NEW MEMBERS & OFFICERS

This Spring 2017, we welcomed 25 new student members and 8 new faculty and administrators to our chapter. Our initiation ceremony was held in the Smith Student Center on March 25, 2017.

Faculty and administrators who accepted membership were: Deanna Brookens, Ana Maria Caula, Connie Edwards, Heather Frederick, George Lengyel, Susan Lubinski, Catherine Massey, and Glenn Utsch. Please welcome new faculty and student members.

Also, at our November 2nd meeting, Dr. Elizabeth Boerger was selected as our new Vice President/President Elect and Dr. Catherine Massey will be our new Treasurer. Be sure to congratulate and support them in their new positions.

CALL FOR STUDENT VPs

Officers of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi chapters are appointed from faculty and staff. Chapters are also encouraged to fill at least two Student Vice President positions.

Student Vice President duties and opportunities could include social media, student programming (enrichment or social), meeting attendance, the recruitment process, community service, or fund raising—working closely with faculty and staff members. Additionally, Student VPs could possibly attend the vice president Leadership Summit or the Convention.

Both of our chapter’s Student Vice President positions are open. Interested students should contact the chapter president at laurel.patterson@sru.edu.
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is a great, excellent organization. It’s an organization of which I am proud to belong. The mission and motto are worthy goals. And, the organization lives up to those goals nationwide as it, among other things, awards so many with grants and scholarships when they embody the mission and motto in their educational, intellectual and community pursuits.

Those invited to become members represent some of the most intelligent, dedicated, gifted people in the country. And when we use our gifts to demonstrate a love of humanity, great things can happen.

Members who are faculty and staff are the foundation of the chapter. We are the strength that allows the chapter to stay afloat throughout the years as students join and later graduate. I know what we can accomplish is only limited by the confines we put on ourselves. I am confident that this chapter will continue to push forward and devote time, energy, money to the continued success of the chapter. The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is worthy.

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MAKING ΦΚΦ MORE VISIBLE

The more people are aware of Phi Kappa Phi, its purpose and accomplishments, the more likely someone will accept membership, and the more likely Phi Kappa Phi will continue to grow and benefit others. Here are some ways to make our Phi Kappa Phi chapter more visible:

- Mount your membership sticker on your car or office window
- Hang your ΦΚΦ certificate in your office or home
- Hang a Phi Kappa Phi poster in your area
- Wear your ΦΚΦ pin
- When submitting good news, mention that you are a ΦΚΦ member
- Wear your ΦΚΦ medallion at convocation
- Leave your Forum magazine out where others can see it

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 organization 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.
Many of our members achieve success and honors, here’s news of two who will be recognized for their years of work and dedication.

**Eliott Baker**, life-time member of PKP and retired SRU director of academic records, summer school and graduate studies, will be awarded honorary membership in the Middle States Association of Registrars and Officers of Admission during the organization’s annual conference, Nov. 27-29 in Atlantic City.

The honor is the highest award a regional association can bestow on a retired member. Between 1949 and 2016, only 128 members have been awarded honorary membership. Baker, who served as president of the association from 1993-1994, is the first person associated with PASSHE to receive the honor.

**Michael Ignelzi**, active member and past president of PKP, and SRU professor of counseling and development, has received the Annuit Coeptis - Senior Professional award from the American College Personnel Association.

According to the ACPA, the award honors the lives of Philip Tripp and Ursula Delworth, who "dearly loved to challenge their contemporaries and junior colleagues in a spirit of personal and professional sharing, good humor and intellectual debates."

The award is presented to individuals for their contributions to the fields of administration, teaching, research and publications. Ignelzi will receive the award at the ACPA annual convention March 27.

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**OUR MISSION:** To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.

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**MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS**

While we weren’t able to make the GRE preparation happen this past Spring 2017, we have made it happen 4 out of 5 semesters in a row. Our intention is to offer this free GRE Strategy Session in partnership with the Princeton Review as a regular provision each semester. Unfortunately, Princeton Review did not have a professional available for this semester. We will continue to try to make this a regular offering because it is a great benefit available to any students going for their masters degree. We'll keep you updated.

Some assistance can be found online at [https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare/](https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare/) and also on [https://www.princetonreview.com/grad/gre-test-prep?ceid=nav](https://www.princetonreview.com/grad/gre-test-prep?ceid=nav).

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is a standardized test that is an admissions requirement for most graduate schools in the US.
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

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DUES NEWS

Thanks to all of you who continue renewing your chapter dues. We appreciate the support. If you are a life-time member with national, please keep in mind that the local chapter continues to need your support through the $10 annual chapter dues. Money collected from chapter dues is used for a variety of needs—initiation expenses, food at meetings or socials, advertising, assisting officers in attending conventions and other national meetings or trainings. We have also discussed scholarship possibilities which could only happen if we have a steady, healthy stream of money coming into the chapter. Your support matters, and we appreciate it.

MEMBER APPLIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi annually awards ten Dissertation Fellowships of $10,000 each to active members who are doctoral candidates and are completing dissertations. Winners will be notified by March 1, 2018. See national’s web page for details about this award and this year’s winners at http://www.phikappaphi.org/grants-awards/dissertation-fellowship#.WiXk3HmWxYc.

We had one chapter member, Justin Kleemook, apply. Let's keep a good thought for Justin and wish him good luck.

STAY CONNECTED!

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- Tell us when a member has achieved something
- Stay in touch even if you leave SRU