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Message from the Chapter President, Dr. Mary Lou Cappel

Happy New Year to everyone, and welcome to our first electronic Phi Kappa Phi chapter newsletter! We intend to use this newsletter as a communication tool for our members and as a recruitment effort for our chapter. This is the final year of my 3-year term as President of chapter #241, and I am so pleased with our new activities and directions. The chapter sponsored a tele-seminar for students who wanted to attend Graduate School and a display table at the Student Development Grad Fair. We also revised our By-Laws and discussed ways to become more visible on campus. Our goals are to involve student members with the Honors Convocation in April, hang a PKP display board in the SBS hallway, take out informational ads in the student newspaper, continue with our campus surprise “tapping” ceremony, and increase the student acceptance rate.

Please make plans to attend the annual initiation ceremony on March 15, 2007, 4 pm in the new Loker Student Union. Last year we initiated a record number of students, faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni to a standing-room only audience, and awarded an unprecedented \$3250 to 6 outstanding students.

So that we can continue this tradition of providing scholarships to students, we invite you to consider sending a donation of any amount to our PKP chapter. The costs of the annual ceremony are increasing each year and we want to surpass our student awards from last year.

I hope that you enjoy our newsletter! Our next edition will be in April 2007. If you have any ideas or suggestions for future editions, give me a call or send an e-mail. I would appreciate hearing from you.

ABOUT PHI KAPPA PHI

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest, and most selective all-discipline honor society. The Society recognizes academic excellence of high achieving students and the extraordinary accomplishments of faculty, administration, professional staff, and alumni.

Since its founding in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi has initiated more than 1 million members. Each year over 300 colleges and universities initiate approximately 30,000 individuals into this prestigious honor society.



National Honor Society of
Phi Kappa Phi

SOS—SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARS

Raising funds for any good cause is a daunting task, and providing funds for our PKP student scholarship program is no exception. The Dominguez Hills chapter Board of Directors discussed various ways to accomplish this task and concluded that at this time, a direct appeal to members was the best first step.

So, we are asking that you consider sending a donation of any amount to our chapter for student scholarships. To recognize your contribution, your name will be printed in the initiation program and you will receive your choice of a PKP coffee mug or key ring. Our goal for the 2007 initiation is \$4000.

Please consider our student scholars and make your check out to “The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Chapter 241” and send it to:

Ms. Juana Henry-Turner
CSU Dominguez Hills
1000 East Victoria Street
Carson, CA 90747

Our 2007 student scholarship recipients thank you in advance!!



2006 Phi Kappa Phi Dominguez Hills
Student Scholarship Recipients and
Chapter Representatives

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS OF PHI KAPPA



California State University
Dominguez Hills



CSU Dominguez Hills
Phi Kappa Phi Graduate in Center

Phi Kappa Phi is more than just a line on your resume. When you chose to accept this once-in-a-lifetime offer, you joined a select community of top scholars and professionals and gained access to resources and benefits designed to serve your academic and professional needs. Continued membership in the honorary provides many benefits.

Two major publications are provided to its members. The printed magazine, [Phi Kappa Phi Forum](#), focuses on a single topic in each issue and addresses timely subjects from an interdisciplinary perspective. An electronic magazine called the [Honor Cord](#) is posted three times per year and focuses on topics such as job search techniques, presentation skills, and post-graduate study. A monthly e-mail communication, [Monthly Mentions](#), keeps members informed of exclusive Phi Kappa Phi activities and opportunities. To receive this resource, provide the National Society with your current e-mail address. Grants and scholarships are also available to members and chapters.

Additionally, members receive exclusive benefits from Dell, The Princeton Review, Becker CPA Review, Liberty Mutual, Marsh Affinity, SunTrust Bank and Barnes and Noble. Other benefits are continually added and updated.

We Need Volunteers!!!!



**The 2007
Loker Student Union**

As you know, membership in The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is earned. Admission is by invitation only and the governing bylaws of the Society have set extremely high academic standards. Members are an integral part of our CSU Dominguez Hills chapter and your influence on campus and in the community is important. To continue our growth, expand our chapter activities, and provide scholarship awards for deserving students, we need your time and expertise.

Consider helping out with any of these chapter committees: initiation, public relations, nominations, alumni, newsletter, finance, fundraising, programs and activities, or scholarship selection. Contact Vice President, Naomi Moy for further information. We look forward to hearing from you!!

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

YOU can renew your PKP membership on-line or by mail? Whichever way you choose to renew, please make sure to include the \$5 for “chapter dues.” Our Dominguez Hills chapter directly receives this amount of money which we use for scholarships and activities. If you wish to give more, we encourage you to do this!!

If you have forgotten to pay your dues for over 3 years, you are now considered “in-active.” But you can reactivate your membership by calling the national office (800-804-9880) and requesting a reactivation form and paying your membership dues. There is no penalty to reactive your membership and the Dominguez Hills chapter appreciates your commitment to excellence in all academic disciplines.

PKP “Tapping” Team Strikes DH Campus



A month before the 2006 initiation, our chapter began a new tradition and held a “Tapping” ceremony. Members of the PKP Dominguez Hills Board of Directors hand delivered personal invitations to join our chapter honor society to 15 faculty, staff, administrators and alumni.

We took everyone by surprise as we dropped into offices unannounced, purposely interrupted meetings, and chased down unsuspecting invitees all over campus. As an incentive to join, each invitee received a PKP key ring. The “tapping” team had great success, lots of laughs, and so much fun that we plan to continue this event in future years.



AWARD OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI

The ongoing commitment of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi to academic excellence is reflected in its scholarships and awards programs. More than \$700,000 is awarded each year to outstanding Phi Kappa Phi members and chapters through the Society's various awards competitions.

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.

Grants of up to \$2,500 are available to chapters and individual members to fund ongoing **Literacy Projects** or to create new initiatives.

Study Abroad Grants are designed to help support undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying in a country, other than the United States. Thirty-eight \$1,000 grants are awarded each year.

The Phi Kappa Phi **Scholar Award** and Phi Kappa Phi **Artist Award** honor those individuals who demonstrate the ideals of the Society through their activities, achievements, and scholarship. Awardees receive a \$5,000 honoraria, one year active membership, a recognition certificate, and the opportunity to present their work at the Society's triennial convention. Each award is given once per triennium.

Phi Kappa Phi's board of directors recently approved the creation of two new award programs that will launch in 2007. **Emerging Scholar Awards** will recognize outstanding rising sophomores studying at Phi Kappa Phi member institutions. **Love of Learning Awards** will help fund post-baccalaureate studies and/or career development for active Phi Kappa Phi members.

Information about all of the fellowships, grants and awards is available at the National website: www.phikappaphi.org. Most applications are due February 1, 2007.

LETTER FROM GENEVA LEMON, 2006 PKP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Dear Phi Kappa Phi of Dominguez Hills,

When I started my academic career at California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH), I had very clear goals. One of those goals was to be a member of Phi Kappa Phi and I did achieve this goal. I believe in getting the most from and making the best of every experience life has to offer. Phi Kappa Phi represents academic excellence, achievement and continued growth.

I noticed at the initiation ceremony that all of my fellow student initiates had or were planning on continuing their education. The more you learn, the more power over your life you acquire; the greater your locus of control, the greater freedom you enjoy. Who wouldn't want more knowledge, power, and freedom in their lives? Thank you, Phi Kappa Phi, for this honor.

Sincerely,

Geneva Lemon

Public Administration/Political Science Major