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As we resume regular publication of the Pi Delta Phi *Newsletter* and business at the national office, thank you to those faculty moderators who have worked to keep their campus chapters active. The pandemic has been challenging for members of the Executive Board who are also full-time faculty. I want to thank especially Dr. Beverly J. Evans, Executive Director of Pi Delta Phi, who because of an extended campus closure and a slower mail service went to her campus office on weekends to fulfill membership orders and conduct business on behalf of Pi Delta Phi.

The Pi Delta Phi Executive Board held its 2020 meeting virtually on Saturday October 24. Agenda items included: Society operations during COVID-19; completed trademarks for Pi Delta Phi and ΠΔΦ, now registered with the US Patent and Trademark Office; and regular Board member reports. Unfortunately, given the uncertainty of summer 2021 travel abroad and the operation of summer programs in Paris, Aix and Chicoutimi by our academic partners, the Executive Board made the decision to cancel the undergraduate scholarships for summer 2021. Our Graduate Award, however, will be awarded in 2021. The application deadline is February 15, and complete information and an application are available on the PDP [website](#). The Executive Board plans to meet next fall during the [American Council for Québec Studies](#) (ACQS) conference in Québec City, which will take place from September 30-October 3. If you plan to attend the conference, make sure to stop by and visit the Board during our scheduled meeting.

Finally, a reminder to chapter moderators: because of the pandemic, if you plan to hold an induction ceremony, please order memberships via the database at least 4 weeks prior to your induction date. We suggest that moderators invite students to join early in the semester—a sample invitation letter and required membership form are available on the PDP website—then order and hold on to certificates, pins and cords until the induction ceremony later in the semester. As always, it is essential for moderators to enter new student information into the database (at least names and induction dates), otherwise the national office has no record of inductees, and as such requests from graduates for replacement pins or certificates cannot be honored. Please also continue to send news and photos for inclusion in a future *Newsletter*: news@pideltaphi.org.

Thanks again to all the moderators, and best wishes for the holidays.

Scott

Scott Fish, Ph.D (Epsilon Mu)
National President, Pi Delta Phi

Summer Scholarship Winners

Although the worldwide pandemic curtailed international travel last summer and our scholarships were not dispersed, we are pleased to recognize the following undergraduate award winners for their fervent interest in French and Francophone language and culture.

JORGE ROSARIO	KULANI JAHRLING	YVONNE BENNETT
<p><i>The Joseph W. Yedlicka Award to the Institute for American Universities College in Aix-en-Provence</i></p> 	<p><i>The Joseph W. Yedlicka Award to the American University of Paris</i></p> 	<p><i>The Mary E. Gutermuth Award to Université du Québec à Chicoutimi</i></p> 
<p>Jorge Rosario is from Cidra, Puerto Rico. He studies History of Europe and Foreign Languages at the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus.</p>	<p>Kulani Jahrling is a junior who is double majoring in French and Anthropology at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.</p>	<p>Yvonne Bennett is a senior working on a double major in French and Geological Sciences at the State University of New York at Geneseo.</p>

Scholarship Deadlines

Complete details for all graduate and undergraduate scholarships, as well as eligibility requirements and applications, are available at the [national website](#). With regret, we announced in October that the Mary E. Gutermuth Award for the University of Québec at Chicoutimi and the Joseph W. Yedlicka Awards for both the American University in Paris and the American University in Aix-en-Provence have been suspended again for the summer 2021 cycle. Details and deadlines for the 2022 cycle will be posted on the national website and in the spring edition of the *Newsletter*.

We are happy to announce, however, that the President's Graduate Student Scholarship will indeed be awarded this year. The President's Scholarship is a \$1,000 award to conduct research abroad in a French-speaking country or region. The deadline for applications is February 15.

Chapter News

LEHMAN COLLEGE, ZETA SIGMA

Francisco Montaña, Chapter Moderator



The list of 2020 inductees into the Zeta Sigma chapter at Lehman College included honorary member Miguel García (*at left*). Miguel is a highly-successful alumnus of Lehman College's French program (class of 2008) who, after graduating with a Master's in Translation & Interpretation from Middlebury College's Monterey Institute of International Studies, was named U.S. State Department Interpreter of the Year (French/Spanish/English).

The chapter was thrilled to welcome Miguel back for its virtual ceremony on May 6, 2020, and to honor him for his impressive achievements as a freelance interpreter for major national and international entities such as the U.S. State Department and the Organization of American States. It was truly inspiring

for the six regular student inductees and faculty alike to hear him talk about his professional experiences and his passion for French, which began at Lehman.

More about Miguel, his recognition, and his professional trajectory may be found at these links from [Middlebury](#) and [Lehman](#) Colleges.



AUGUSTANA UNIVERSITY, MU ALPHA

Scott Fish, Chapter Moderator



Seven students were inducted into Augustana University's [Mu Alpha chapter](#) of Pi Delta Phi on Saturday November 7, 2020. The ceremony included an introduction by faculty moderator Dr. Scott Fish, a dramatic reading by students of Charles Perrault's "Les Fées," and the presentation of pins, cords and certificates to the new members. Current members of Pi Delta Phi were also in attendance. Chapter Mu Alpha was established at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1997.

New members included: Audrey Cope (Government & International Affairs; French); Haley Delaney (History; French); Taryn Helgeson (French; Government & International Affairs); Jayci Holsing (French; Modern Foreign Languages); Bree LeBrun (Communication Studies/Business; Psychology); Jenna Siganos (Biology; Art); Margaret Wiebelhaus (Anthropology).



(Pictured left-to-right): Dr. Scott Fish, Taryn Helgeson, Margaret Wiebelhaus, Audrey Cope, Bree LeBrun, Jayci Holsing; Jenna Siganos (remote); Haley Delaney (missing).

ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY, MU UPSILON

M. Kathleen Madigan, Chapter Moderator

On Friday, February 28 2020, the Mu Upsilon Chapter of *Pi Delta Phi* at Rockhurst University inducted seventeen regular members as well as an honorary member, Shirley Spiegel, who is a former French teacher and retired docent at the Nelson-Atkins Museum, where she has given many tours in French.



Emeritus Professor of English Patricia Cleary Miller, Ph.D., read a French poem, which she had composed for the ceremony, as she has done several times over the past two decades. This was a record number of inductees for the chapter, and the ceremony was well attended by family and friends. A reception for all was held in Arrupe Hall following the ceremony.



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA, PI CHI

Stephanie Coker, Chapter Moderator

On November 7, 2019, during National French Week, a ceremony was held at the University of North Alabama to install the Pi Chi chapter (#404) of Pi Delta Phi. At the chapter installation and initiation ceremony, ten new members were inducted into Pi Delta Phi with Dr. Joe Johnson serving as the chapter installation officer and Dr. Stephanie Coker as the chapter moderator.



(Pictured left-to-right): Savannah Anderson Pickens, Sydney Brook, Blake Humphries, Nicholas LeSueur, Dr. Stephanie Coker (chapter moderator), Elissa Radway, Ryleigh Rainey, Joy Machen, Jordan Ryan, Mary Filiatrault, Deidra Ogle, and Dr. Joe Johnson (regional Vice-President).

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY, EPSILON TAU

Moira DiMauro-Jackson, Chapter Moderator

Texas State University hosted the end-of-semester potluck and Pi Delta Phi induction ceremony chez Dr. Martin on Sunday, December 8th, 2019. Congratulations to Broderick Turner (*at right, above*) and Justin Vickers (*at right, below*) for their hard work and admittance into the highest academic honor in the field of French and the oldest academic honor society for a modern foreign language in the United States. French and International Studies major Broderick Turner, was also named a Rangel Fellow for 2020. He will receive funding for any Master's program at any U.S. institution that deals with international affairs. He will have an internship on Capitol Hill and another at an embassy abroad. And he will have a five-year position as a Foreign Service Officer after graduate school.

LE REPAS FRANÇAIS

Le cercle cordially invites you to the end-of-semester potluck and Pi Delta Phi induction ceremony chez Dr. Martin dimanche

Sunday, December 8, 2019
4pm-7pm
On prend l'apéro ensemble:

Pi Delta Phi
Société d'Honneur Française

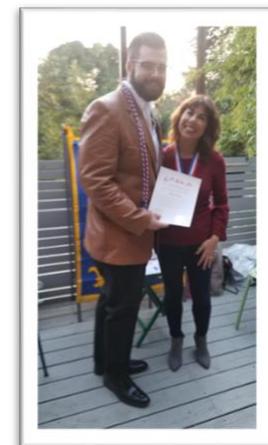
Membership in Pi Delta Phi is open to all, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or disability, provided that each candidate meets the academic requirements of the Society. Membership is lifetime.

Regular

Regular members include graduate and undergraduate students at the sponsoring institution who are nominated in recognition of their academic achievement in French. Undergraduate or graduate candidates do not need to be French or French Studies majors or minors to be nominated for membership. The eligibility requirements for all undergraduate students are:

- completion of at least one course of upper-division French (i.e. beyond the intermediate-level series of courses)
- 3.0 GPA in French, 3.0 GPA overall, AND rank in the top 35% of their class
- sophomore standing (i.e. second year of university study)

Pi Delta Phi



GUIDELINES FOR CHAPTER WEBSITES & SOCIAL MEDIA GROUPS

1. Please assure that your chapter webpage or Facebook® group/page clearly displays your chapter Greek letters or school name, and does not simply state *Pi Delta Phi* which can potentially cause confusion with the National website or official Facebook® group. For example, consider using a similar variation:
 1. Pi Delta Phi (Mu Alpha), or
 2. Pi Delta Phi, Augustana University Chapter

2. You may use Pi Delta Phi images (e.g. key) for your chapter website or Facebook® group, as well as on initiation programs or chapter meeting agendas that you might create and print. Unless, however, permission is granted by the Executive Board, chapters may not use the Pi Delta Phi name or any of its images on products that they wish to create and to sell (e.g. t-shirts, mugs, stickers, keychains, etc.).

3. Much of the information on the National Website changes or is updated frequently. Therefore, **do not** copy and (re)post information, documents, PDF files, or lists from Pi Delta Phi national website to your own chapter webpage or social media group, including:
 - the PDP national constitution and bylaws
 - extensive history of the Society or information about former Board members
 - the current names of Executive Board members and their contact information
 - the complete chapter list
 - scholarship details (PDF applications, dollar amounts, etc.)

Rather, create a link or point to the National website—www.pideltaphi.org—so that your students and visitors can access the most current information.

4. Should students wish to create their own Facebook® or other social networking group, we suggest that the Chapter Moderator serve as one of the group's administrators so that over time, student administrative responsibility of the group can be assured.

10-Year Moderator Gift

As a special thank you for any faculty member who has served at least 10 years as chapter moderator, Pi Delta Phi is pleased to offer a beautiful black-enameled Pi Delta Phi charm. The charm can be fashioned into a pin or tie tack, added to a key chain, etc. Moderators who have served at least 10 years are invited to [contact](#) Dr. Beverly J. Evans, Executive Director, and request their 10-year thank you gift. The charm is reserved for faculty moderators only.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CHAPTER MODERATORS



Making Payments by University Check?

A reminder to Pi Delta Phi faculty moderators that if ask your university to cut a check to pay for memberships, it may take days or even weeks for your institution to have the check ready. Please remember to build in extra time to your annual ordering process. We encourage faculty to order memberships at the beginning of the semester to avoid the busy and hectic end-of-semester period, for both faculty and the Pi Delta Phi National Office. We are not able to send out membership supplies until full payment is received.

Making Payments by Personal Check?

If making a payment by a personal check, remember to identify the university and PDP chapter in the memo line. While we do sometimes recognize moderator names, that is not always the case. Therefore, it is essential to include some kind of identifying information on the check in addition to the moderator's name. Attach an official supplies [invoice](#) with your order if you are not placing your order via the Pi Delta Phi database.



Annual Reminders for Chapter Moderators

Hold at least one meeting a year, including an annual initiation ceremony for any new members.

Have candidates for membership submit membership forms and checks to you—the Chapter Moderator—by **October 15** (for any fall ceremony) or **March 15** (for any spring ceremony). Enter new member information into the online database (at least student names and induction date).

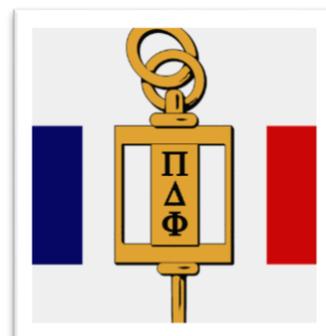
Place a **single**--not multiple--order for memberships and supplies using the [database](#). Online payment via Paypal is preferred. Place any order at least **3 weeks** prior to your ceremony, and no later than **November 20** (for any fall ceremony) or **April 20** (for any spring ceremony).

Send chapter news and photos to: news@pideltaphi.org and encourage your best students to apply for a Pi Delta Phi [scholarship](#) for summer study abroad.

Join the Pi Delta Phi [listserv](#) in order to receive occasional reminders and important information.

Assure that any new chapter moderator complete the database *Change of Moderator Form*.

Download the most up-to-date forms, brochures, scholarship applications, posters, etc. from the [website](#); they are subject to change and annual updates.



URGENT REMINDER FOR MODERATORS

Every year Pi Delta Phi discovers hundreds of missing new student member names that have not been entered into the Pi Delta Phi database. If chapter moderators do not enter names into the database, the national office has no record of memberships. The Executive Director often receives requests for attestations of membership and replacement pins from people who were inducted years ago, but who have lost their certificate. Obviously, no attestation or replacement pin can be provided if there is no record. Moderators, if you have already entered your inductees' names for the 2020-2021 academic year, **THANK YOU!** If you are not sure whether your chapter membership list is up-to-date, you can easily check by logging into the [database](#) and selecting **Member List**. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.



Pi Delta Phi Database

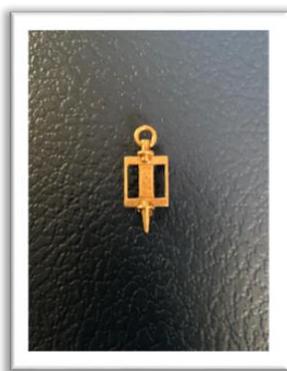
Pi Delta Phi Member Registration Form

School Name	Augustana University	
Chapter Name	MU ALPHA	
Moderator		
Membership Type	Regular Membership <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date of Initiation	January <input type="text" value="01"/>	
First Name		
Last Name		
City, State Zipcode	City <input type="text"/>	St./ Zip <input type="text"/>
Reset	Submit	

A Word of Thanks

Soyons reconnaissants aux personnes qui nous donnent du bonheur ; elles sont les charmants jardiniers par qui nos âmes sont fleuries.

—Marcel Proust



Pi Delta Phi is grateful to the mystery person at Senior Thrift Jewelry in Freeland, Washington who discovered a vintage membership pin and returned it to Pi Delta Phi headquarters this spring. This gold-plated pin may be an original from the L. G. Balfour Company of Attleboro, Massachusetts, which the Executive Board selected in 1955 to be the official jeweler of Pi Delta Phi. (The current pins are supplied by the Trophy House of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.) While the origins of this particular pin are unknown, it was above and beyond the call of duty for someone at the shop to have researched our organization online from the Greek letters on the pin, and then to have mailed it to Executive Director, Beverly Evans.