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The majestic monuments and memorials of Washington, DC, will provide the backdrop for the 44th Phi Eta Sigma National Convention and Leadership Workshops on October 12-14, 2018. (Photo credit: Thomas S. Mann, Bethesda, Maryland.)

Grand President Emeritus John Harrell and Grand President Molly Lawrence proudly display the plaque commemorating a new endowed scholarship named for Lois Edwards Alexander, wife of Grand President Emeritus BJ Alexander.

Congratulations, Mrs. Alexander!
A New Look, A Fresh Perspective
by Elaine J. Powell, Executive Director

Welcome to a new look for the Forum of Phi Eta Sigma. With input from both student members and advisers, we are very pleased to present a fresh design this year for the Society’s annual national publication. We also welcome our new printing company, Gerald Printing, to the Phi Eta Sigma family!

Following my participation in two Phi Eta Sigma regional conferences in the fall of 2017, I am once again amazed and inspired by the impressive junior scholars and student leaders I met at these events. During a session at the Midwest Area Regional Conference in Green Bay, Wis., I was reminded that some of the greatest leaders of all time have been, first and foremost, servants. Servant-leaders are so effective because they seek to put those they lead before themselves. They work together with their subordinates to accomplish their mission.

My experience with Phi Eta Sigma over the past 22 years has shown me that every new class of inductees and each new configuration of Society leaders is unique. The honor society members and advisers I have encountered over the past year are especially remarkable in their vision, drive, and willingness to commit time and energy to the mission of Phi Eta Sigma. They bring a fresh perspective to what the Society is doing, they roll up their sleeves to help accomplish the goals of Phi Eta Sigma. They are often the epitome of the term “servant leader.”

When the Phi Eta Sigma Executive Committee met in June 2017 at the Emily Morgan Hotel, next door to the Alamo in San Antonio, it was the first time for the group to convene with newly-elected student members Christian Hildebrandt, Brittany Stevens, and Andrew Stone. Former student member Alice DeLisle had also been elected to the position of chapter adviser member on the Committee. The election of these members was the result of dedicated efforts on the part of the Kinnovations Committee appointed after the cancel- lation of the 2016 national convention in Orlando due to Hurricane Matthew. Those committee members and the voting delegates who participated in the online election process are to be commended for their efforts under abnormal circumstances.

During the June 2017 Executive Committee meeting, the members laid the foundation for the 2018 national convention program, sought to improve and enhance the Founders Fund Scholarship program, and increased support to chapters hosting regional conferences. They also created a new opportunity for members to participate in preparations for the national convention, approved the re-establishment of the Society’s membership in ACHS, and discussed their vision and strategies for the future of Phi Eta Sigma.

These national leaders exhibit a “servant” attitude throughout the year by devoting time and energy to various actions involved in the governance and programs of the Society. These actions include reviewing hundreds of scholarship applications and making difficult decisions to select deserving scholarship recipients; participating in meetings and conferences, often making presentations at those events; researching options and contacting resources for numerous convention arrangements; gathering information and contributing material for the Forum magazine, sharing their expertise with the national office staff to assist with operational issues; offering opinions and making decisions regarding chapter expansion—all of this in addition to duties associated with serving as an adviser or officer for their own Phi Eta Sigma chapters.

As the national Executive Committee members work together to strengthen the Society for accomplishing its mission and to gain a fresh perspective for the future of Phi Eta Sigma, we present to you this new design, a new look for the 2018 Forum. The larger pages provide more space for sharing Society news. With lots of color photos and images, we hope to share with you how Phi Eta Sigma chapters across the nation are making an impact, as well as celebrating the successes of individual members. Please give us your feedback regarding the new magazine by emailing the national office at phi.eta.siga@nku.edu.

The Phi Eta Sigma Executive Committee members visited the historic Alamo during their 2017 workshop weekend in San Antonio.

Meet the Executive Committee Student Members

Christian Hildebrandt
Brigham Young University

My name is Christian Hildebrandt, and I am a senior in Brigham Young University (BYU)’s School of Accountancy. In addition to serving on the national Executive Committee, I am the BYU Phi Eta Sigma chapter senior adviser. Within the business school, I am a leader in Accounting Society, Beta Alpha Psi, and Institute of Management Accountants. On January 7, 2017, I married the love of my life. After completing my master of accounting degree at BYU, I will begin my career in public accounting in the Phoenix, Arizona, office of either Deloitte or RSM. I am seeking both the CIA and CMA certifications. I am grateful for the professional development, networking, and service opportunities Phi Eta Sigma provides, which enrich my college experience. Phi Eta Sigma offers me a family of like-minded individuals and helps me connect with other students outside of the business school. I am working to leave Phi Eta Sigma, both on the national level and at BYU, better than before I joined.

Brittany Stevens
The Florida State University

My name is Brittany Stevens, and I am a third-year student at Florida State University studying actuarial science and minorinig in business and French. After graduating with my bachelor’s degree, I hope to earn a master’s degree in business and to use my French speaking abilities to work internationally. Currently the vice president and treasurer of the FSU chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, my goal is to develop more innovative ways to reach out to first-year students and enhance communication between chapters. In fact, I was one of the coordinators for the 2017 Region X Conference hosted by FSU involving six Phi Eta Sigma chapters in the southeast. My experience in Phi Eta Sigma has been absolutely amazing. I love meeting all of our outstanding members to see how their dedication strengthens our Society.

Andrew Stone
Boise State University

My name is Andrew Stone, and I just graduated from Boise State University with a bachelor’s degree in health science and a business minor. Currently in a gap year off from school, I plan to enroll in the M.B.A. program at Boise State and later go on to a career in supply chain management for a running company like Adidas or Nike. Phi Eta Sigma has been the difference maker for me during college. It helped link me up with the right friend group to allow me to follow my passion. It enabled me to empower my community and be part of something much larger than the university itself. Lastly, Phi Eta Sigma helped me branch out of my comfort zone on many occasions, making me a more well-rounded individual. My goal before I finish graduate school is to help the Boise State chapter continue to grow, as well as to inspire others to be proactive at Boise State and make their college experiences count.

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I had an anniversary in 2017, one of which I am immensely proud and honored to have achieved. I have been a Phi Eta Sigma adviser for 40 years. I have served Phi Eta Sigma in several roles during that time—member of Executive Committee, Grand Vice President, and currently Grand President—as well as adviser to the University of Alabama chapter.

I took a few minutes to look through the numerous Phi Eta Sigma albums, initiation programs, convention materials, photographs, minutes, copies of the Forum, and other items I have in various storage tubs. Actually, it was more than a few minutes as once I started looking, I was reminiscing for most of the day. I found myself smiling and, at times, shedding a few tears as I recalled people, places, and events I have had the pleasure of experiencing through Phi Eta Sigma.

So many of my memories are about students, who are at the center of all we do as advisers. I tried to estimate the number of students I have interacted with—it must be 30,000 plus. The feat of students achieving outstanding academic performance while going through the difficult transition from high school to college is truly deserving of recognition. Providing this recognition, of course, is what we do as advisers. As I transition myself now to being a Phi Eta Sigma co-adviser and serving my university in different roles in semi-retirement, I thought about any nuggets of experience I could pass along to other advisers. They are as follows:

- Because advisers have numerous responsibilities in addition to Phi Eta Sigma, take time to develop a calendar of chapter actions and activities and when they need to be accomplished.

- With the calendar as a planning tool, determine if you break large tasks into smaller tasks (the swiss cheese method of tackling large tasks).

- Find a co-adviser, particularly if you have a large chapter and activities in many activities. With your co-adviser, decide who will be responsible for each activity, and determine which activities may need both of you.

- Your campus student activities office usually has a list of people willing to advise student organizations. Another advantage of a co-adviser is the continuity of the chapter when there is a change of adviser.

- So much of the chapter vitality and achievement depends on the student officers. Develop a strategy for electing/selecting officers. Whether you hold general elections or devise an interview and selection process by current officers, having a mixture of brand new and continuing officers promotes continuity and allows experienced officers to “teach” the new officers. Some of your officer positions actually require that the candidate is a previous Phi Eta Sigma officer.

- With regard to officers, develop positions that make sense for your institution. The Society’s Constitution requires: “President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chapter Historian, and/or Corresponding Secretary, and their duties shall be described by Robert’s Rules of Order. Active chapters shall have the authority to elect additional officers as deemed appropriate.” I confess that I have combined the duties of Secretary/Chapter Historian into one position. We also have numerous vice presidents and committee chairs. Working with a large chapter, I want to involve numerous students as officers, not only to develop a means of accomplishing the chapter’s activities, but to also increase the visibility of Phi Eta Sigma on campus.

- Have a written “job description,” listing the responsibilities for each of the student officer positions, and review and update the responsibilities periodically.

- Educate yourself on the resources available through your campus student activities office, such as available programs and speakers, student officer and adviser training, and even some limited funding of activities and perhaps even convention attendance. There may be a student organization software system that would support membership records management, an activities calendar, communication, and uploading various required forms. Believe me, these professionals are in the business of student organizations, so use them!

- Consider whether you should have more than one induction a year. The more inductions you have, the smaller space you may need, as event space is always a premium on campus. Also, inducting a smaller number of students may allow you to invite parents to attend.

- Be adaptable and flexible. Determine what your student leaders want the chapter’s focus to be: community service, programs for personal development, networking and career exploration, etc. The only requirement is to have an induction each year and present the business of the chapter, as specified by the Society Constitution and Laws.

- Develop a relationship with your registrar/records office, who provides your listing of eligible students, their contact information, and even parent name(s)/contact information. Since registrars work with a specialized software system, you may request to have Phi Eta Sigma as a designation within their system.

- In addition to the national membership fee of $25, set your chapter dues at an affordable amount that will cover your chapter’s expenses. With modest chapter dues, Phi Eta Sigma is still below the total cost of many other honor societies.

- Plan ahead each year for attendance at the Society’s biennial national conventions. Set aside some funds each year to cover travel expenses for attendees. Consider sending not only an adviser and an official delegate, but also alternate delegates. Having more student members attending allows for greater participation benefits.

- Be deliberate about induction speakers. Invite speakers who will help your Phi Eta Sigma chapter grow and become more of the campus fabric.

- Always nominate students for the annual Founders Fund national scholarships at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

- Consider encouraging one of your students to throw their hat in the ring for a national student Executive Committee position at convention. Even consider serving on the Executive Committee yourself.

- Attend a Phi Eta Sigma regional conference and considering hosting one on your campus.

- If you have some advice (as a shoulder to cry on), call the Phi Eta Sigma national office or one of the Executive Committee members. All of the Committee members are experienced advisers and have probably already gone through (possibly numerous times) anything you are experiencing.

- Touch base with the Phi Eta Sigma national office periodically. Put a note on your calendar and commit to calling the national office twice a semester. No need to have a particular business need, just a quick hello to let them know how things are going for your chapter.

- Remember to send in your Phi Eta Sigma annual report and year-end-reporting by the specified deadline. Report special chapter activities, events, and achievements. Who knows, your chapter may be featured in the Society’s annual publication, Forum of Phi Eta Sigma.

- Let the national office know how many copies of the Forum you wish to receive. I confess I did not do that every year and sometimes ended up throwing some away—such an expensive waste on so many levels. Also, if you have a surplus of keys and tie tacs, let the national office know. Let’s be good custodians of both chapter and national financial resources.

Lastly, we want your input on the national level. Don’t hesitate to give us feedback. Phi Eta Sigma is comprised of all of you.

We are all looking forward to our 2018 National Convention and Leadership Workshops in Washington, D.C., as well as upcoming conventions in 2020 (location not yet announced) and 2022 in Chicago for our 100th year anniversary!
CHAPTER NEWS

New Chapters Installed

Since the 2017 FORUM was published, Phi Eta Sigma has chartered one new chapter, and several other institutions are in the planning phase for chartering their chapters.

Augusta University

Augusta, Georgia  — April 11, 2017

Augusta University was officially formed January 8, 2013, from the consolidation of Augusta State University and Georgia Health Sciences University by order of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. Through the efforts of Dr. Milton Antony and seven other doctors forming the Medical Society of Augusta, Georgia’s population passed a charter establishing the Medical College of Georgia in 1828. In addition to its initial bachelor’s degree in medicine, the institution later added schools of nursing, allied health sciences, and dentistry. Its named changed to Georgia Health Sciences University in 2011.

Augusta State University traces its roots to the Academy of Richmond County, established in 1833 as a high school that also offered college-level courses. The Junior College of Augusta split from the Academy in 1957 and moved to its current location on the property of the former U.S. Arsenal. After becoming a four-year institution as part of the University System of Georgia, Augusta College became Augusta State University in 1996 until its consolidation with Georgia Health Sciences University in 2011. The school was known as Georgia Regents University until it was renamed Augusta University in 2015.

In addition to the numerous degrees Augusta offers in the medical fields and other sciences, the school has several accredited programs, including advanced degrees, in education, business, and arts and humanities. The mission and vision of the university include providing leadership and excellence in education, health care, discovery, creativity, and innovation. The school serves as a student-centered comprehensive research university and academic health center with a wide range of programs. Dr. Scott Wallace, dean of student life, led the efforts for chartering Augusta University as the 383rd chapter of Phi Eta Sigma at Augusta University, having previously served as chapter adviser to reactivate the Society’s chapter at The University of Mississippi. During the April 11 chartering ceremony, Phi Eta Sigma Executive Director Elaine J. Powell presented the Augusta University chapter’s charter to Dr. Wallace.

Chapter president Steven Cauthron, vice president Delexica Durham, secretary Aaron Barnes, and treasurer Haylee Richardson joined Dr. Wallace and co-adviser Denise Coleman to induct the charter members. Honorary members included Ms. Coleman, Professor Hubert Van Tuyll, and Vice President Mark Allen Poisel.

Chapter officers of the Augusta University chapter of Phi Eta Sigma were: Haylee Richardson, treasurer; Delexica Durham, vice president; Steven Cauthron, president; Aaron Barnes, secretary.

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Kennesaw State University

Kennesaw State University chapter members hosted a variety of events during the 2016-2017 academic year including monthly membership meetings and social and service activities. Fall 2016 marked the tenth year the Phi Eta Sigma chapter served as host for KSU’s First-Year Convocation and Induction Ceremony, the culminating event for the fall Welcome Week. Service opportunities continue to be the greatest attraction for members, who have a strongly held desire to give back to the campus and the community-at-large. Chapter members engaged in fall projects designed to encourage the hearts of peers tackling midterm exams by distributing candy treats with “caught you studying” cards. Members encouraged visiting students serving abroad by making and sending holiday greeting cards.

On Saturday, March 4, 2017 the chapter inducted more than 300 new members. Along with these exceptional students, the KSU chapter recognizes outstanding faculty and staff who are instrumental to student success. At this year’s ceremony, the chapter inducted five honorary members: Dr. Michelle Baker, Associate Professor of Management; Dr. Linda M. Lyons, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Assistant Professor of Education; Donald Coleman, Director, Orientation Programs; Yen Rodriguez, Assistant Director, Multicultural Student Affairs; and Kerri Clark, keynote speaker. Dr. Chris Hutt, Assistant Vice President for Academic Advising. Four new student inductees received local chapter awards. After the ceremony, all members and officers were invited to a reception in the social sciences building atrium, where they enjoyed refreshments and fellowship while listening to the classical guitar music of KSU student Ridge Ligges. The induction ceremony was also livestreamed to give members’ families and friends an opportunity to share in the event.

In April, 60 new members signed up with twenty-five senior chapter members to volunteer for a myriad of projects on KSU’s Day of Service. The chapter teams logged in nearly 500 volunteer hours with local community service agencies. In May, the second annual “Bye to Phi” senior salute event took place — a tradition dating back to the early 1960’s. The chapter’s vibrant social, civic, and cultural programs proved that these graduates clearly deserved the honor cords they were presented.

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Preparations for the KSU chapter farewell dinner for graduating senior members.

Senior chapter members honored at Kennesaw State’s Bye to Phi event.

The Kennesaw State Chapter Inducted new members into the honor society.

Chapter members who volunteered for the Kennesaw State First-Year Convocation event.

Tickets for the KSU chapter farewell dinner for graduating senior members.

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Kennesaw State University

Local scholarship winners at Kennesaw State.

Chapter alumni members photographed with induction reception musician Ridge Liggins.

Three-night proving to be the perfect venue for new members to connect as teams: A room of 55 students (9 teams) vied for prizes including gift cards for the KSU Bookstore, Tadlo, Chick-Fil-A, and Jimmy John’s. Categories of the jeopardy-like game ranged from the classics, history, STEM, and the arts to pop culture, sports, and KSU essentials. People who played learned that it’s not how smart you are, but how you are smart!

The new members inducted at KSU in March 2017.

Louisiana State University

The Louisiana State University chapter hosted its annual induction ceremony on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at LSU Union Royal Carillon Ballroom. The chapter inducted 222 freshmen scholastic achievers and presented the L.B. Lucky Award and Senior Award.

Established in 1959, the L.B. Lucky Award recognizes a Phi Eta Sigma member who achieved the best overall academic performance during the first three semesters of coursework taken at Louisiana State University. The 2017 L.B. Lucky Award recipient, Alarii Lopez, is pursuing her bachelor of science degree in petroleum engineering, while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. He concluded his second season as an LSU varsity swimmer and seeks to qualify for the Mexican National swimming team to compete at the world championships in Budapest.

Established in 1992, the Senior Award recognizes a Phi Eta Sigma member who is a graduating LSU senior and has maintained the best cumulative grade point average and overall academic record at Louisiana State University. Nikka Khorsandi, recipient of the 2017 Senior Award, also received the L.B. Lucky Award in 2015. Nikka is pursuing her bachelor of science degree in biological sciences with minors in business administration and leadership development. He is currently conducting research with Dr. Evanna Gleason in neurobiology with a focus on the retinal cell types of alligators and chickens. Nikka serves as president of Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Medical Honors Society, president of LSU’s National Society of Leadership and Success, and special events director for Dance Marathon at LSU. Upon graduation, Nikka seeks to pursue a dual medical degree and master of public health with a concentration in health policy and systems management at LSU Health Sciences in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The fifth annual Geaux BIG Baton Rouge service event at LSU was held Saturday, April 1, 2017. Approximately 1,690 LSU students, faculty, and staff volunteers organized in teams impacting approximately 75 work sites. LSU Phi Eta Sigma members created a Geaux BIG Baton Rouge team that served in rehabilitating Walter and Edrina Howard’s home in North Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

“This is the second year I have had the privilege of leading Phi Eta Sigma’s team for Geaux BIG Baton Rouge. Being a team leader not only has allowed me to give back to my community, but has also allowed me to grow closer to my fellow Phi Eta Sigma members,” said chapter president Anna C. Sightler.

LSU chapter team leaders included: Kayla Bernard, Andrew Evangelisti, Elise Losiel, Collette Pétre, Anna Sightler, Mon Christian Tapalla, and Caroline Welker. For Andrew, Anna, and Mon Christian, this is their second year leading Geaux BIG Baton Rouge.

Absolutely everyone who volunteered their time to participate in doing goodwill within the community creates a bond between us all as members and contributes to Phi Eta Sigma’s lifelong fellowship between scholars. Leading this team for the betterment of our Baton Rouge community was the best way to close out my time as chapter president and reminded me of what organizations like Phi Eta Sigma are for – fellowship between scholars and service within the community,” said Sightler.

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Knowing that the team enthusiastically gave their time to participate in doing goodwill within the community creates a bond between us all as members and contributes to Phi Eta Sigma’s lifelong fellowship between scholars. Leading this team for the betterment of our Baton Rouge community was the best way to close out my time as chapter president and reminded me of what organizations like Phi Eta Sigma are for – fellowship between scholars and service within the community,” said Sightler.

Nikka Khorsandi, LSU Senior Award recipient.

LSU chapter team leaders with Walter and Edrina Howard (center), who were the beneficiaries of home rehabilitation work during Geaux BIG Baton Rouge service day.

Geaux BIG Baton Rouge.

LSU chapter president Anna Sightler trimmed bushes for Geaux BIG Baton Rouge.

Andrew Evangelisti volunteered with LSU chapter members for Geaux BIG Baton Rouge.

Caroline Welker of the LSU chapter of Phi Eta Sigma helped with planting for the Geaux BIG Baton Rouge service event.

Geaux BIG Baton Rouge.

Heather Morrison (Chapter events coordinator) leads to senior chapter members who were given a farewell meal and a chance to celebrate their experiences at KSU and participation in Phi Eta Sigma.
CHAPTER NEWS

McKendree University

The McKendree University chapter induction ceremony was held on April 27, 2017. McKendree chapter officers for 2017-2018 (left to right): Jennifer Miller (chapter adviser), Matthew Bachman (historian), Ciara Jones (service officer), Ciara Janas (senior adviser), Magdalena Knopp (secretary), Sydney Rey (president), Robert Esson (vice president), and Ann Collins (chapter adviser). Madeline Shea (public relations officer) is not pictured.

Mercer University

Attendees of the 2017 Mercer University chapter Leadership Workshop are all smiles as they spend the day learning more about the organization itself and how their talents can benefit the chapter.

Monmouth University

The Monmouth University chapter of Phi Eta Sigma inducted 196 new members on Friday, March 24, 2017. Chapter president Emily Townsend, a senior business administration student, welcomed the audience consisting of inductees, their relatives, and faculty members. Chapter adviser Golam Mathbor reported that out of 1,100 students in the class of 2020, the inductees were those who accepted the invitation from among the 334 students who qualified for this recognition. He further praised the inductees' leadership qualities in combination with character and leadership by being an example of excellence in their first year at Monmouth. He expressed hope that they will continue maintaining this academic excellence in their future career at Monmouth and beyond.

Dr. Katherine Kloby, Vice Provost for Transformative Learning at Monmouth University, addressed the inducted members as guest speaker. Dr. Kloby admired the freshmen for their ability to adapt to a new life at Monmouth while also succeeding academically. Dr. Kloby was honored with a plaque of appreciation for her transformative leadership at the institution.

Professor Mathbor thanked chapter officers Emily Townsend (president), Shannon Marren (vice president), Sachin Parikh (secretary), Mark Marrone (treasurer), and Juliana Illiano (historian) for their time commitment, generous service, and leadership running this scholarly organization effectively. Also, Dr. Mathbor recognized members of the induction ceremony committee Danielle Schrama (Director of Academic Advising), Ms. Lisa Henry (Office Coordinator of First-Year Advising), and Ms. Helen Leary (Secretary of First-Year Advising) for their continued support and generous service to Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.

New York Institute of Technology

The New York Institute of Technology chapter selected one new member to receive the annual NYIT Phi Eta Sigma New Inductee Scholarship, which was created to encourage new member participation in the local chapter. The 2017 recipient of the $500 award was Cesar Lobaton.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Beth Richards

(1959-2017)

Northwest Missouri State University

Phi Eta Sigma mourns the loss of Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Richards, former adviser of the Northwest Missouri State University chapter, who passed away on May 28, 2017, in Maryville, Missouri. Dr. Richards was affiliated with NMSU since 1993 and was associate professor of English since 1999. During her tenure at the university, she held numerous positions including coeditor of the Laurel Review and chair of the English department. She served as Phi Eta Sigma chapter adviser at NMSU from 1998 until her retirement from the university after 26 years of teaching. The Phi Eta Sigma family extends sympathy to Dr. Richards' family, to her loved ones, and to the Northwest Missouri State University chapter.
Otterbein University

A fall semester tradition of the Otterbein University chapter is to host a member meeting that focuses on scholarship opportunities through the national organization. Instead of the usual presentation, Ryan Brechbühl, director of Otterbein’s Center for Career & Professional Development, spoke to members last year about “Putting Your Best Foot Forward in Print.” He shared the importance of this message from the perspectives of scholarship, internship, career, and beyond. He explained there will always be applications and paper work to complete, even in an electronic society. Writing for prompts and answering specific questions is a skill that will pay off for the rest of students’ lives. Mr. Brechbühl emphasized that his office is a critical resource on campus where members can go for assistance throughout the rest of their time at Otterbein and even after graduation.

University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg

Spring is a busy time for students at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, and Phi Eta Sigma is no exception. Chapter members enjoyed their annual spring service day, which was open to the whole campus. In March, eighty new members were inducted on campus, one of the most anticipated events of the year. For this event, many other honor societies and clubs joined the Pittsburgh at Greensburg chapter and campus International Week. The chapter’s booth for the event featured a hammer-schlagen game, make-your-own alpine hats, and the famous kegged root beer floats. In November, the chapter continued its tradition of inviting local veterans to lunch with future family members after they attend a Veteran’s Day program at a local elementary school. The attending veterans also receive thank you cards that are made by students on campus. This event gives chapter members the opportunity to thank local veterans for their service. The Pittsburgh at Greensburg chapter continues to make a positive impact on the campus and throughout the community.

Purdue University

The Purdue University chapter of Phi Eta Sigma has a long, rich history of nearly seventy years. Combined with Alpha Lambda Delta, the joint chapter held its spring 2017 induction ceremony in a large campus theatre with more than 700 members and family members attending. The 2016-17 officers, led by chapter president Mckenzie Landorf, vice president Connor Hammond, and chapter advisor Susan Melson Huffman, inducted 450 new students and three new honorary members. Dr. Patrick Connolly, director of Purdue’s Center of Computer Graphics Technology, spoke at the ceremony, and everyone enjoyed cookies and punch at the reception that followed.

Salisbury University

The 2016 Salisbury University local scholarship was awarded to two chapter members. The funds helped each winner with his/her educational costs for the 2017 spring semester. First place winner of a $500 award was Kathryn Herrmann, and second place winner of a $350 award was Nicholas Butler.

Southwest Baptist University

The Southwest Baptist University chapter enjoyed a year of supporting the success of first-year students. One of the ways the chapter supports student success is through fostering interaction between students and faculty outside of the classroom. To this end, the chapter officers have sponsored “Coffee Talks” for the past seven years, in which they invite faculty members to lead an interactive discussion over a topic of interest to them. Members consider the talks a success if at the end they have learned something about the topic and something about the faculty member. The chapter sponsored six coffee talks and provided free drinks to the attendees. The coffee talk topics ranged from “The Rheto- ric of Sexual Assault” to “Computer Science Unplugged.” In addition to coffee talks, the chapter sponsored “Storm the Dorm” during midterms and finals week in the fall.

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semester. Officers assembled and delivered an encouraging note and a free coffee coupon to all the freshmen living on campus as well as distributing candy in several of the shared spaces on campus.

Syracuse University

The Syracuse University chapter members continue to strive for increased membership and activities. The chapter has two membership drives through My Honor Society online enrollment system this year for one induction ceremony. Activities planned include continuing past events such as volunteering monthly at the Samaritan Center, assisting in the kitchen and serving the participants. Members say the interaction and the smiling faces make it all worth it. Male members continue Deal Mentoring, a mentoring program that meets Saturdays for underprivileged youth in the city of Syracuse. Main service projects for participation by all chapter members include Relay for Life, the annual community service day, and the blood battle (a blood drive in competition with Boston College to see which chapter can donate the most blood). The chapter will experience a major transition in leadership at the end of this year and will concentrate on recruiting leadership positions, transitioning, and training for the Syracuse chapter’s leaders of tomorrow.

Syracuse chapter inductions, including some of the 2017 leadership team identified in the back row as follows: Mary Jo Coster (co-adviser and Director of First Year Programs), and Rachel Fricker (chapter vice president).

University of Tennessee

The University of Tennessee chapter had another successful year with more than 300 inductees, five hardworking officers, and new members. Monthly meetings are some of the favorite opportunities for members to get to know each other andPhi Eta Sigma. Chapter officers choose a central theme for each monthly meeting that is both interesting and informational for members. They also provide plenty of food, as well as opportunities to socialize with icebreakers and other activities. Meeting topics and activities vary widely. For example, an exciting meeting this year was the “Going Global” event, where members’ knowledge of world geography was tested in an icebreaker activity before hearing from members of the Peace Corps and staff from the Study Abroad office at UT. Other meetings included a discussion on meditation methods, study break days before finals, and a discussion on meditations and practices for the UT campus community.

University of Tennessee chapter member meeting.

The University of Tennessee chapter held three events that focused on community service, learning, engagement, and membership. Members gathered in October to make fun Halloween gift bags and masks for children at Safe Harbor Shelter in Davis County, Utah. Ali DeGraux, chapter service and learning chair, created an informational slideshow on domestic violence and on Safe Harbor’s mission of advocacy and awareness. As the weather got colder, members’ hearts warmed to the needs of others with the annual “Warm Your Heart” service event to benefit Primary Children’s Hospital and Mary’s campaign for Make-a-Wish Foundation. In February, sixty-five members and prospective members were welcomed at the Valentine’s Social Service event, which produced dozens of Valentine’s Day cards and craft kits for Primary Children’s Hospital.

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University of Utah

This year Texas A&M University’s chapter of Phi Eta Sigma was successful in raising and donating $1,280 to local and national charities. In November, chapter members hosted a barbeque tailgate to raise money for a local non-proﬁt organization on campus called Patriot Paws of Aggieland. The goal of Patriot Paws is to train service dogs and give them to veterans at no cost. Phi Eta Sigma was able to donate $430 to this great organization. An annual event for Phi Eta Sigma members is Relay for Life. This year members donated $150 raised by a profit share to Relay for Life. The chapter’s biggest fundraiser was “Movies in the Park,” which raised $700 for Phi Eta Sigma’s 2016 national convention philanthropy Give Kids the World Village. The chapter also awards three $150 scholarships per semester to the most active members.

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University of Utah indulge in pizza and sweets while making Valentine’s Day cards and craft kits for Primary Children’s Hospital.

Syracuse University chapter membersDSLbros presents this coffee talk for the Southwest Baptist faculty member Chris Dinwiddie.
**University of Wisconsin-Platteville**

The Phi Eta Sigma chapter at the University of Wisconsin—Platteville had a successful year. The officer meetings were scheduled for the first and third weeks of the month, and general member meetings were held during the second and fourth weeks. Each month, the chapter held a “booth of the month” in the campus student center, with booth materials assembled at member meetings to increase member involvement. Some examples of the booths were a turkey photo booth for Thanksgiving, Make Your Own Valentine’s Day Cards, and PLINKO for St. Patrick’s Day. The booths drew interest from many students and helped promote Phi Eta Sigma on campus. The chapter also hosted a pen pal program with the local third graders from the elementary school, and members had fun corresponding with the kids. Members spent time doing volunteer work at the humane society, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, and hosting a food drive during Halloween to donate to the local food shelter.

**University of West Alabama**

University of West Alabama chapter president Allie Marques initiated a service project for finals week. The chapter provided pizza and drinks for the freshman residence hall on campus to help students who were studying. It was a hit with freshmen who quickly lined up to eat pizza. Chapter members participated in a fundraising project in November 2016 for Operation Christmas Child. The project was led by several chapter members with assistance from friends in the freshman residence hall. Booths were set up across campus to solicit donations from administrators, faculty, staff, and other students. In addition to collecting items donated, members raised $300 for purchasing items, to place in the shoeboxes for underprivileged children. The filled shoeboxes were sent to the local collection site for Operation Christmas Child.

**Western Illinois University**

In December 2016 the Western Illinois University chapter inducted twenty-two new members. The officers of the Western Illinois University chapter are pictured at their spring 2017 induction ceremony. The officers of the Western Illinois University chapter are pictured at their spring 2017 induction ceremony (left to right): Justin Downey (chapter public relations), Nicole Alons (housing assistant), Sophia Thompson, Sara Nickle, Karsten Schellhammer, and Megan Black.

**Western Kentucky University**

The officers of the Western Kentucky University chapter are pictured at their spring 2017 induction ceremony (left to right): Justin Downey (chapter public relations), Jordan Barbagallo (chapter vice president), Emily Price (lodge public relations), Sadie Peters (chapter president), Emily Tyler (chapter secretary), and Kadey Allen (chapter treasurer).

**Phil Eta Sigma Members Earn Recognition from Upper Division Honor Societies**

The Fellowship Board of the honor society has announced the selection of 27 Tau Beta Pi Scholars for undergraduate study during the 2017-2018 academic year. These scholars receive $1,000 or $2,000 cash awards for their senior year of engineering study. These scholarships are awarded on the competitive criteria of high scholarship, campus leadership and service, and promise of future contributions to the engineering profession. The list of Tau Beta Pi Scholars includes the three Phi Eta Sigma members shown here.

**Profile: Chapter Advisers**

**Tyler Beckett** began serving as the chapter adviser for Phi Eta Sigma at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia, in August 2017. As an academic adviser at Marymount, he helps build schedules for freshmen in the School of Arts and Sciences. He earned his master of fine arts in creative writing from Old Dominion University, where he focused his studies on fiction and nonfiction writing. He worked as a reader and senior fiction editor at the Barely South Review, his graduate program’s literary journal, and read for Four Ties Lit Review. His work also has been published in Guernica, Dogplot, matchbook, and local publications; and he has an article series forthcoming in Religion News Service.

Tyler’s first experience with Phi Eta Sigma was his induction into the Society as an undergraduate at Lee University, a liberal arts college in Cleveland, Tennessee, where he earned his bachelor of arts degree in English. During this time, he was also a member of the Kares Scholars Program and Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society. He volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club and helped plan their events and parties, which were universally praised as the best ever.

**Megan M. Vodnals Del Fote** became Director of New Student Services at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in August 2016. She currently is the adviser to the UW-Parkside chapter of Phi Eta Sigma. Before moving to Wisconsin, Megan was Associate Director of Orientation at the University of South Florida at Tampa. A native of Minnesota, Megan earned a bachelor of arts degree in corporate communication and diversities studies from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. She also holds a bachelor’s degree in counseling and student personnel from Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minnesota, and a master of education in human resource development from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Brooke Falk Permenter** attended the College of Charleston Honors College’s Western Civilization Colloquium, as well as a number of interdisciplinary special topics courses. In addition to her teaching role at the College of Charleston, Brooke currently serves as a Faculty Fellow and the Interim Director of Student Engagement for the Honors College. She is passionate about creating meaningful cohort experiences for first and second year students and is excited to include advising the Phi Eta Sigma chapter among those efforts.
Chapter News

Emory University Chapter
Coordinates, Collaborates And Connects

At nine o’clock on a crisp Saturday morning in March 2017, the Phi Eta Sigma executive board gathered at Emory University’s Oxford Campus to kick off the tradition of welcoming new freshmen to the community of scholars. The Oxford chapter, led by Executive President Mahaa Mahmood, Executive Vice President Elliot Ji, and Executive Secretary/Communications Officer Stephen Matas, welcomed new students to the community, emphasizing the importance of academic excellence, leadership, and service.

Scholarship Night

A vital pillar of Phi Eta Sigma’s success at Emory is commitment to academic excellence. Since its founding in 1906, Phi Eta Sigma has been dedicated to recognizing academic achievement and excellence. Scholarship Night, held annually, provides an opportunity for new students to connect with current members and learn about the honor society’s mission.

At Scholarship Night, new members are introduced to the opportunities and benefits of membership, including access to exclusive events, resources, and networking opportunities with current and alumni members. The night is also an opportunity for new members to connect with faculty and staff, fostering a sense of community and belonging.

New Executive Board

The 2017-2018 executive board of the Emory University chapter of Phi Eta Sigma is comprised of the following members:

President - Elliot Ji
Vice President - Mahaa Mahmood
Secretary - Stephen Matas
Treasurer - Katelyn Boisvert
Public Relations Officer - Julieannon”. (Edited by Arthur Menezes & Katie Matsuoka)

Written by Veronica Nitkin
2016-2017 Chapter Historian

High Visibility

In addition to the events above, Phi Eta Sigma at Emory has two other initiatives that deserve a mention. The first is the ODK Night, an event held each year to connect new members with current members and faculty. ODK Night is generally declared to be the “coolest” of the annual Phi Eta Sigma events for new members.

Atlanta Service Event

Promoted by an organized service event falling through the Emory Phi Eta Sigma chapter, ODK Night is designed to get freshmen involved in the community early on. The event provides an opportunity for students to volunteer at a local charity or organization, fostering a sense of service and community involvement.

Scholarship Night offers Emory University initiates the opportunity to connect with professors outside the classroom.

Another new initiative of the board is to fill the void of honor society “silence,” which occurs during the summer months. The board is currently working on creating yet another new event in the fall semester. Since Emory is an institution that places high focus and funding into research, the chapter created Research Night as another event using the same networking model as its other events. Board members contacted department chairs across campus to learn what research projects were currently being conducted within the departments, and which ones were seeking student participation. Based on that information gathered early in the school year, this new event connects students with open research spots and possible research avenues for the future.

Emory’s 2017-2018 executive board consists of:

President: Katie Matsuka, campus president and chief academic officer; Stephen Matas, campus president and chief financial officer; Mahaa Mahmood, campus president; vice presidents Sydney Cohen, Dong Yoon Jang, and Katelyn Boisvert; social media managers Jaqi Farrow and Mikey Hong; Eliott J., editor; and Arthur Menezes, historian.

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2016-2017 Chapter Historian

(Edited by Arthur Menezes & Katie Matsuoka)
Chapter Excellence
Recognition

The pyramid on the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society crest symbolizes strength, stability, and long-standing tradition. Phi Eta Sigma seeks to recognize and reward the local campus chapters that demonstrate those characteristics by presenting annually the Society’s Pyramid and Capstone Awards. Chapters may earn Pyramid status each year by meeting specified requirements for consistency in new member inductions, appropriate communication with the national office, proper reporting of activities, and participation in the national scholarship program.

Pyramid Award

For the 2016-2017 academic year, the following twenty chapters of Phi Eta Sigma earned Pyramid status and received a certificate of achievement and publicized recognition in the FORUM of Phi Eta Sigma, as well as on the national website and social media pages:

- Florida Institute of Technology
- Florida State University
- Georgia Southern University
- Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis*
- Kennesaw State University
- McKendree University
- Missouri State University
- University of Nebraska-Kearney
- New Mexico State University
- New York Institute of Technology
- North Dakota State University
- Otterbein University
- Purdue University
- San Diego State University
- South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
- Southeast Missouri State University
- University of Tennessee
- Texas A&M University
- Wartburg College
- University of Wisconsin-Platteville

*Previous Capstone chapter continued to uphold the Capstone Award standards.

Capstone Award

From among the Pyramid chapters, one elite chapter was selected to receive the Capstone Award, which also bore a cash award of $100. Capstone chapters must meet all Pyramid requirements, in addition to other criteria including service or leadership events/projects and participation at the national level.

The Capstone Award recipient chapter for 2016-2017 is:

Otterbein University

These recipients will be honored at the 2018 Phi Eta Sigma National Convention and Leadership Workshops.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Founders Fund Scholars 2017-2018

Statute VII of the Constitution and Laws of Phi Eta Sigma provides that all of the income from the Founders Scholarship Fund shall be used “to grant annually to members of Phi Eta Sigma one or more such scholarships designated for students pursuing graduate degrees, undergraduate degrees, or undergraduate research.”

Fund income available for the 2017-2018 scholarships was $275,000, making it possible to award one $10,000 Scholar-Leader of the Year Scholarship, six $7,000 Distinguished Member Graduate Scholarships, thirty-seven $5,000 Distinguished Member Undergraduate Scholarships, and thirty-eight $1,000 undergraduate awards.

The members of the Scholarship Committee were: Mr. Tim Lemper, Chairperson, Indiana University; Mr. Tony Kemp, Mercer University; and Ms. Mary Jo Custer, Syracuse University. The committee used the following criteria in selecting recipients:

1. High scholastic record with recommended minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA.
2. Participation in local chapter activities.
3. Evidence of creative ability.
4. Potential for success in chosen field.

Profiles and photographs of the recipients of the 2017-2018 scholarships follow, as well as photographs of the award recipients.

Summary of Founders Fund Scholarship Awards 1940-2017

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$10,000 Thomas Arkle Clark Scholar-Leader of the Year Award

Dean Clark, dean of men at the University of Illinois and Senator of Phi Beta Kappa, was one of the three founders of Phi Eta Sigma and our first Grand President, serving from 1927 until 1933.

2017-2018 Scholar-Leader David Kane

The twelfth recipient of the Thomas Arkle Clark Scholar-Leader of the Year Award is David Kane, a 2017 graduate of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. David earned bachelor's degrees in mechanical engineering and applied mathematics. He is now pursuing the graduate part of a five-year B.S./M.S. mechanical engineering degree program at IUPUI.

Inducted into Phi Eta Sigma in 2014, David served as the IUPUI chapter vice president and later as senior student adviser. As senior adviser, David was key in creating a new points system for his chapter in order to increase event attendance and encourage meaningful participation among the membership. He attended the 2014 Phi Eta Sigma National Convention in Charleston and the 2015 Midwest Area Regional Conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

David is actively involved in other aspects of campus life, including membership in Tau Beta Pi Honor Society and the Engineering Technology Student Council. He has received numerous awards and honors for his IUPUI academic achievements, including multiple Scholar's List and Dean's List honors. He received the national Phi Eta Sigma Founders Fund Richard Tuerc Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship and an IUPUI Chancellor's Scholarship, including an Honors study abroad stipend, which he used to spend a week in Germany studying sustainability through an engineering lens.

David was selected as a Top 100 student at IUPUI in 2016 and Top 10 student in 2017. Approximately 2,000 students are nominated each year for these distinctions from more than 20,000 undergraduates; students complete very detailed and lengthy applications to compete for the awards after they are nominated.

“ALDI/PES gave me a friend base that has a similar focus on academics and has helped me meet people from different schools on campus,” David remarks. “My leadership experience with the Honors College Peer Mentor Program and ALDI/PES helped prepare me for my internship and taught me how to be a self-starter.” Among his many service projects, his favorite is the annual holiday project, in which honor society members identify local families in need and provide assistance during the holidays. Students spend a day finding the perfect Christmas gifts for every family member, wrapping presents, and enjoying a dinner together afterwards.

David's dream job is to work for an aerospace company developing products for space exploration.

$7,000 Graduate Scholarships

The Kendrick C. Babcock Scholarship

Dean Babcock, one of the three founders of Phi Eta Sigma, was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois.

Maximilian Alules graduated from McKendree University with a major in international relations and a minor in Spanish. Max has served his Phi Eta Sigma chapter as senior officer and service chair. Max attended the 2015 regional conference at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and served on the Nominations Committee for the 2016 National Convention. He also received a national Phi Eta Sigma Undergraduate Award in 2016. Max served as chapter vice president of Phi Kappa Phi and as chapter treasurer for Pi Gamma Mu, honor society for social sciences. He has worked as a political and legislative intern at the United Food and Commercial Workers union, campaigning for a state representative contender. Max is pursuing a joint degree program to obtain a juris doctor degree and a master's degree in international relations. After completing graduate coursework, he plans to become a foreign service officer.

The Charles M. Thompson Scholarship

Dean Thompson, a founder of Phi Eta Sigma and Grand President from 1939 until 1963, was dean of the College of Business at the University of Illinois.

Cathryn Dobrowolski, a graduate of The Florida State University with a degree in communication science and disorders and a minor in psychology, is now pursuing a master's degree in speech pathology. She served her chapter of Phi Eta Sigma as the IT/social media chair and on the membership drive and induction planning committees. She was the recipient of the national Phi Eta Sigma Founders Fund James L. Allen Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship in 2016. She is also a member of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association, for which she has spent many hours volunteering and fundraising. Cathryn spent a summer studying abroad in London with her communication disorders program. She plans to earn a Ph.D. to become a licensed speech language pathologist and to research speech complications due to neurological disorders.

The Scott Goodnight Scholarship

Dean Goodnight, Grand President of Phi Eta Sigma from 1933 until 1939, was dean of men at the University of Wisconsin.

Sarah Fortney graduated from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis with a degree in biochemistry and a minor in medical humanities health sciences. She is now pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at IUPUI. Sarah earned her national Phi Eta Sigma Founders Fund Larry L. Mangus Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship in 2015. Sarah served as record keeper for the Future Directions Committee at the 2015 national convention, where she was elected as a national Phi Eta Sigma Executive Council student representative for the 2015-2016 term. She also served her chapter as service chair and senior adviser. Sarah works as a research assistant in the clinical health psychology lab on the IUPUI campus. She desires to become a licensed clinical psychologist.

The Fred H. Turner Scholarship

Dean Turner, member of the Executive Committee from 1936 until 1976, served as editor of the FORUM and Grand Historian. He was dean of students at the University of Illinois.

Justin Kawakami earned a B.A. degree in English with minors in education and disability studies from the University of California-Los Angeles. He is now pursuing a master’s degree in education and special education studies from the University of California-Los Angeles. He is now pursuing a master's degree in education. Justin served his chapter of Phi Eta Sigma in the offices of internal vice president and social media manager, as well as participating in the student media marketing committee. He received the national Phi Eta Sigma G.T. Cowley Undergraduate Scholarship in 2016. Justin has volunteered as a manager for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, as a mentor for the youth leadership program at the Los Angeles LGBT Community Services Center, and as a mentor for the Los Angeles LGBT Community Services Center. Justin has worked as a student SAT tutor for CollegeSpring, as a peer learning facilitator in the UCLA Undergraduate Writing Center, and as an intern in the Early Childhood Partial Hospitalization Program at UCLA's Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital. Justin plans to become a high school English teacher.
$7,000 Graduate Scholarships

The G. Herbert Smith Scholarship
Dr. Smith, active in Phi Eta Sigma from 1924 until 1980, served as Grand Secretary, FORUM editor, and as Grand President from 1963 until 1975. He was president of Willamette University. Kendal Weger is a graduate of Purdue University, where she majored in health science pre-professional and minored in biology and forensic science. She is now pursuing a degree in medicine at Indiana School of Medicine. Kendal has served her Phi Eta Sigma chapter as president and junior advisor, organizing service projects and coordinating speakers for member meetings. Kendal was honored as an outstanding student in health sciences by the College of Health and Human Sciences at Purdue. She has worked as an emergency room medical scribe at IU Arnett Health and as a student worker in the Diagnostic Toxicology Lab of Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine. Kendal’s goal is to earn a degree in medicine and to practice medicine as a career in the field of anesthesiology or radiology.

The William Tate Scholarship
Dean Tate, member of the Executive Committee of Phi Eta Sigma and recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, was dean of men at the University of Georgia.
Andrew Wolf is a graduate of North Dakota State University with degrees in philosophy and English. He is pursuing a master of arts degree in systematic philosophy at Holy Apostles College and Seminary. He served his Phi Eta Sigma chapter as membership chair, reinstating the practice of sending invitation letters to students’ homes, an initiative that resulted in tripling the number of members inducted over the previous year. Andrew has received numerous scholarships through NDSU for his academic performance. He was an NDSU Bison Ambassador, assisting the NDSU Foundation and Alumni Association with event planning and execution. His long-term goal is to earn a Ph.D. and teach philosophy courses at the university-level, to ignite in students a passion for logical thinking and intelligent deliberation.

$5,000 Undergraduate Scholarships

The Arno “Shorty” Nowotny Scholarship
Dean Nowotny served as Grand President from 1975 until 1980. He was dean of students at the University of Georgia.
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The Raymond E. Glos Scholarship
Dean Glos, active in Phi Eta Sigma from its founding in 1923 until his death in 1988, was Grand Treasurer from 1972 to 1980, Grand Secretary from 1943 to 1948, and Grand President from 1980 to 1984. He was dean of the School of Business Administration at Miami University in Ohio.
Maeve Clair 2017 Recipient
Chapter: University of Pittsburgh
Majors: Biology & Psychology
Minor: Chemistry
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as the inaugural mentorship chair, pairing 100 interested members into mentoring groups based on interest surveys.
Plans: Upon earning my undergraduate degree, I hope to go to medical school. After I complete my schooling and finish residency, I will either perform research or practice in low-income areas.

The Karlem Riess Scholarship
Dr. Riess, professor of physics at Tulane University, served on the Phi Eta Sigma Executive Committee from 1954 to 2005 and was Grand Vice President and Grand President of the Society.
Jennifer Drechsler 2017 Recipient
Chapter: University of Maryland, College Park
Major: Biology
Minor: Public Leadership
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served two years as chapter vice president of membership; sent communications to members and planned induction ceremony.
Plans: I hope to enter medical school immediately after graduation to achieve my dream as quickly as possible, which is to become a pediatric oncologist.

The James E. Foy Scholarship
Dean Foy served as chapter adviser at Alabama and Auburn for twenty years. His Executive Committee leadership from 1948 to 1992 as Grand Editor, Grand Secretary, and Grand Secretary-Treasurer-Editor of Phi Eta Sigma and as president of ACHS is legend. He was student affairs dean from 1952 to 1975 at Auburn University.
Sara Frank 2017 Recipient
Chapter: Emory University
Major: Media Studies
Minor: Jewish Studies
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter vice president of events and public relations; coordinated chapter events, sent email communications, and managed social media.
Plans: I plan to attend law school, where I have a special interest in media from a legal and social perspective and, thereafter, hope to practice in media and policy making.

The John W. Sagabiel Scholarship
Dr. Sagabiel was the charter adviser to the Western Kentucky University chapter for sixteen years, elected to the Executive Committee in 1975, served as Grand President from 1986 to 1992, was Grand Secretary-Treasurer from 1992 to 2012, and continues to serve on the Executive Committee as Grand President Emeritus.
Emily Frye 2017 Recipient
Chapter: University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg
Major: Management
Minors: Actuarial Science & Psychology
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter historian; assisted with projects for Veteran’s Day luncheon and Valentine’s Day card making for a local assisted living home.
Plans: I am hoping to continue my education by enrolling in a graduate program either in the United States or abroad. As a person who loves to travel and leads a globally-minded life, I am aiming for the goal of becoming an international business woman.
The Gaylord F. Hatch Scholarship

Dean Hatch served as the University of Illinois chapter adviser from 1968 to 1993 and as Grand Historian from 1974 to 1994. He was a 1982 recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award.

Emma Gibson 2017 Recipient
Chapter: Missouri State University
Major: Geology
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter public relations chair for two years; planned one Homeless Night event and other activities related to community engagement and cultural competence.
Plans: I plan to apply to environmental science (graduate) programs at Colorado State University and other schools. With my degree, I would love to work for an environmental firm [finding] solutions that create a harmonious relationship between [clients'] industrial needs and the natural world.

The James G. Allen Scholarship

Dean Allen served as Texas Tech University chapter adviser from 1946 to 1984. He was the fifth recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award in 1968.

Kimberly Goodwin 2017 Recipient
Chapter: University of California-Los Angeles
Major: Applied Mathematics
Minor: Statistics
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter service chair and academic chair; service committee member; organized participation in Reading to Kids clubs.
Plans: I plan to attend graduate school to simultaneously earn a master's degree in education and a single-subject California teaching credential in mathematics. I intend on becoming a high school math teacher.

The Charles Burchett Scholarship

Dean Burchett served as University of Tennessee chapter adviser from 1954 to 1999. He was a recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award in 1984.

Austin Grist 2017 Recipient
Chapter: Gannon University
Major: Biology Pre-Medical
Minor: Chemistry
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter service chair, organized and volunteered for many service events including donation drives for Christmas gifts and Thanksgiving food.
Plans: I hope to attend medical school and earn either my M.D. or Ph.D., start my residency, and specialize in cardiology.

The Archie L. Lejeune Scholarship

Mr. Lejeune served as Louisiana State University chapter adviser for thirty-six years. He was a recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award in 1964. The LSU chapter hosted the 1970 national convention.

Anna Slighter 2017 Recipient
Chapter: Louisiana State University
Major: Accounting
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter president, organized team for Geaux BIG Baton Rouge; selected to serve multiple times on the University College Teaching Awards Committee; led induction ceremonies.
Plans: I plan to pursue a master of accounting degree and specialize in internal auditing and earn a CIA (certified internal auditor)/certification. I then plan to complete the CPA (certified public accountant) examinations before I begin working a full-time career in internal auditing within a big four accounting firm. After experience in the accounting industry, I would like to come back to teach at a university.

The M.L. Wardell Endowed Scholarship

Dr. Standing was the charter adviser to the California State University-Chico chapter for thirty years. He was a recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award in 1984.

Kimberly Goodwin 2017 Recipient
Chapter: University of California-Los Angeles
Major: Applied Mathematics
Minor: Statistics
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served in the office of chapter vice president; volunteered for a variety of community service events including Boo at the Zoo.
Plans: I intend to finish a five-year degree in three years and become a certified public accountant.

The G. Robert Standing Scholarship

Dr. Standing was elected Grand Historian during the first Phi Eta Sigma national convention in 1928. He served as chapter adviser for the 1927 University of Oklahoma chartering and Grand Historian until his death in 1958. The 1935 national convention was held on the Oklahoma campus.

Connor Hammond 2017 Recipient
Chapter: Purdue University
Majors: Accounting & Finance
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served in the office of chapter vice president; volunteered for a variety of community service events including Boo at the Zoo.
Plans: I intend to finish a five-year degree in three years and become a certified public accountant.

The Robert D. Place Scholarship

Dr. Place provided Phi Eta Sigma recognition for Otterbein College students for thirty-four years. He was a recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award in 1996.

Christian Hildebrand 2017 Recipient
Chapter: Brigham Young University
Major: Accounting
Minor: Chemistry
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter relations chair and president; helped plan chapter service projects and socials that increased membership involvement by 10 percent.
Plans: I will continue the one-year master of accountancy program at BYU. Upon completing my degree, I will study for and take certification tests for the CPA, CMA, and CIA. I will begin employment with one of the Big Four, the largest accounting firms in the world. I will work in public accounting for five years when I will then decide if I would like to return to school for an M.B.A. (degree) in finance (and later) seek a CFO or controller position at a large public company.

The Larry L. Mangus Scholarship

Dr. Mangus provided the leadership for the establishment of six Phi Eta Sigma chapters, most recently at Shawnee State University in Ohio, where he served as chapter adviser for thirty-five years. He was a recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award in 1994.

Briania Hammersley 2017 Recipient
Chapter: University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
Majors: Spanish, Public Administration & Political Science
Minor: Environmental Policy & Planning
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter events coordinator; organized fundraising and volunteer events including a color run, highway clean-up, Relay for Life, and Battle of the Bands; one of the coordinators for 2017 Midwest Area Regional Conference.
Plans: I plan to get a master's degree and use my education to start my own non-profit that focuses on helping immigrants, refugees, and undocumented people to achieve the opportunity of home ownership or affordable housing.

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The Oscar Beck Scholarship
Dr. Beck served as charter adviser to the University of North Alabama chapter for thirty-one years. Student delegates attending the 1996 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

Tayte Hunter 2017 Recipient
Chapter: University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Major: Business Administration with emphases in Marketing & Finance
Minor: Creative Writing
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served in the offices of chapter treasurer and senior adviser; attended the 2015 Midwest Area Regional Conference at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay; volunteered for multiple community service projects.
Plans: I plan to use my business degree to assist a company with its finances, marketing research, or advertising. I plan to use my minor to create ads and other advertising. My main focus is to work for Colony Brands one day, as they are a company that not only promotes their employees to better themselves, but also impacts their community service projects.

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Dr. Grikscheit provided Phi Eta Sigma recognition for University of Utah students for thirty-one years. Student delegates attending the 1996 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

Malorie Jahn 2017 Recipient
Chapter: University of Utah
Major: Biology
Minor: Chemistry
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Chapter secretary for two years; active participant in all chapter service events.
Plans: I plan to enter medical school next year to become a surgeon.

The W. Lee Johnston Scholarship
Dr. Johnston was the charter adviser for the Campbell University chapter and the University of North Carolina-Wilmington chapter of Phi Eta Sigma. In 2000 he was the recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award. He provided Phi Eta Sigma leadership for a total of thirty-seven years.

Matthew Jacob 2017 Recipient
Chapter: University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Major: Occupational & Environmental Health & Safety
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Active participant in service events including fundraisers and holiday card making for the elderly and military.
Plans: I plan to work in the industrial, public, or amusement park industry. I look to pursue my master of science degree in environmental safety and health.

The Curtis F. Lard Scholarship
Dr. Lard provided the encouragement and support for the Texas A&M University chapter officers to host national conventions in 1976 and 1996. He was a recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award in 1986 and served as chapter adviser for thirty-seven years.

Miranda Ketteler 2017 Recipient
Chapter: University of Nebraska at Kearney
Major: Social Work
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Chapter community service chair; planned and participated in numerous community service projects.
Plans: I plan to get a master’s degree directly after my undergraduate degree.

The Stanley L. Stephens Scholarship
Dr. Stephens provided Phi Eta Sigma recognition for Anderson University students for thirty-two years. Student delegates attending the 1996 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

Tyler Kleinsasser 2017 Recipient
Chapter: South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
Major: Civil Engineering
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter president; maintained the chapter website; participated in highway cleanup, tabled at campus organization events; volunteered for providing tutoring services.
Plans: My goal is to get accepted into the accelerated master’s program at 50 Mines. As a professional civil engineer, I would like to improve quality of life and influence others not only by the structures that I build, but also by the relationships that I form in the process.

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Dr. Thoman served as charter adviser to the West Texas A&M University chapter for forty-three years. Student delegates attending the 1996 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

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Chapter: Grand View University
Majors: Psychology & Human Services
Minors: Honors, Family Studies, & Theology
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Held offices of vice president and secretary; helped revitalize the Grand View chapter to become more active and impactful; designed chapter t-shirt.
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Minors: Chemistry & Spanish
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**The John R. Harrell Scholarship**
Mr. Harrell served as Grand President of Phi Eta Sigma from 1992 to 1999 and now serves on the Executive Committee as Grand President Emeritus. He was a recipient of the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Service Award in 1982 and served as the Indiana University adviser for thirty-one years. He provided leadership for the Indiana University chapter to host national conventions in 1982 and 1986.

**Erin Mensay** 2017 Recipient
Chapter: The University of New Mexico
Major: Business with concentration in Interdisciplinary Film & Digital Media

**Phi Eta Sigma Contribution:** Served as chapter historian and president; volunteered for chapter service events including Zoo Boo and Hanging of Greens.

**Plans:** I want to be able to really make a difference in the world, and I think one great way of doing that is by capturing what is happening in the world. People react to images, and those reactions spark action.

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**The Bill W. Shafer Scholarship**
Dr. Shafer served as adviser at the University of Southern Mississippi for twenty-five years. Student delegates attending the 1996 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

**Kristen Miskinis** 2017 Recipient
Chapter: Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Major: Nursing

**Phi Eta Sigma Contribution:** Served as chapter activities co-chair and president; networked on behalf of the chapter with many other campus organizations and events; volunteered for numerous chapter service projects.

**Plans:** I am considering advancing my education following graduation to work toward a nurse anesthetist license. However, my short-term goal is to secure a nursing position on any unit within a children’s hospital.

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**The Emma O’Rear Foy Endowed Scholarship**
Mrs. Emma O’Rear Foy, a Phi Beta Kappa member from The University of Alabama, was office manager and steady support for Dean James E. Foy during his tenure as Grand Secretary-Treasurer.

**Courtney Nishnick** 2017 Recipient
Chapter: Old Dominion University
Major: Psychology
Minors: Human Services & Sociology

**Phi Eta Sigma Contribution:** Served as chapter treasurer and co-president; helped successfully increase meeting attendance by advertising and recruiting to members and invitees.

**Plans:** I aspire to continue my education by pursuing graduate school. My goal is to get into the Virginia Consortium Program in clinical psychology. By obtaining a Ph.D. in clinical psychology, I will be able to practice as a psychologist. My long-term goal is to own my own psychology practice so that I can treat patients at an affordable rate.

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**The Kyle C. Sessions Endowed Scholarship**
Dr. Kyle Sessions, a Phi Beta Kappa member from The Ohio State University, served as chapter adviser at Illinois State University for twenty-nine years and was the author of Looking Back: A Seventy-Fifth Anniversary History of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. He served on the Executive Committee as Grand Historian from 1994 to 2004.

**Michele Pierce** 2017 Recipient
Chapter: Kennesaw State University
Major: Exercise Science

**Phi Eta Sigma Contribution:** Served in the offices of chapter secretary, president, and senior adviser; attended 2014 national convention; helped coordinate chapter’s annual distracted driving event.

**Plans:** I plan to earn dual degrees in exercise science and psychology. I will seek a third degree as a registered dietitian and attend physician’s assistant school. My goal is to help people over the age of forty get physically active.

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The Donald Gregory Scholarship
Dr. Donald Gregory served as chapter adviser at the University of Nebraska for thirty-three years. Student delegates attending the 2000 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

**Sharmita Saha Porshia** 2017 Recipient
Chapter: Georgia Southern University
Major: Information Systems

**Phi Eta Sigma Contribution:** Served as chapter vice president; active participant in chapter meetings, service project, and social events; used technology education to track member attendance for more than 1,000 members.

**Plans:** I plan to pursue a corporate career as a business analyst. After becoming SAP certified, I intend to pursue an M.B.A. degree.

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The Herb Songer Scholarship
Dean Herb Songer served as chapter adviser to the Fort Hays State University chapter for thirty-three years. Student delegates attending the 2000 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

**Lydia Printz** 2017 Recipient
Chapter: University of Maryland, College Park
Major: Agricultural Science & Technology with an emphasis on Environmental Horticulture
Minor: Sustainability Studies

**Phi Eta Sigma Contribution:** Volunteered for multiple service projects collecting donations for an animal shelter, veterans, and the homeless.

**Plans:** I will apply my degree to a career working with small farmers and agricultural businesses in a government agency (NRCS, USDA, MDA, or DNR), promoting sustainable agricultural practices. I want to operate a farm of my own, implementing organic and sustainable agricultural methods. It will be modeled after community supported agriculture and have an onsite market, offering fruits, vegetables, pastured meats, and value-added products.

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The Franklin B. Krauss Scholarship
Dr. Krauss served as Pennsylvania State University chapter adviser for twenty-five years. Student delegates attending the 2002 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

**Emily Reid** 2017 Recipient
Chapter: Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis
Major: Health Sciences
Minor: Health Education

**Phi Eta Sigma Contribution:** Served as chapter president; frequent volunteer for chapter service projects including Smirnoff Dance, holiday project, and Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service.

**Plans:** My dream is to work in pediatrics so that I can help children overcome obstacles and never feel like something is impossible because of their mental or physical limitations.

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The William L. Robinson Scholarship
Dean Robinson served as Ohio Northern University chapter adviser for twenty-five years. Student delegates attending the 2002 national convention unanimously endorsed the funding for this national scholarship.

**Casey Richer** 2017 Recipient
Chapter: North Dakota State University
Major: Biological Sciences
Minors: Chemistry, Zoology, Botany, & Agriscience

**Phi Eta Sigma Contribution:** Served in the offices of chapter vice president and president; collected food for a local shelter; implemented fresh ideas for chapter meetings including games, larger meeting space, and working on service projects.

**Plans:** I plan on attending the University of North Dakota for a doctoral degree in medicine. When I finish my four years at UND, I plan on applying to a residency in emergency medicine. It is my goal to become an emergency room physician. When I finish my residency, it is my plan to find a job in North Dakota in a rural hospital, as I am very passionate about agriculture.
The B. J. Alexander Scholarship

Dr. Alexander was the charter advisor to the Tarleton State University chapter for twenty years, elected to the Executive Committee in 1988, elected Grand Vice President in 1988, served as Grand President from 1999 to 2007, and now serves as Grand President Emeritus. He was the recipient of the Society’s Distinguished Service Award in 1999.

Alexa Schmitz 2017 Recipient
Chapter: Wartburg College
Major: Neuroscience & Spanish
Minor: Psychology
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Volunteer for chapter dance marathon, Unified Sports Day, and St. Elizabeth Week.
Plans: I plan to attend a graduate program for physician assistant studies.

The Marjorie T. Sagabiel Scholarship

Mrs. Sagabiel, a University of Louisville graduate and retired business educator, was a recipient of the Association of College Honor Societies Certificate of Distinction in 2000. She assisted her husband, Phi Eta Sigma Grand Secretary-Treasurer John Sagabiel, with his Society roles since 1974 and with national office leadership from 1992 until their retirement in 2010.

Gabrielle Smyth 2017 Recipient
Chapter: The Catholic University of America
Major: Philosophy with a Pre-Law concentration
Minor: Theology & Religious Studies
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Volunteered with chapter members for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service, painting for an elementary school classroom.
Plans: I am interested in founding an organization that works with children in cities. I will ideally combine my desire to work with children and my pursuit of law to participate in an internship that works with children in the juvenile court system in Washington, D.C.

The Mary Jo Custer Scholarship

Ms. Custer, member of the Executive Committee and Grand Historian of Phi Eta Sigma, was the recipient of the Society’s Distinguished Service Award in 2000. She also serves as chapter advisor at Syracuse University.

Sarah Ferranti 2017 Recipient
Chapter: Syracuse University
Major: Accounting
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Volunteered serving food at the Samaritan center with other chapter members.
Plans: I am going to pursue a Certification in Public Accounting (CPA) and master’s degree in accounting. One of my goals is to own my own business and work in public accounting.

The Molly M. Lawrence Scholarship

Mrs. Lawrence, Grand President of Phi Eta Sigma and member of the Executive Committee, was the recipient of the Society’s Distinguished Service Award in 1992. She served as chapter advisor at The University of Alabama for thirty-five years.

Jacqueline Berg 2017 Recipient
Chapter: The University of Alabama
Major: Management & International Studies
Minor: Chinese
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served in the office of chapter co-president and later as president; developed a peer-mentor program for chapter members.
Plans: After college, I plan to earn a master of business administration degree. I hope to work to protect the American people and eventually become an FBI Special Agent.

The Harry B. Shucker Scholarship

Dr. Shucker served as the charter chapter advisor of the Furman University chapter for twenty-six years. He received the Society’s Distinguished Service Award in 2002. Furman University has also established a campus-endowed scholarship in his name.

Brittany Stevens 2017 Recipient
Chapter: The Florida State University
Major: Actuarial Science
Minor: Business & French
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter treasurer, event planning committee member, and on the leadership council; national Executive Committee student member; co-chair for the planning committee of the 2017 Region X Conference.
Plans: I will attend Florida State University to obtain a master’s degree in business administration. Florida State offers an amazing graduate program that will prepare me with the skills and networking I need to succeed with my future aspiration of working for Alphabet Inc., the parent company of Google. FBI also provides a global business seminar to travel overseas and gain an international business perspective in which I can apply my French. With my M.B.A., I will use my talents of math, business, and French to become a chief financial officer.

The Nancy S. Kaplan Scholarship

Dr. Kaplan provided the chapter advisor chartering leadership for the St. John’s University chapter on April 3, 2000. She was the recipient of the Society’s Distinguished Service Award during the University of Texas convention in 2006.

Anthe Stylianou 2017 Recipient
Chapter: Florida State University
Major: Biology, Pre-Dental
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter president; established volunteer program with the local Samaritan Center which allows chapter members to serve 3-4 times per month doing meal prep, serving food, and collecting used dishes for cleaning.
Plans: I have been interested in dentistry for as long as I can remember. Through my independent research, I have been able to study a PITX2 mutation in zebrafish that affects their teeth specifically. My senior year, I hope to complete my capstone and publish my findings about this mutation in a scientific journal. While completing this research, I will also be applying to dental schools.

The Sharon Dine Harrell Scholarship

Mrs. Harrell, a graduate of Indiana University and Butler University, was a registered nurse and served on the IU nursing faculty for thirty years. She was wife of Grand President Emeritus John Harrell and assisted with Phi Eta Sigma national conventions for more than twenty-five years.

Tessa Tolen 2017 Recipient
Chapter: Missouri State University
Major: Anthropology
Minor: Biomedical Science & Chemistry
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter vice president and student government liaison; helped organize chapter homecoming event, One Homeless Night, and Relay for Life team; participated in street clean ups, volleyball intramurals, and chapter socials.
Plans: I plan on attending medical school in pursuit of becoming a forensic pathologist and, through that, a medical examiner.

The Lois Edwards Alexander Scholarship

Mrs. Alexander, a graduate of Tarleton State University and former elementary school teacher in Texas, assisted her husband, Phi Eta Sigma Grand President Emeritus B.J. Alexander, with chartering and advising the Tarleton State University chapter for twenty years. She faithfully attended national conventions, assisted with registration, and welcomed convention attendees.

Alexander Venanzi 2017 Recipient
Chapter: University of South Florida
Major: Biomedical Science, Quantitative Economics & Econometrics
Minor: Biomedical Physics
Phi Eta Sigma Contribution: Served as chapter co-president and later as president; developed a peer-mentor program for chapter members.
Plans: I am taking the MCAT and applying for medical school. From the shadowing experience that I have performed, I am most interested in the medical specialty of orthopedic surgery and would hope to complete a residency after medical school in this specialty so that I might become an orthopedic surgeon.
$1,000 Undergraduate Scholarships

Alyssa Akers
Eastern Washington University

Ashley Archer
Georgia Southern University

Alyssa Baird
Kennesaw State University

Tashi Bharathan
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Cassandra Brooks
Salisbury University

Marianne Cortes
The Florida State University

Emily Drown
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Ashley Erickson
Iowa State University

Nathaniel Brunner
The University of Alabama

Mayra Bueno
Florida Institute of Technology

Marianne Cortes
The Florida State University

Emily Drown
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Samantha Jones
The Catholic University of America

Vanessa Pendergrass
Southeast Missouri State University

Alexia Peralta
Texas A&M University

Angie Sandoval
University of Pittsburgh

Kirsten Schiska
Oklahoma City University

Marc Jones
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Ciara Jones
McKendree University

Madeleine Jones
Spring Hill College

James Kammerdiner
Kennesaw State University

Kaci Levorsen
North Dakota State University

Thomas Tripodis
Samaritan University

Tiffany Willis
University of West Alabama

Olivia Zitarosa
Georgian Court University

Rosalie Messina
St. John’s University

Emily Miller
Otterbein University

Hailey Mouser
Southeast Missouri State University

Himani Patel
McKendree University

Cassandra Smith
Wartburg College

Caroline Stapleton
New Mexico State University-Los Angeles

Brigitta Szeibert
University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg

Taylor Tremain
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Cesar Lobaton
New York Institute of Technology

Alecia Peralta
Texas A&M University

Kaci Levorsen
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Phi Eta Sigma: A New Millennium History

Part 3-Successful Leadership, Partnerships and Relationships

by Mary Jo Custer, Grand Historian

In reflecting on the past, the members of Phi Eta Sigma can always learn and build from the experiences of their predecessors. Membership is subject to the influence of events and circumstances, both personal and national, as well as the values and the spirit of the Society. The past is a source of learning and inspiration.

Increased Rewards for Top Scholars

Thirty-two recipients were touched with $42,000 available for undergraduate scholarships in 1991-1992. Seven years later, funds available for endowed scholarships and undergraduate awards totaled $105,000 for the 1998-1999 academic year. The Thomas Arkle Clark endowed scholarship was one of the standard graduate scholarships. Last awarded in 2005 to Tiffany Bogich from Pennsylvania State University. At the 2004 national convention, Kate Maxwell (Central Michigan University) presented the report of the Honor Constitution and Scholarship Committee, which recommended to the convention delegates the establishment of the Thomas Arkle Clark Scholar Leader of the Year Award at $10,000 annually. Creating this award would honor Phi Eta Sigma’s first Grand President and would reward the Society’s most outstanding member who applies for a scholarship each year. Recipients of the Thomas Arkle Clark Scholar Leader of the Year Award (since its inception) are:

- Michelle Moran
  Mercer University, 2016
- Wilton C. Jackson II
  University of Southern Mississippi, 2015
- Andrew Mahtook
  Louisiana State University, 2016
- David Kane
  Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, 2017

Other endowed graduate scholarship values were increased to $2000 each for 2007. The 2008 national convention approved the establishment of the Nancy Kaplan (St. John’s University) Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship, bringing the number of undergraduate scholarships to thirty-seven. The value of each endowed undergraduate scholarship also increased to $6,000 for 2009. In addition, the 2009 scholarship program provided thirty-five undergraduate awards of $1,000 each.

Leadership Transitions

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Phi Eta Sigma leadership at its finest: (left to right) Grand Secretary-Treasurer and former Grand President Molly Lawrence, Grand President Emeritus Ria Butts, and Grand President John Harrell.

The front cover of the 2009 FORUM featured the official 2008 national convention photograph at Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby and one of the convention groups’ Saturday tour stops. (Photo by Jerry Rain, JF Photography)

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Powell looked forward to the convention, operations during that first year with Composing Tomorrow's contributions to both Phi Eta Sigma and Western office in January 2010. A plaque mounted in front of the retirement of Grand Secretary-Treasurer Jack Sagabiel. This contribution was made in honor of the inspiration for funding a campus lamp post. the "lamp of learning" from the Society crest. Western Kentucky University, Phi Eta Sigma used In keeping with the spirit of Phi Eta Sigma and its colleagues and the Phi Eta Sigma chapters in the district, presented by Phi Eta Sigma chapters across the country shared ideas during leadership workshop sessions at the 2010 national convention.

In Remembrance

Only a few short days after the convention, Phi Eta Sigma would say goodbye to two former national leaders – Dr. James Edgar Foy V and Dean Joan K. Nelson. Former Phi Eta Sigma Grand Secretary-Treasurer Jim Foy passed away October 8, 2010, at age 93. For more than fifty years Dean Foy was a central figure in Phi Eta Sigma. His involvement from 1956 until 1992 included his and his wife Emmalu operating the Society’s national headquarters from offices on the Auburn University campus during that time. Both Dean Foy and Mrs. Foy have endowed scholarships in their names. Much of Phi Eta Sigma’s success and strength has been attributed to Dean Foy’s distinguished leadership and dedicated service. Much of the 2011 edition of the Forum of Phi Eta Sigma was devoted to saying goodbye to this great man, leader, and icon.

In addition, Dean Joan K. Nelson passed away on October 9, 2010. She had served as Phi Eta Sigma chapter adviser at the University of California, Los Angeles, from 1983 to 2002, and served as an Executive Committee member from 1986 until 2000. While on the Executive Committee, Dean Nelson served on the scholarship committee, conducted convention workshops, and developed a convention evaluation tool. She received the Society’s Distinguished Service Award in 1992.

Phi Eta Sigma continues to be one of the few honor societies in which student members govern the operations of the Society. As Phi Eta Sigma members travel their road to success, they are connected with a wide array of academically successful individuals with whom they can develop relationships. The Society’s leaders recognize the importance of those relationships that are nurtured by long-term involvement in and engagement through Phi Eta Sigma. They also encourage every chapter to develop relationships with other honor societies on their campuses, as well as with other Phi Eta Sigma chapters.

Mr. Walter McNeil of the Knox County Schools accepted the Phi Eta Sigma donation for music arts education programs in his school system from student members of the Executive Committee Brad Lee, Sam Morin, and Lindsay Painter at the convention awards luncheon.

Financial Disclosure

The financial records of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, Inc. undergo a complete audit annually by the accounting firm of Montgomery, Webb, & Beck, CPAs, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in the United States to express an opinion on the Society’s financial statements.

Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, Inc. and its subordinate chapters have been approved by the Internal Revenue Service as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Phi Eta Sigma is required to make its annual information return (Form 990) and supporting documents available for public inspection. Copies of these documents may be obtained upon request by contacting the Phi Eta Sigma national headquarters at: 1906 College Heights Boulevard #11062 Bowling Green, KY 42101-1062
To Phi Eta Sigma and future Founders Fund scholarship applicants:

What a blessing Phi Eta Sigma continues to be in my academic pursuits. Since being awarded the Thomas Arkle Clark Scholar-Leader of the Year Award my senior year at Louisiana State University, I have been able to double down on my professional and educational goals with the confidence of knowing that I have the financial security to dream big. I am currently a dual-degree candidate at Tulane University in New Orleans working towards both a J.D. and an M.B.A. over the course of four years.

Since starting at Tulane Law, I have become involved in the Civil Law Society, where I serve as the representative to the Jefferson Parish Bar Association. I am also involved in Tulane’s top ranked sports law program, in which I help produce a weekly publication of legal news from the sports industry that is sent to every sports law student in America. During the summer, I was employed by the LSU Office of Legal Affairs to provide legal services for our student athletes.

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The organization introduced me to students whom I now call friends and gave me a much deeper appreciation for my school and for the amazing students who call it home. I know that this scholarship will continue to aid me as I progress in my studies, and I will forever be indebted to the Phi Eta Sigma Founders Fund and all those who work to ensure the fund continues to impact students’ lives.

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Andrew Mahtook
2016 Thomas Arkle Clark Scholar-Leader of the Year

Scholar-Leader Award Provides Security And Opportunity

Andrew Mahtook as LSU student body president, along with vice president Hannah Knight, participates in on-campus debate.

Speaking on the steps of the Louisiana State Capitol during a protest against funding cuts to higher education.

Former Founders Fund scholarship recipient Emily Riley (left) and Andrew Mahtook wearing Phi Eta Sigma t-shirts during LSU’s Spring Greening Day.

Andrew Mahtook (at front table) debates in front of fellow students during a session of the Louisiana Senate Education Committee.

Scholar-Leader Andrew Mahtook with LSU President F. King Alexander (left)
October 2017
From all of us here at Give Kids The World Village, a huge “thank you” to the students and advisers of Phi Eta Sigma!
Your recent gift of $5,000 is so generous, and we’re honored you chose us to be your philanthropy project for 2016. Apologies for Hurricane Matthew (causing the Phi Eta Sigma national convention to be cancelled). We did our best to will it out to sea but were only marginally successful.
Your gift means the world to us because it helps Give Kids The World fulfill our mission of providing critically-ill children and their families cost-free, dream vacations in Central Florida – the theme park capital of the world.
Visiting wish kids come from around the world to spend one amazing week at our nonprofit, storybook resort. We provide lodging, food, theme-park tickets, nightly entertainment, and just about anything else you can think of. No child is ever turned away, and there’s never any cost to visiting families.
For one magical week, those families can set aside medical procedures and hospital visits and focus instead on having fun and being together. Since 1986, we’ve hosted more than 156,000 families. This year alone, we’ll serve about 8,000 families.
We can offer that experience only through the generosity of groups like Phi Eta Sigma. Your gift helps in a thousand different ways – everything from helping to pay our utility bills to covering the cost of our nightly celebrations.
We like to say that the Village is the place “where happiness inspires hope.” But that wouldn’t be possible without you. Thank you again for thinking of the children and families we serve.
Please visit gktw.org to connect with us and learn more about the Village.
With gratitude,
Jim Stratton
1984 Phi Eta Sigma inductee, Lynchburg College
Director, Communications
Give Kids The World Village
2017 Regional Conferences

After Hurricane Matthew precipitated the cancellation of the 2016 Phi Eta Sigma national convention in Orlando, Florida, Society members were hungry for opportunities to connect with members from other chapters. During 2017, three Phi Eta Sigma chapters took the lead in providing those opportunities by hosting regional conferences to bring together chapter leaders and organizers and to facilitate these successful conferences in 2017!

2017 Phi Eta Sigma Region X Conference Hosted by The Florida State University by Federico Simon

The Florida State University chapter hosted the Phi Eta Sigma Region X Conference in Tallahassee, Florida, on April 7-9, 2017. Officers, members, and advisers from The University of Alabama, Florida Gulf Coast University, Georgia Southern University, Mercer University, and the University of Florida attended the conference, which gave the representatives from nineteen campus chapters across the U.S. Conference attendees shared ideas and inspired one another, while enjoying great food and fun activities. Congratulations and much appreciation are extended to the Phi Eta Sigma leaders at The Florida State University, the University of Puget Sound, and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay for organizing and facilitating these successful conferences in 2017!

Borrowing a tradition from the Phi Eta Sigma National Convention, the conference kicked off with the Roll Call on Saturday morning, in which chapter representatives introduced themselves with their school chant or fight song. Also, the traditional Brain Bowl brought the students together for a fun and friendly competition. Following the Brain Bowl, the Florida Gulf Coast University delegation gave a successful and motivating presentation on Providing Professional Development Opportunities for Phi Eta Sigma Members. Students took notes for bringing back strategies to apply to their own chapters.

Before lunch, “Break-Out Sessions” allowed members and advisers from the different chapters to discuss issues relevant on both the local and national levels, such as recruitment practices, member retention, and participation strategies. After lunch, Tony Kemp, Mercer University chapter adviser and Phi Eta Sigma Executive Committee member, gave two informative and entertaining presentation on what information and materials future applicants should include. This presentation surely inspired many members to work hard and apply for next year’s scholarships.

The conference concluded with a tour of the FSU campus, a dinner at the famous Suwannee Dining Hall, and a chance for the members to enjoy some outdoor recreational activities at the FSU reservation.

Taking first place in the Region X Conference Brain Bowl, the “Sherlock Homies” enjoyed joining the forces of three chapters. Pictured from left to right: Federico Simon (FSU), Mason Palanti (FSU), Wrojenksy Andre (FSU), Nicole Mamprejew (FGCU), and Candace Moon (GSU)

Members of the “Soup-Ah Stars” Brain Bowl team at the Region X Conference. (left to right) Justin Austin (FGCU), Felice Hoag (FSU), Adam Dajani (FSU), and Brittany Stevens (FSU)

The Florida State University chapter president, Audrey Murphy, kicks off a small group break-out session by discussing the chapter’s past induction ceremony.

Attendees of the 2017 Phi Eta Sigma Region X Conference gathered for a photo in front of Florida State University’s Westcott Fountain.
The first bi-annual Western Regions Conference was held the weekend of Oct 6 – 7 in Seattle, WA. The conference was hosted by the University of Puget Sound Chapter. We had 26 people from 6 chapters, and 3 national executive committee members, in attendance. Chapters in attendance were University of Puget Sound, Western Washington University, Boise State University, University of New Mexico, Brigham Young University, and the University of Pittsburgh.

The focus of the conference was on sharing ideas to make stronger chapter leaders. We opened the meetings on Friday evening with ice breakers – chapters shared some of their favorites: Black Out Bingo, My Name Is ___ and I like ____, and Concentration. Fun was had by all! Saturday morning was spent in Round Table Discussions on a variety of topics aimed at sharing ideas: What Makes for a Good Meeting, Service Project Ideas, Fundraising Big and Small, Recruitment, and Using Social Media. The discussions were very fruitful. After lunch, we made “feely hearts” for a local organization that works with children dealing with loss. Then it was off to Seattle for an Underground Tour and dinner at Red Robin!

Overall, we were very pleased with the success of the conference, and look forward to many more! We hope that we can rotate the hosting of these conferences amongst the chapters!
2017 Phi Eta Sigma Midwest Area Regional Conference
Hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
by Conference Coordinators Jessica Pittner and Brianna Hammersley

The 2017 Phi Eta Sigma Midwest Area Regional Conference (MARC), hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay chapter, was held November 10-12. With seven Phi Eta Sigma chapters and the national office represented, attendees were able to network with one another, as well as hear from several speakers and participate in round table discussions about different aspects and challenges of Phi Eta Sigma chapters, and each table brainstormed ways to improve their chapters. Elaine Powell followed up on those discussions with tips on how chapters and individuals can make an impact on their campuses and in their communities.

The conference wrapped up with a treasure swap and final goodbyes. This conference was a great demonstration of cooperation and fellowship among Phi Eta Sigma’s Midwest Area Regional chapters.

Attendees at the 2017 MARC in Green Bay, Wisconsin, visited legendary Lambeau Field.

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When the Phi Eta Sigma Executive Committee met in San Antonio last summer, the topic the members discussed with the most enthusiasm was the 2018 National Convention and Symposium. Planning for this event to be held in our nation’s capital, the Committee members chose “Operation: Opportunity” as the convention theme. The convention will focus on patriotism and promoting opportunities for Phi Eta Sigma members to engage in service and leadership.

The Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia, is the host hotel for the 2018 convention. This beautiful facility is only a 5-minute shuttle ride from Reagan National Airport and a 10-minute drive to the National Mall and various historical attractions. Phi Eta Sigma will provide instructions on making hotel reservations with the April 2018 chapter newsletter and on the Society website and social media.

Learn more about the hotel, visit https://crystalcity.regency.hyatt.com.

In addition to participating in meetings and workshops, convention attendees will have an opportunity to perform a service project in association with the convention philanthropy. The convention weekend will also include a visit to some of the historical and cultural attractions in the DC area.

When the weekend is finished and the student members and chapter advisers go home to their respective campuses, they will take with them a renewed sense of purpose and excitement for promoting scholastic achievement and leadership through their local chapters. These Phi Eta Sigma leaders will seek and create new opportunities for volunteerism and service, as well as helping other students reach their full potential.

Call for Philanthropy Efforts from the Student Members of the Executive Committee

Phi Eta Sigma continues to embrace the spirit of philanthropy to help those in need. Beginning with the 2010 national convention, Phi Eta Sigma has raised and contributed $71,000 to support worthwhile causes in the host cities of our conventions, including music education, special needs education, an after-school program for social and behavioral skills development, and a Central Florida resort that provides vacations for families facing life-threatening illnesses.

With the next national convention scheduled for October 12-14, 2018, in Washington, DC, the Phi Eta Sigma Executive Committee chose a highly-recognizable, Washington-based organization with global impact—the American Red Cross. Throughout numerous tragic events and natural disasters, the Red Cross has been there to feed, clothe, transport, supply blood and medical aid, comfort, inform and educate, and otherwise provide support for millions of victims during 2017 alone.

We encourage all chapters to hold one or more events this year to raise awareness and collect donations for the Red Cross. The Phi Eta Sigma national office will provide more information directly to chapter advisers about promoting your fundraising event and sending in the funds collected. But in the meantime, begin planning now for the fundraising events you will hold throughout the spring semester, during the summer, or even into the early fall semester.

When you hold your chapter fundraising events, be sure to document your efforts with photos, newsletters, local media coverage, etc. Submit a brief description of your projects, along with photos and other documentation, to the national office by the fall deadline (to be announced later) in order to be entered in the competition for best philanthropy. The student Executive Committee members will review both the philosophy project descriptions and the amounts raised, and we will select the chapter we feel has best exemplified the spirit of Phi Eta Sigma in this effort. The “Best Philanthropy” will be honored at the 2018 convention awards presentation, and all project entries will be recognized.

Phi Eta Sigma has a proud tradition of excellence, leadership, and service. In addition to financial support, the American Red Cross is always in need of volunteers. We are working with Red Cross officials to schedule a special service activity while you are in the DC area for convention next October. But you don’t need to wait until next fall for your chapter to have an impact. Begin now by organizing events that will engage your chapter members in leadership development and service projects. We look forward to seeing you at the 2018 national convention, where each Phi Eta Sigma member present can participate in “Operation: Opportunity” through leadership and service.

Sincerely,
Christian Hildebrandt
Brittany Stevens
Andrew Stone
Student Members
Phi Eta Sigma Executive Committee

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American Red Cross

Philanthropy efforts will be held in conjunction with the 2018 national convention theme: "Operation: Opportunity". Convention attendees will have an opportunity to perform a service project associated with the convention’s philanthropy. The convention weekend will also include a visit to some of the historical and cultural attractions in the DC area.

Fourty-Fourth National Convention and Leadership Workshops “Operation: Opportunity”

The Society members and advisers who attend the 2018 convention will be inspired by the setting, energized and enriched by sharing with and learning from other chapter leaders from across the country, and challenged by the speakers and workshops during the event. They also have the very important responsibility of making decisions that affect national operations and scholarships.

The full convention program has not yet been completed, but we know it will include a presentation to the beneficiary of the Society’s 2017-18 philanthropy project. The awards ceremony will also include recognizing the chapters participating in the philanthropy, as well as announcing the "Best Philanthropy" chapter. We will celebrate the 2017 and 2018 Pyramid chapters and make award presentations to the Caustine chapters for both years. Experienced chapter advisers who have been identified by the Executive Committee for their exceptional leadership will receive the Society’s Distinguished Service Award during the ceremony.
Distinguished Service Awards

How to Nominate Candidates for Distinguished Service Awards

The Executive Committee of Phi Eta Sigma calls to your attention the procedures for nominating individuals for the Distinguished Service Award and encourages members to nominate worthy candidates. Statement VIII of the Constitution and Laws outlines qualifications and procedures.

Section 1. Members, chapter advisors, Executive Committee members, or national office staff members of Phi Eta Sigma who have given loyal and devoted service to the Society for a period of not less than five years may be recognized with the Distinguished Service Award, to be presented at the National Convention.

Section 2. Nominations may be made to the Executive Director at least three months prior to the date of the National Convention, by the officers or advisor of a local chapter, present and past members of the Executive Committee, former recipients of the Distinguished Service Award, or university officials at institutions where Phi Eta Sigma chapters are located.

Section 3. From candidates duly nominated, the recipient(s) will be selected by the Executive Committee.

Recipients of Distinguished Service Award:

1964  Dr. Franklin Krauss, Penn State
1966  Dean W. Tom Tafe, Georgia
1968  Dr. James C. Allen, Texas Tech
1970  Prof. A. H. Bailey, Georgia Tech
1972  Dean William Brown, Illinois-Chicago
1974  Dr. Lester Kieft, Bucknell
1976  Mr. Archie L. Lejeune, LSU
1978  Mr. Lowell Ledbetter, Auburn
1980  Dr. William Turner, George Washington
1982  Dr. G. Herbert Smith, Willamette
1984  Dr. Karlem Riess, Tulane
1986  Dean Fred Turner, Illinois
1988  Dr. Franklin Krauss, Penn State
1990  Dr. B. J. Alexander, Tarleton State
1992  Dr. Harry Shucker, Furman
1994  Dr. John Sagabiel, Western Kentucky
1996  Mr. Archibald E. B. Johnson
1998  Dr. Scott Goodnight, Wisconsin
2000  Dean Malcolm Howell, South Alabama
2002  Ms. Carolyn Allen, Stephen F. Austin
2004  Dr. Robert Neubauer, Ohio Northern
2006  Dr. Howard R. Gray, Brigham Young
2008  Ms. Marilyn Moore, Springfield
2010  Dr. Ronald A. Ronald, Bard College
2012  Dr. Barbara Tilley, Phi Eta Sigma National Office
2014  Dr. Robert M. Luscher, Nebraska-Kearney
2016  Dr. Ronald D. Aaron, Bernard Baruch, CUNY

Directory of Phi Eta Sigma Chapters

ALABAMA - Region X

The University of Alabama - January 6, 1959
Chapter Advisor: Dr. Lawrence Mallory
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Troy University - (1937-1959)

University of West Alabama - May 5, 1963
Chapter Advisor: Dr. Angela Ward
Livingston, AL 35444

ARIZONA - Region III

University of Arizona - (1959-1967)

Birmingham-Southern College - (1967-2010)

Huntingdon College - April 22, 1966
Chapter Advisor: Dr. Maureen E. Murphy
Montgomery, AL 36106

Jacksonville State University - September 25, 1960
Chapter Advisor: Dr. Lois Davis
Jacksonville, AL 36265

University of North Alabama - April 21, 1973
Chapter Advisor: Dr. Asley Quinn
Florence, AL 35632

Oakwood University - (1971-2000)

Samford University - (1972-1991)

University of South Alabama - April 12, 1989
Chapter Advisor: Dr. Michael Mitchell
Mobile, AL 36688

ARKANSAS - Region V

University of Arkansas - (1931-1956)

Arkansas State University - May 3, 1952
Chapter Advisor: Dr. Marcella Darnell
Tempe, AZ 85287

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MARC coordinators Brianna Hammersley and Jessica Pittner joined other conference participants browsing in the Packer Pro Shop prior to a tour of legendary Lambeau Field during the Saturday evening activities.
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