

Phi Alpha Honor Society

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Directors Message

Paul Baggett, PhD, Executive Director

Greetings and welcome to the Phi Alpha Honor Society Newsletter.

There are exciting things happening as we continue to grow and develop opportunities for student scholarship. Membership has reached 352 chapters across the country. The Phi Alpha National Business Meeting was held in San Antonio in November in conjunction with Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. The meeting marked the beginning of the national student Poster Presentation Program. Phi Alpha will also be presenting at a student session in March 2010 as part of the Baccalaureate Program Directors' (BPD) Conference. We are working with BPD to launch a student scholarship program. Details will be on the Phi Alpha and BPD websites. In this issue you will see the winners of the Chapter Service Award and the Poster Presentation Session. We have had requests from schools in other countries who are interested in Phi Alpha membership. In preparation of admitting Canadian schools, we have changed to an international honor society. Be sure to check out the Phi Alpha section in the New Social Worker magazine. Finally, we appreciate hearing from you about your chapter activities. Please drop Tammy an e-mail to let us know what you are doing to promote the mission of the Phi Alpha Honor Society.

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The International Office is sad to announce the passing of former Phi Alpha National Advisor, Bob Lewis. Bob passed on January 5th in Johnson City, Tennessee. He had been involved with Phi Alpha for over 25 years, serving as National Advisor for nearly a decade.



Bob Lewis

Chapter Service Award Winners

Cleveland State University • Delta Zeta

Mary Arnold-Chapter President

Dr. Murali D. Nair-Advisor

Florida International University • Delta Iota

Justine Naylor-2008-09 Chapter President

Janet Hoppe-2009-10 Chapter President

Dr. Mary Helen Hayden-Advisor

Stephen F. Austin State University • Theta Omega

Jenni Chumley-Chapter President

Wilma Cordova-Advisor

Tarleton State University • Zeta

Elizabeth Hunt-Chapter President

Dr. Claudia Rappaport-Advisor

University of Arkansas at Little Rock • Nu Delta

Dr. John W. Miller-Advisor

Phi Alpha Outstanding Service Award

Presented to

Dr. Cecilia Thomas

&

Dr. Claudia Rappaport

For their active role in organizing the Chapter Service Award

FQA

Chapter Service Award:

Q: What supporting documents do you need for the Chapter Service Award application?

A: Due to cost, we will no longer accept notebooks, slide shows or other materials supporting the Chapter Service Award application. Only the application posted on the website will be accepted. The "electronic copy" and "hard copy" will need to arrive at the National Office no later than May 30, 2010. There will be no exceptions.

Q: How is the Chapter Service Award winners determined?

A: The applications are sent throughout various regions for judging.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Can we decide our individual chapter name of Phi Alpha?

A: The Chapter name is provided by the International Office. The Greek naming is given in a sequential order by newest chapter.

Q: Where can I find a template for the Initiation Ceremony?

A: Please visit www.phialpha.org. The Initiation Ceremony template is at the bottom of the Chapter Membership application page.

Q: What if a student's academic performance was below standard in the past and the student presently demonstrates academic excellent. Will the International Office permit the student to join Phi Alpha?

A: The International Office will honor any school's policy that has incorporated an Academic Renewal Procedure.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Phi Alpha website is in the process of a complete update. Please let us know what you would like to see posted on the website.

The International Office will be ordering new Phi Alpha merchandise. Let us know what products that interest you.

Send us the link to your schools Social Work Program to post on our website.

Chapter Advisors, please fill out the Advisory Register that is inserted with the lifetime membership certificates.

Please e-mail rather than snail mail the membership list to Tammy Hamilton at phialphainfo@etsu.edu. This will expedite the printing and mailing process.

PhiAlpha.org will soon have a Photo Gallery, send us your photos!

Partnerships

The International Office is pleased at the Opportunity to form partnerships with:

*The New Social Worker Magazine
&
The Association of Baccalaureate Social
Work
Program Directors*

Calendar of Events

*BPD Conference • March 17-21, 2010
Atlanta, GA
Phi Alpha Student Conference*

*Chapter Service Award • Application
deadline May, 30, 2010*

*Poster Board Presentation • Abstract
deadline October 1, 2010*

Poster Board Presentation at CSWE-APM

San Antonio, Texas

Winner

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock • Nu
Delta**

Presenter: Samuel Adkins

John W. Miller Jr.-Advisor

Congratulations on an outstanding presentation

Stephen F. Austin State University • Theta Omega

Presenters: Jenni Chumley, Sarah Francis

& Laura Tellez

Wilma Cordova-Advisor

Cleveland State University • Delta Zeta

Presenters: Mary Arnold & Harriette Cater

Dr. Murali D. Nair-Advisor

We appreciate the Poster Board Judges:
Dr. Billie P. Terrell, Deborah S. Aden and Dr. Susan
Kosche Vallem

*The next Poster Board Presentation will be held in
Portland, Oregon during the Annual Program meeting
conference October 14-17, 2010. Please contact the
International Office if your chapter is interest in
presenting "What your chapter is doing" and have an
opportunity to win \$ 250.00 and a chance to present at
a Phi Alpha International conference. Abstracts are
due at the International Office on or before October 1,
2010.*

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New Phi Alpha Chapters 2009

Pi Eta • Malone College

Pi Theta • Florida Memorial University

Pi Iota • Mississippi State University

Pi Lambda • Binghamton University

Pi Mu • Adrian College

Pi Nu • University of South Alabama

Pi Xi • Walla Walla University

Pi Omicron • Warren Wilson College

Pi Pi • New York University

Pi Tau • Touro College

Pi Upsilon • Shaw University

Pi Phi • University of Louisville

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