



**PHI BETA KAPPA
PHI OF PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER**



NEW MEMBER INITIATION

MAY 6, 2021

PROGRAM

*Welcome &
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Kristin Burr	Modern & Classical Languages
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James Carter	History
Susan Clampet-Lundquist	Sociology
Naomi Cohen	Drexel Library
Joseph Corabi	Philosophy
Tenaya Darlington	English
Julie B. Deluty	Religion
Patricia Eget	Office of Development
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Allison Heid	Gerontology (PT)
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Bruce Morrill	Theology
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Andrew Payne	Philosophy
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CURRENT STUDENT KEYHOLDERS

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NEW MEMBERS IN COURSE

JUNIORS

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Olivia Connolly
Chelsea Costa
Shane Devine
Paige Diminick
Christine DiSanti
Olivia Fante
Maura Flynn
Gabriella Gutierrez
Celia Hegarty
Kevin Heredia
Maria Johnson

Brynn McCall
Brendan McGill
Ashley McGoldrick
Kara McLaughlin
Alexis Mignogna
Daniel Morales
Andrea Mueller
Hugh Murchie
Robert Murphy
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Gianna Penezic
Abigail Pressley
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THE HISTORY OF PHI BETA KAPPA
(from the ΦBK Manual for Chapter Officers)

On December 5, 1776, a group of young men who were then studying at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, met to create a secret society, at once intellectual and social in purpose. The President's greeting to new members in 1779 reads in part: "Here . . . you are to indulge in matters of speculation, that freedom of inquiry that ever dispels the clouds of falsehood by the radiant sunshine of truth. . ." In their clandestine meetings, the members seriously debated a host of questions, such as "Whether a wise state hath any interest nearer at heart than the education of the Youth." The establishment soon afterward of chapters at Yale and Harvard insured that Phi Beta Kappa would survive the arrival of General Cornwallis' troops at Williamsburg.

A little over a century later, more than twenty-five branches of the Society were in existence, and it was felt that a national structure was needed to bring together the scattered chapters into some uniformity. In 1883, the organization known as the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa was founded; it has its headquarters today in Washington, D.C. From its offices come most of the ongoing programs and publications described in your Handbook for New Members. In 1875, Phi Beta Kappa enlarged its membership to include women. The Society now has over 500,000 living members, elected over the years by the 283 chapters at colleges and universities through the country. In addition, more than fifty local alumni associations lend the Society their support and provide members an opportunity for a life-long relationship with Phi Beta Kappa and its activities and goals on the community level.

As you can see, Phi Beta Kappa continues to take great pride in its origins. It retains a number of the symbols that were devised for it at the time when the American Republic was coming into being. The present Phi Beta Kappa key, for example, virtually reproduces the design originated by the young founders of the Society at William and Mary.

On the front, it bears the Greek letters ΦΒΚ, the initials of the words Φιλοσοφία Βίου Κυβερνήτης, meaning “Love of wisdom, the helmsman of life.” The three stars in the upper left hand corner symbolize the aims of the Society: Friendship, Morality, and Literature (or Scholarship). A pointing hand in the lower right-hand corner stands for aspiration. On the reverse side are inscribed the letters S and P, which stand for the Society’s second motto, the Latin words *Societas Philosophiae*, meaning “philosophical society.” Below them appears the date of the founding of the first chapter: December 5, 1776. The member’s name and electing chapter are engraved above.

Although Phi Beta Kappa ceased to be a secret society over one hundred and fifty years ago, tradition has preserved two “secret” signs which are shared with initiates. When members met, they greeted each other by drawing the backs of the index and middle fingers of the right hand across the lips from left to right; thus, apparently, affirming that their lips were sealed. They followed this sign with a special handshake. The Society’s symbols and purposes are now well known across the land. These purposes were eloquently summarized in the following statement by one of the Society’s most eminent members, Charles Evans Hughes, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (1930-1941):

The particular interest of Phi Beta Kappa is in liberal education . . . Intensive critical study of educational aims and methods has found nothing to take its place. It means the development by careful training of the capacity to appreciate what has been done and thought, the ability to make worthwhile appraisals of achievements, doctrines, theories, proposals. It is liberal because it emancipates; it signifies freedom from the tyranny of ignorance, and, from what is worse, the dominion of folly . . . [Phi Beta Kappa] holds aloft the old banner of scholarship, and to the students who have turned aside from the easier paths and by their talent and fidelity have proved themselves to be worthy, it gives the fitting recognition of a special distinction.

