



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

**PHI KAPPA PHI FALL NEWSLETTER**  
*SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY CHAPTER*  
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## President's message



Hello from Marge Phillips, President of Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 260

Thank you so much for allowing me to serve as your president the last few months in spring. I have enjoyed working with you and helping all members to experience the great things about the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. I really appreciate the support that each of you has given me while I have been president. Of course, I plan to still be active in Phi Kappa Phi, but I just will not be leading the honor society. Dr. Pam Gershuny is your new president and I know you will enjoy her leadership.

This semester we have had three meetings as well as a very successful induction ceremony. The induction was held in the Ballroom of the University Center. Dr. Carlos Vargas, Southeast's President, gave the welcome as well as handing out the pins to the new members. Congratulations to our new inductees; we welcomed 43 new members (37 student members and 6 faculty members). New members, friends, and family enjoyed a small reception and a photo booth where new members had the opportunity to have their picture taken with Dr. Vargas.

We prepared around 250 *Born to Read* books by stamping and placing an insert in them. These are now ready to deliver to the hospitals – St. Francis Medical Center and Southeast Hospital.

Our chapter is proud to provide the monetary awards for the Student Research Conference in April. Award winners were Emilee Palmer, Marissa New, and Mahala Landeros. Each winner received a check for \$50.

We had five applications for the Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship Award. We appreciate all applicants for taking the time to fill out their applications. However, we can only submit one application to national from our chapter. Our local winner is Preston King. Congratulations Preston! His application has been forwarded to national competition and he will receive a \$500 scholarship from our chapter. Thank you goes to the Fellowship Committee—Dr. Mark Langenfeld, Dr. Indi Braden, and Dr. Harold Hager. They volunteered their time to go through each application and decide on the best application.

PKP Officers for 2018 - 2019 are:

Pam Gershuny, President

TBA, President-Elect

Cecilia Larson, Secretary

Carol Kitchen, Treasurer

Jayanti Ray, Public Relations

Marge Phillips, Past President

Student Vice Presidents -- Elected in the fall,

On April 26, Phi Kappa Phi held a Trivia Night at Cup 'n Cork with all proceeds going to the *Born to Read* Literacy project. All those in attendance enjoyed an evening of food and fun. Thank you to Cup 'n Cork for their support.

Phi Kappa Phi volunteers ushered for both ceremonies of Commencement (10 am and 2 pm). Thank you volunteers for your help handing out programs. Large crowds came out and enjoyed watching the graduates.

We do not meet in the summer so our first meeting for the fall will probably be in September. We will send an email letting everyone know when our next meeting is.

There are many benefits that Phi Kappa Phi provides for their members. There are also many, 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 all the information on the website.

### **Fellowship Award**

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi currently awards fifty-one Fellowships of \$5,000 each and six at \$15,000 each to members entering the 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**

The Literacy Grants program was initiated 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. The Society's commitment to the cause of literacy grows out of and is consistent with its mission, which was expanded to include "...and to engage the community of scholars in service to others." Application Deadline - usually April 1.

### **Love of Learning Awards**

Love of Learning Awards help fund post-baccalaureate studies and/or career development for active Phi Kappa Phi members to include (but not be limited to): Graduate or professional studies, doctoral dissertations, continuing education, career development, travel related to teaching/studies, etc.

### **Study Abroad Grants**

Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants are designed to help support undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying abroad.

I hope you will become involved in Phi Kappa Phi activities. If you have questions, please feel free to email me at [mphillips@semo.edu](mailto:mphillips@semo.edu) or call 573-651-2460.

Marge Phillips

## **Spring Induction Ceremony**

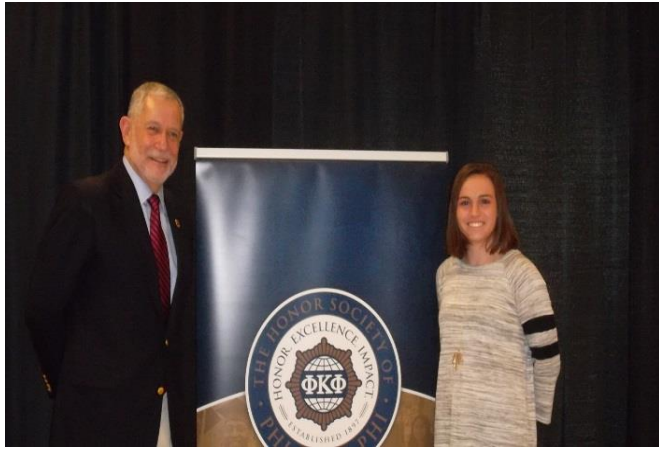
Congratulations to our 41 new inductees! Dr. Vargas gave the welcome speech and handed the Phi Kappa Phi pins.

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Blythe A. Borton  
Anahi G. Gamboa  
Nikolas B. Boyer  
Tyler Branham  
Connor P. Bybee  
Rachel A. Christophe  
Alexis N. Darnstaedt  
Charles P. Gause  
Lauren Gifford  
Barbara Glackin  
Marcia B. Haims  
Taylor Harbaugh  
Caley S. Hennemann  
Brooke E. Hewlett  
Catherine Hopkins  
Garrett Jackson  
Kylie M. Jackson  
Jasmine Jones  
Donovan S. Kleinberg  
Jennifer M. Lee  
MinJi Lee  
Harman Malhi  
Tracie Michelle Marie Manes  
Kyleen S. May

Brady R. McDowell  
Robert Moser  
Morgan A. Murphy  
Mikayla D. Patterson  
Jordan M. Schlotmann  
Jacob Scott  
Jacob T. Seabaugh  
Kietra Stokes  
Bradley M. Surman  
Jamie L. Thompson  
Taylor N. Turnipseed  
Lorenzo Maurice Ware  
Bailey R. Weisler  
James S. Wright  
Autom B. Yount  
Kerri M. Holmes  
Carlos Vargas-Aburto  
Pamela Vargas





## Faculty Spotlight



Cecilia Larson is the secretary of the Phi Kappa Phi Chapter. She is an instructor with the Intensive English Program at Southeast Missouri State University. She teaches international students who need help with reading, writing, grammar, and listening and speaking before being accepted to the University to complete their bachelor's or master's degrees. She enjoys helping these students because she understands what they are going through since English is also her second language; her first language is Spanish. She was born in Mexico and met her husband at the American Embassy where she was working. She has been with Southeast for 20 years starting as an administrative assistant with the Foundation and then at the Dean of Students office working for the associate dean and the assistant dean of student conduct. While working at Southeast she finished her bachelor's degree in General Studies and her master's degree in TESOL. She has been working for the Intensive English Program for five years and loves to assist students to understand English, so they can transfer to the University to finish their studies. She always has her door open for students who need help or just want to talk about problems or family. She keeps in touch with some of her students who are finishing their studies at the University and feels happy when they tell her that because of her help and thoughtfulness they are where they are now.

## Student Spotlight: Study Abroad Opportunity



Brian Hess is a graduating senior at Southeast Missouri State University studying Theatre: Design & Technology and German. He is currently completing his final semester in the study abroad program at the Technische Universität Dortmund (TUD), a partner university located in Germany. He is excited to be back in Germany, where he lived for a year (2013-2014) as a part of the Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange program. During his year abroad, he worked for a high-end landscaping company building self-cleaning swimming pools as well as the Freiburg Theater with the lighting department. Brian has been active in Southeast's theater program in the areas of lighting design and technical direction. This past year he was the lighting designer for the Conservatory of Theatre and Dance's production of *Mary Poppins* as well as the technical director for the Second Stage production of *Reasons to be Pretty*. Brian was a Resident Assistant at the Dobbin's River Campus Center for two and a half years prior to leaving for his study abroad at TUD. Last summer, Brian worked as a carpenter at the Black Hills Playhouse in South Dakota and as a Sound and Lighting Technician at Interlochen Center for the Arts in Michigan during the summer of 2016. While not busy with his studies or working, he enjoys taking in as much time outdoors as possible with activities such as canoeing, camping, hiking, biking, gardening and climbing. He would like to thank several of his plants, Bronson, Boris and Sophia, who have silently encouraged him from their window ledge perch. Their encouragement has been incredible and has served as a catalyst to his success. After graduation, Brian hopes to continue to live in Germany and pursue a career in theater in the area of lighting design and technical direction. After gaining experience in the field, he hopes to complete his master's in lighting design.



## Note from the Editor

*Happy Fall 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 **October 15, 2018**. 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 fall semester!*

