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Taken in Nafplio, Greece: A native of Greece most likely fulfilling his everyday routine. It is impossible, as I came to realize, for most people in Greece to imagine living a life away from the sea. I asked a friend while I was there if he had ever considered living anywhere else, and he said that if "anywhere else" did not have a sea, he could not do it. — Jennifer Bastijanac



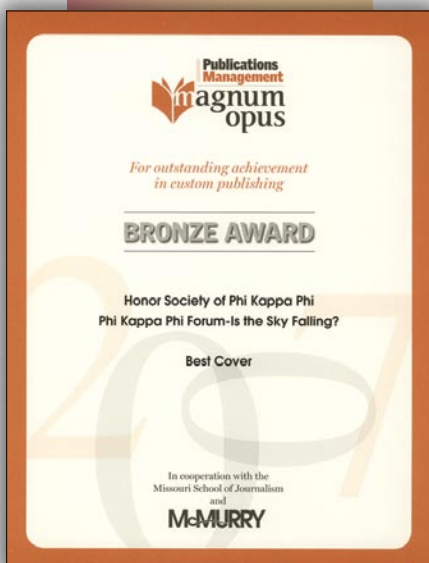
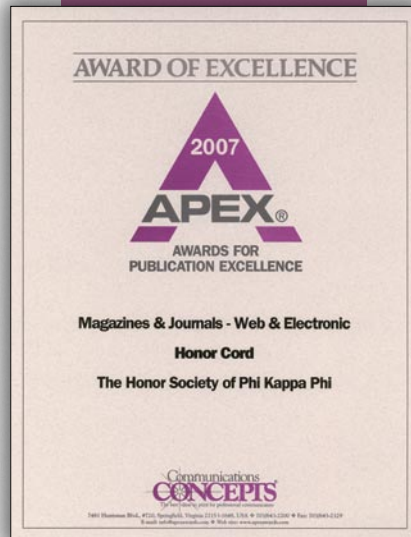
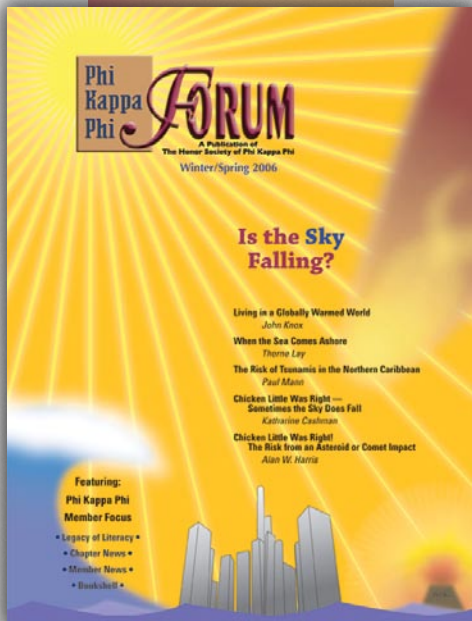
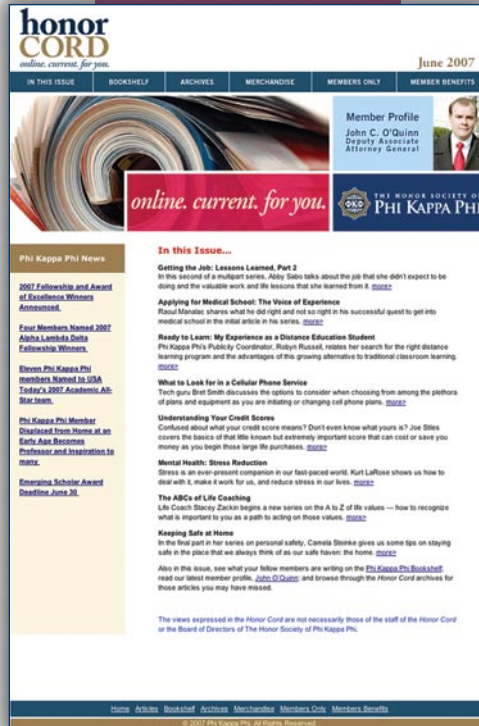
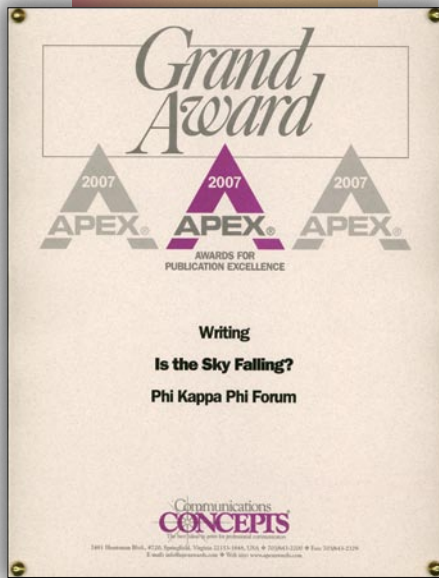
The Parthenon, Athens, Greece, in all its glory.
Photo by Jennifer Bastijanac



Danielle Sgro in front of Stonehenge.

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Danielle Sgro in front of the Oxford University Library.



Jennifer Bastjanic at an outdoor farmer's market, Volos, Greece.



The University of Thessaly (administration building) Volos, Greece.

FELLOWSHIPS

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Every year, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi awards sixty Fellowships of \$5,000 each and forty Awards of Excellence of \$2,000 each to members entering their first year of graduate or professional study. Each Phi Kappa Phi chapter may select one candidate from among its local applicants to compete for the Society-wide awards.

LITERACY GRANTS

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The Literacy Grants program was initiated in 2003 to mobilize members and resources of Phi Kappa Phi and the higher education community to champion literacy initiatives. Grants of up to \$2,500 are available to Phi Kappa Phi chapters and individual members to fund ongoing literacy projects or to create new ones. The Society's commitment to the cause of literacy grows out of its mission statement, which includes "to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

STUDY ABROAD GRANTS

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Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants are designed to help support undergraduates who seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying abroad. Fifty \$1,000 grants are awarded each year.



Anand Iyer
University of Alabama at
Birmingham



2007 Named Fellowship Recipients

Slater Fellow

This year's Slater Fellow is Anand Iyer, who is majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, chapter 182. He plans to attend medical school at UAB, concentrating on geriatric medicine.

Brian J. Skinner
Virginia Tech



Yoerger Presidential Fellow

Brian J. Skinner, who is majoring in physics and in mechanical engineering and minoring in both mathematics and Spanish at Virginia Tech, chapter 25, is this year's Yoerger Fellow. He plans to pursue a PhD in physics.

Tyler Stoehr
Brigham Young University



Ruth E. Brasher Fellow

This year's Ruth Brasher Fellow is Tyler Stoehr, who is majoring in philosophy and music and minoring in French at Brigham Young University, chapter 58. He is seeking a PhD in philosophy.

Todd Kumler
Illinois Wesleyan
University



Kathleen Greey Fellow

This year's Greey Fellow is Todd Kumler, a major in economics and mathematics and a minor in political science at Illinois Wesleyan University, chapter 31. He plans to concentrate his PhD studies in economic development.

Pankaj Pal
Florida State University



Marjorie Schoch Fellow

This year's Schoch Fellow is Pankaj Pal, a triple major in biochemistry, chemistry, and biomedical mathematics at Florida State University, chapter 37. She plans to enroll in a joint MD/PhD program.

Anne Isabel McEnroe
University of Kansas



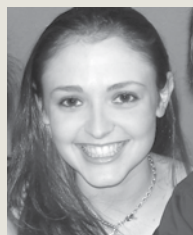
Alfred M. Wolfe Fellow

Anne Isabel McEnroe, who is majoring in classics and English at the University of Kansas, chapter 171, is this year's Wolfe Fellow. She is seeking a master's degree in classics.



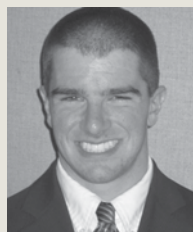
Walter and Adelheid Hohenstein Fellows

University of Maryland: The Hohenstein Fellow from the University of Maryland, chapter 22, is Laura Marie Caputo. With undergraduate majors in physiology and in Spanish, Ms. Caputo is going to medical school.



Laura Marie Caputo
University of Maryland

Northeastern Region: Rodney Philip Hughes, who is majoring in mathematics and philosophy and minoring in economics at Pennsylvania State University, chapter 3, is this year's Hohenstein Fellow for the Northeastern Region. He plans to study economics in graduate school.



Rodney Philip Hughes
Pennsylvania State University

Southeastern Region: Brice Cooke Nielsen, who is majoring in biological sciences and minoring in genetics and Spanish at North Carolina State University, chapter 33, is this year's Hohenstein Fellow for the Southeastern Region. She plans to go to medical school.



Brice Cooke Nielsen
North Carolina State University

North Central Region: Benjamin Taylor Jones, who is majoring in political science and French and minoring in Spanish at Ohio State University, chapter 155, is this year's Hohenstein Fellow for the North Central Region. He plans to study political science in graduate school.



Benjamin Taylor Jones
Ohio State University

South Central Region: Robert T. Wicks, who is majoring in biology, physics, and psychology, while minoring in chemistry at the University of Mississippi, chapter 77, is this year's Hohenstein Fellow for the South Central Region. He plans to go to medical school.



Robert T. Wicks,
University of Mississippi

Western Region: Eisha Bintic Zaid, a genetics major at the University of California-Davis, chapter 69, is this year's Hohenstein Fellow for the Western Region. She plans to attend medical school.



Eisha Bintic Zaid
University of California-Davis



Andrea Marriell Alegrett
Purdue University



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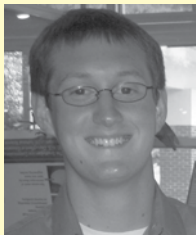
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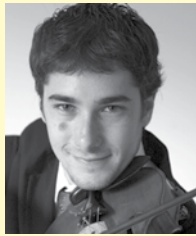
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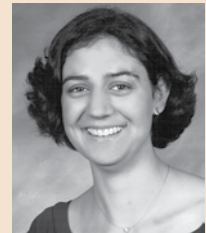
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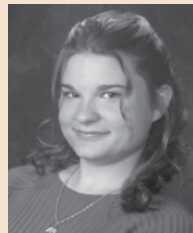
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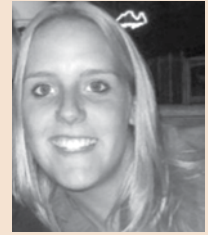
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University



Baby Talk: Increasing Early Language and Literacy in Young Children

Cynthia Fletcher
Iowa State University

Phi Kappa Phi funds will support Baby Talk, a research-based approach to fostering early literacy. Phi Kappa Phi funds will purchase 833 board books for distribution through pediatricians to children up to age five. The books will be distributed at well-child checkups, and students and faculty will serve as volunteer readers.

Let's FLIP with PACT: Family Learning Interactive Program and Parent and Child Together

Janet McCoy
Morehead State University

Morehead State University students will plan two public-relations campaigns for the Adult Learning Center as part of a service-learning course. Press kits will be distributed to local media, and promotional kits will be distributed to children enrolled in the county's preschool program. Each child also will receive a book to encourage reading. The campaigns' purposes are to recruit clients for the Adult Learning Center to improve the adults' lives and the lives of their children.

Born to Read

Misty Clifton
Southeast Missouri State University

The Born to Read program promotes early literacy through distribution of books to newborns at an area hospital. Phi Kappa Phi members, university administrators, and students hold special events to promote the program and to prepare books for distribution by including a Phi Kappa Phi book plate and letter about early reading with babies.

Healing Words

Valerie Gribben
University of Alabama at Birmingham

In partnership with Healing Words (a volunteer organization that reads to hospital patients), Phi Kappa Phi volunteers will read to patients at Children's Hospital, Children's Harbor, UAB Hospital, and the Balm of Gilead (hospice) at Cooper Green Mercy Hospital, as well as at local nursing homes through Ruth and Naomi Senior Outreach. Funds will be used to purchase new books with Phi Kappa Phi book plates placed inside the covers.

Student Library Ownership

Kathy Richards
Lock Haven University

Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 179 will take every fourth grader (approximately one hundred) from a local elementary school to a bookstore to choose a developmentally appropriate book that they would like to see added to the library collection in their school. Phi Kappa Phi then will purchase the books and put book plates in them identifying the student who chose the book as well as the Phi Kappa Phi name and logo. Thus, each student will have a sense of ownership in the library collection.

Read for LIFElong Learning

Stephen Murabito
University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg

This project will provide books for Phi Kappa Phi volunteers to tutor local elementary school students. The tutors work with sixty-five to ninety students in grades two through five at a local at-risk elementary school. Tutors will write about their experience for college credit.

Motivating Our Minds More: Enhancing Technological Literacy

Laura O'Hara
Ball State University

In partnership with Motivating Our Minds (MOMS), a community-based not-for-profit organization designed to provide after-school and summer learning programs for underprivileged students grades one through eight, Phi Kappa Phi will purchase thirteen programs for the computer lab. Phi Kappa Phi volunteers will work with approximately two hundred students to improve their content skills in reading, mathematics, social studies, language arts, and culture.

Books 4 Kids

Barbara Pickthorn
Cameron University

The Cameron University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi will provide "food for learning" through free books as a supplement to the "Food 4 Kids" project sponsored by the Regional Food Bank and area public schools. Phi Kappa Phi will provide 125 books per month to students in K-3 grades who are enrolled in the "Food 4 Kids" project.



MathWORKS!

Ernest Wong

United States Military Academy

In partnership with the Systems Engineering Department at the United States Military Academy, Chapter 204 members will conduct workshops at elementary, middle, and high schools to demonstrate how basic math principles are applied to the solution of real-world problems. Funds will be used to purchase educational materials to enhance the instruction of math, science, and engineering to excite students into seeing that math truly does work.

Partners in Learning

Nancy Harris

Elon University

Through an established partnership with the local housing authority, Elon's Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi will provide educational literacy materials (reference and reading books, flash cards, educational videos, and so on) and tutors for after-school programs that take place at two centers with twenty-five to thirty students.

Stillwater Hispanic English Language Initiative

Rinda Starr-Alsip

Oklahoma State University

Stillwater Hispanic English Language Initiative (SHELI) strives to increase literacy and the love of learning among recent adult immigrants and migrants from Mexico and other parts of Latin America. Services provided by SHELI include English placement testing, instruction, academic advisement, community orientation, and child care.

Kindergarten Readiness Partnership

Danna Gibson

Columbus State University

Members of Chapter 185 will form teams of volunteer readers to go to two of the county's most at-risk elementary schools to read with children, engaging them in activities pertaining to the stories that they have read. The students will be provided with their own books and activity materials to take home. Phi Kappa Phi members will keep a daily report on their child's progress and will maintain a critical incidences log that will be used to compile a booklet which chronicles their volunteer experiences. Funds will be used to purchase books and supplies.

Literacy Development Through Book Sharing at Greenwood Elementary

Burt Bargerstock

Michigan State University

This project will provide emergent and pre-reading kindergarten students with books to read in class then take home to share with their parents. The books will be kept in the classroom so that, over time, many students will be able to use them as a resource.

Project Read to Me

Janet Gooch

Truman State University

Project Read to Me will provide emergent literacy materials and training for parents of children at risk for literacy delays and will establish a children's book-lending library for clients of the Truman State University Speech and Hearing Clinic.

Sharing Stories and Building Relationships with Head Start Families

Denise Adkins

Shippensburg University

Phi Kappa Phi funds will be used to purchase books to advance literacy by building the home libraries of 132 preschool children. All families meet the federal poverty guidelines and are already participating in Head Start center-based or home-based programs. Students from Shippensburg University will host reading days at the Head Start sites to read aloud to the children and discuss the stories.

Technology Training for Adult Learners

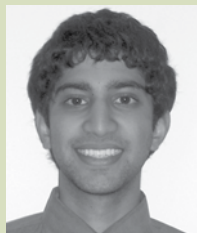
Judy Stiles

Missouri Southern State University

In partnership with Joplin NALA Read, Phi Kappa Phi members will act as tutors using resources (four donated computers) from Missouri Southern State University to provide technological instruction to adult literacy learners at Joplin NALA Read, local literacy council.



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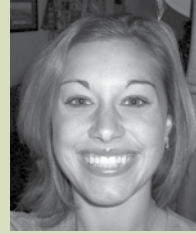
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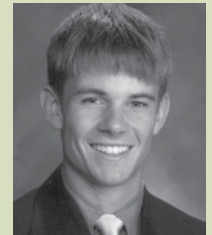
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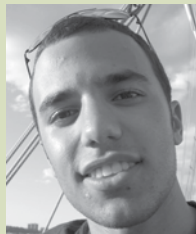
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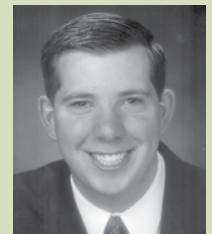
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A group of friends: My traveling in Greece involved a community service engineering project that was done with an organization called Floga. Floga is a non-profit organization that supports families that have children diagnosed with cancer. Throughout our stay in Volos, we designed a Web site for Floga, which is in the process of being made public. We also were able to meet some of the children who have benefited from this program, and we became good friends. These people are what make my experiences in traveling the most memorable.

— Jennifer Bastijanac



My roommates and I in front of the Roman Baths. — Danielle Sgro



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