



***“Let the love of learning rule humanity.”***

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## President's message



From the desk of Marge Phillips, President of Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 260

Hello, my name is Marge Phillips and I am interim president of our chapter of Phi Kappa Phi 260. I am retired now but you can always contact me at [mphillips@semo.edu](mailto:mphillips@semo.edu). We had an unexpected change in the president position so I am helping out until a new president can be voted in.

We had two meetings in November. We met and worked on our “Born to Read” literacy project on November 29. We labeled and inserted a letter in approximately 800 children’s books. Mary Elizabeth Ambery took a load of “Born to Read” books to the hospitals: Southeast Hospital, St. Francis Hospital, and the Perryville Hospital. Every baby that is born in any of the three hospitals will receive one of the books. The “Born to Read” Literacy project has been in existence since January 1, 2001.

Phi Kappa Phi student vice-presidents were introduced and voted on at our meeting on November 29: Jennifer Lee, Emily Cieslewicz, Jacob Seabaugh, Morgan Murphy, and Mikayla Patterson. Thank you for being willing to be a part of the executive committee. I look forward to working with you this year.

There are many benefits that Phi Kappa Phi provides for their members. There are also many awards and grants that Phi Kappa Phi provides (some information on awards/grants listed below). You may want to go to the national website to check out all the many benefits/ awards/ grants. The website is: <http://www.phikappaphi.org>. Every active member of Phi Kappa Phi has access to this information.

We plan to have meetings in the spring when we will be labeling more books for the “Born to Read” Literacy program, we will have a membership drive, we hope to have one or more applications for the Fellowship Award, we will have induction ceremony on April 14, and we plan to help with Commencement in May as well as a couple other projects -- to be announced. We hope you will join us at one of the meetings or at one of our activities.

## “Born to Read” Project



## Phi Kappa Phi National Award and Grant Opportunities

### AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi's ongoing commitment to excellence is reflected in its award programs. Nearly \$1 million is awarded each year to outstanding members through the Society's various programs.

**FELLOWSHIPS -- 58 AWARDED ANNUALLY-** Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards 50 Fellowships of \$8,500 each, six of \$20,000 each and two of \$35,000 to members entering their first year of graduate or professional study. Each chapter may select one candidate from its local applicants to compete Society-wide.

**DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS -- 10 AWARDED ANNUALLY-** The Dissertation Fellowship Program supports doctoral candidates who are in the dissertation writing stage of doctoral study. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards 10 Dissertation Fellowships of \$10,000 each.

**STUDY ABROAD GRANTS -- 75 AWARDED ANNUALLY -** Study Abroad Grants are designed to help support undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying abroad. Seventy-five grants of \$1,000 each are awarded every year.

**LOVE OF LEARNING AWARDS -- 200 AWARDED ANNUALLY-** Love of Learning Awards help fund post-baccalaureate professional development for active Phi Kappa Phi members including graduate or professional studies, doctoral dissertations, continuing education, career development, travel related to teaching and research, and more. Two hundred awards, of \$500 each, are distributed each year.

**LITERACY GRANTS -- VARIABLE NUMBER AWARDED ANNUALLY-** The Literacy Grants program was created 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 initiatives.

**SCHOLAR & ARTIST AWARDS -- ONE EACH AWARDED EVERY BIENNIUM-** The Phi Kappa Phi Scholar Award and Phi Kappa Phi Artist Award honors individuals who demonstrate the ideals of the Society through their career achievements and scholarship. Recipients receive a \$1,000 honorarium, life membership and recognition citation.

**RAY SYLVESTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD -- ONE AWARDED EVERY BIENNIUM-** The Ray Sylvester Distinguished Service Award honors an individual who has provided sustained, non-compensated volunteer service to others beyond the realm of academia. The award recipient receives a \$1,000 honorarium, a life membership and a recognition citation.

**EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION AWARD -- ONE AWARDED EVERY BIENNIUM-** Phi Kappa Phi established its Excellence in Innovation Award in 2014 to recognize colleges and universities for their achievements in finding powerful answers to important local, regional, national or global challenges. The \$100,000 award is given once per biennium to an institution

## Thank You PKP Members!

Phi Kappa Phi members were able to help usher for one or both ceremonies of Commencement on December 15. Thank you so much for your help: Marcia Haims, Mary Elizabeth Ambery, Cecilia Larson, Heather Phillips, Paula Rolim, Alice Strange, Emily Cieslewicz, and myself, Marge Phillips.



## Student Spotlight

### Guatemala Mission Trip: Providing Speech-Language Pathology Services

*Meagan Hale, Courtney McVeigh, and Jayanti Ray*

In 2018, Meagan Hale and Courtney McVeigh, along with their supervisor, Jayanti Ray, took a trip to Guatemala for gaining experiences in serving a community abroad, while immersing in a foreign culture. During their seven-day trip, they provided speech-language pathology services to a special needs school, *Ray of Hope*, nestled in the gorgeous valley of Joyabaj, Guatemala.

Joyabaj, Guatemala is a rural town of about 13,000 people located 70 miles from the country's capital, Guatemala City. The population is primarily comprised of an indigenous tribe, the K'iche people. The indigenous tribes live in more impoverished conditions than the Latinos of Spanish descent. Since access to healthcare in Joyabaj is very limited, villagers must have the resources to travel to Guatemala City for seeking medical services from specialists. Often, due to the high poverty rate, access to services is limited.

Though Meagan Hale had visited Guatemala earlier for missionary work, the purpose of this trip to Joyabaj was special for her. During this trip, she wanted to gain a better understanding of the community residents' knowledge of speech-language pathology services as well as to provide them education and resources pertaining to their needs. The team conducted several workshops for rehabilitation professionals, parents, and teachers from the local special needs school (*Ray of Hope*) as well the area schools. During these workshops, those attending were given the opportunity to ask specific questions about how to better help their children, students, and patients they suspected of needing services. The sessions included parental counseling as well as a demonstration of therapy techniques.

As expressed by the students, the trip to Joyabaj allowed them to gain experience about the culture and traditions of Joyabaj residents. Most importantly, they were able to gain knowledge of the barriers they may face obtaining speech pathology services. For Courtney McVeigh, it was her first visit to Guatemala, and she notes, "During our time there, we had the opportunity to present to parents and professionals on communication disorders, specific syndromes, and functional strategies used to promote communication at home and in the classroom" Additionally, the team created treatment plans for the students at *Ray of Hope*.

Overall, the trip provided an excellent opportunity to meet people and rehabilitation professionals of Guatemala and experience their language and culture. Also, interacting with the parents and children from *Ray of Hope*, afforded the team a unique and impactful clinical and cultural experience. The team notes, "The memories of Joyabaj will remain in our hearts and maybe one day, we will revisit the place to rekindle those moments of shared joy."



## Note from the Editor

*Happy Spring Greetings!*

*It is my pleasure to collate the current issue of PKP Newsletter! There will be another issue soon. If you have any news to share with the members, please submit your items to Jayanti Ray at [jray@semo.edu](mailto:jray@semo.edu) by **April 15, 2019**. The submissions may be in the following categories:*

- 1. Honors/awards/fellowship news*
- 2. Pictures of PKP activities/events*
- 3. Student/faculty articles (experience, accomplishments, research, etc.)*

*In closing, I would like to thank the authors/contributors for their submissions to the newsletter. Have a wonderful spring semester!*

