and author of, *Dear Committee Members*, a satirical novel written in the form of a series of recommendation letters, as well as the coloring/activity book for adults, *Doodling for Academics*. Other convention highlights included:

- the Thursday evening excursion to the Mill City Museum (http://www.mnhs.org/millcity), which provided an opportunity to mingle with fellow delegates, candidates for national and district leadership positions and staff of the national office while learning about Minneapolis’s history as the home of General Mills and Pillsbury flour mills;
- the announcement of the recipient of the 2018 Excellence in Innovation Award, the Seita Scholars Program at Western Michigan University (https://wmich.edu/fosteringsuccess/seita), which provides a full scholarship and support services to students who experienced foster care as teenagers;
- the two Carry on Excellence sessions, in which the national office staff provided tips on building and maintaining healthy chapters and facilitated brainstorming among delegates;
- the many opportunities during meals and breaks to connect with delegates from other chapters. I was especially excited to meet Gabriel Tate, a 1994 SRU graduate and current assistant professor of media and communication and Phi Kappa Phi delegate from Arkansas State University.

I am looking forward to sharing ideas from the convention with the chapter as we begin the new academic year!
Welcome Autumn Harth in her position as Student Vice President. Autumn graduated high school at Chugiak High in Alaska. She is currently a senior in Secondary English Education, hoping to graduate a year early. After graduation, she plans to work for the Department of Defense to teach military students on bases overseas.

When asked why she accepted her invitation to join Phi Kappa Phi, Autumn said, “I accepted the PKP invitation to become part of something larger than myself and to join a community of scholars. ΦΚΦ connects the nation under a platform of academic excellence, and I wanted to take advantage of the opportunity that SRU provided me through our ΦΚΦ affiliation. After our first introduction meeting last year, I knew I wanted to not only be a part of this organization, but to be an involved student and effective member of Phi Kappa Phi. I hope to create a more active dialogue between the members of our Slippery Rock chapter and the national board to bring attention to the amazing opportunities possible through this honorable membership.”

Among other things, Autumn will be helping with our social media and organizing our chapter’s historical documents. Autumn can be reached at ash1010@sru.edu.

Mark your calendar for our member meeting on November 8, 2018, during common hour. It will take place in Spotts World Culture building, room 100.

Please come to receive the latest news and information about our chapter.
We’ll serve lunch and beverages.
Come and get to know your fellow members!

For additional announcements, watch your email and like our Facebook page.

OUR MOTTO: Let the love of learning rule humanity.

INTRODUCING NEW ΦΚΦ STUDENT VP

Web page: http://www.sru.edu/PhiKappaPhi/
Email: phikappaphi@sru.edu
Facebook: SRUPKP
Twitter: SRUphikappaphi
Instagram: SRUPhiKappaPhi

Please keep us in the loop:
• Update your contact info
• Tell us when a member has achieved something
• Stay in touch even after you leave SRU

STAY CONNECTED!
One Student Vice President position is currently open in our chapter. Student Vice President duties and opportunities could include social media, student programming (enrichment or social), meeting attendance, the recruitment process, community service, or fundraising—working closely with faculty and staff members. Additionally, Student VPs could possibly attend the vice president Leadership Summit or the Convention.

There is also an open administrative assistant position for active faculty or staff members. And we are looking for any members who would like to volunteer to help with some organizing of our historical paperwork and with social media postings. Anyone interested in the above positions should contact the chapter president at laurel.patterson@sru.edu.

**EMPLOYED AT SRU?**

Consider applying your Family Campus Campaign contribution toward The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at SRU. Monies will go toward future initiation ceremonies, scholarships, and expenses incurred for officer training. To specify our chapter, just go to https://www.srufoundation.org/pkp.html.

Thanks in advance for you generous support.