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WELCOME

Dear Members of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars,

I would like to start by wishing all of our members a happy and healthy new year! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am currently a Special Programs Coordinator in the Center for Global Engagement at the College of Staten Island/City University of New York (CSI/CUNY). I have managed logistics and programming for international visitors, special projects, and global initiatives for the Center and College for over 17 years. I am currently the Chapter Coordinator and Founding Member of the Eta Lambda Chapter, established at CSI in 2011. I am proud to be a steward for the only chapter within the CUNY system, the largest public urban university in the United States. In this role, I am committed to encouraging and recruiting other CUNY schools to establish chapters of Phi Beta Delta (PBD).

I am honored to be the current International President and am excited to work with our great Presidential team to advance the mission of Phi Beta Delta. In addition, I would like to thank the Presidential Team for giving me an opportunity to learn, lead and promote the benefits of being a member of PBD. PBD is so fortunate to have a strong Presidential Team to help our members and guide the direction of PBD in promoting the mission and goals of the organization. I am eager to make a positive contribution to PBD and to learn from everyone.

I would like to personally invite you to our 33rd Annual International Conference from May 31 to June 1, 2019 at Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The theme is Innovative Strategies in Promoting Global Learning. I encourage you to check out our [website](#).

I hope that during my presidency, you will help us to become an even stronger organization with more members and PBD activities throughout the year.

Hope to see you at the annual conference!

Warm regards,

Winnie Brophy

International President 2018-19

CHAPTER NEWS



**Mu Chapter
UNC Charlotte**

Rajan Puri, a graduate student in the Mathematics Department at UNC Charlotte received the David Merchant International Student Award for Achievement from the [Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars'](#) national headquarters.

Rajan truly represents an engaged international student at UNC Charlotte. As an international student from Nepal, he is currently pursuing his lifelong dream of obtaining a Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics, yet he finds time to support the Office of International Programs' international endeavors as well. He is a member of Phi Beta Delta, Honor Society for International Scholars since 2017 and a member of the Global Graduate Student Committee here at UNC Charlotte. As an active member of the graduate school, he advocates for the interconnectedness of the world through advancing mutual respect, cultural sensitivity, and sharing rather than owning knowledge.

His current position as a graduate teaching assistant has taught him the use of educational technology, systems of evaluation, use of academic English and the culture of American academia. In addition to being a teaching assistant, he is also a Grad Life Fellow at the Center for Graduate Life and President of the Mathematics Graduate Student Association here at UNC Charlotte. He has been organizing and promoting different events in the graduate school and math department focusing on bridging the social, cultural, and communication gap among fellow graduate students.

The Office of International Programs and [Mu Chapter of Phi Beta Delta](#) congratulate Rajan on winning this award!



Rajan Puri, Mu Chapter at UNC Charlotte

**Epsilon Upsilon Chapter
Oklahoma State University**

2017-2018

New Members

The Epsilon Upsilon Chapter held their annual induction ceremony on Thursday, November 16, 2017 during International Education Week. With over 50 Oklahoma State University and Stillwater community members in attendance, the Chapter welcomed 19 new members into the prestigious honor society for international scholars.

Dr. Lucero Tenorio, Associate Professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures and the 2016 recipient of the OSU International

Education Faculty Excellence Award, delivered the keynote address, *Learning a Foreign Language for Career Success in a Multicultural World*. Dr. Tenorio was recognized for her international accomplishments and awarded honorary membership in Phi Beta Delta. Also inducted as Honorary Members in recognition of contributions to internationalization at OSU were Don and Cathey Humphreys, long-time supporters of Education Abroad, and Dr. John Romans, Dean of the College of Education, Health and Aviation.

New members inducted at the ceremony included Arakssi Arshakian, April Bullard-Bollinger, Gregory Clare, Justina Aurea Da Costa Belo, John Mark Day, Marissa Hernandez, Aubry Huff, Hind Manou, Taryn Price, Alana Pulay, Ruoja Richardson, Miao Sun, Sarah Swanner, Christopher Vasquez and Tong Wu.

Annual Meeting

On Wednesday, March 11 the Epsilon Upsilon Chapter held their annual meeting for all members with approximately 40 people in attendance. The chapter awards student research grants each year to support student presentations at international conferences and meetings with an international focus. Hasina Rakotomanana, a Nutritional Sciences PhD student from Madagascar, was selected as this year's recipient and presented briefly on his research looking at maternal determinants of child feeding practices in Malawi. Guest speaker for the Annual Meeting was the new Dean of Global Studies and Partnerships, Dr. Randy Kluver, who stepped into this role at Oklahoma State in August 2017. A long-time member of Phi Beta Delta, Dean Kluver spoke on *Enhancing Oklahoma State University's Global Impact*.

General Update

The Epsilon Upsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Delta is in its 14th year at Oklahoma State, continuing to strive toward building a network of individuals with a common desire to promote international scholarship and cultural understanding. The 2017-2018 Board continued efforts to diversify and expand membership in the society across campus. As the Chapter moves into its fifteenth year, we hope to continue the momentum of the 2017-2018 Board. 2019 is the twentieth anniversary of the School of International Studies at OSU so the Chapter hopes to participate in the year-long celebration recognizing our own fifteenth anniversary in spring 2019.



Epsilon Upsilon Chapter at Oklahoma State University

Zeta Gamma Chapter Northern Illinois University

The Zeta Gamma Chapter Executive Board has met several times over the past year. Our goals have been to increase membership and increase our funds for student scholarships.

Officers 2018-2019

President: Jessamine Cooke-Plagwitz

President Elect: Christine Nguyen

Past President: Trude Jacobsen

Student Vice Presidents: Erica Ceka and Dalal Alfageh

Secretary, Treasurer, and Chapter Coordinator: Sarah Lindell

Fall 2018 Induction Ceremony and Reception

Our chapter hosted our annual induction ceremony and reception on November 15, 2018. Dr. Tharaphi Than was presented with an honorary membership. Dr. Than gave a fascinating presentation on food as a pedagogical tool in Myanmar. One faculty member, two staff members, and 12 students were inducted as new members. 29 members renewed their membership.

(L-R) Past President Dr. Trude Jacobsen, President Dr. Jessamine Cooke-Plagwitz, and President Elect Dr. Christine Nguyen, inducting Dr. Tharaphi Than.



Current members of Zeta Gamma Chapter.



**Zeta Tau Chapter
Sonoma State University**

Dear Member or Friend of the Zeta Tau Chapter of Phi Beta Delta, the Honor Society for International Scholars at SSU:

Happy Spring 2018! We hope our newsletter finds you well. We want to inform you about upcoming events and changes. Please note the following two dates in your calendars as well as our Call for PBD Officer Nominations:

Sunday, April 18, midnight:

Deadline for our *International Research Contest*. Please remind your friends or students to participate! See information below.

Thursday, May 3, 5:00 p.m., 3001 Schulz:

International Research Award Ceremony. Please join us in our celebration of our three winners and all other contest participants! The top winners will present their projects, and we will enjoy additional creative presentations in non-English languages. Anyone who would like to present a poem, a joke, a song, or an entertaining piece in a language other than English please contact us! An informal reception with international snacks and drinks will conclude our spring event. At this time we will also introduce our new Phi Beta Delta officers for next year: Our new President, Vice-President, Staff Representative/Chapter Coordinator and Student Representative/Outreach Coordinator.

New Inductees:

Sean Person
Rebecca Meier
Jennifer Juarez Perez
Josephine Ockrassa
Tessa Cordon
Amanda Best
Reza Jafari
Clara Schroeder
Marcos Diaz
Elisabeth Corley
Cody Bryant-Zygowski

Haruko Matsuda
Diana Hurtado Avina
Samantha Stuehler

[Call for Chapter Officer Nominations for AY 2018-19!](#)

We thank Brian Wilson, Professor of Music and Chair of the Department of Music, for his service as *PBD Vice-President*, and invite nominations for this position. Together with Brian we started our first International Research Contest last year, which was a resounding success. Twenty-two students participated in the contest and shared exciting research projects ranging from health-care in Pakistan to NASA engineering projects or the significance of studying music in different languages.

This contest highlights international student research at SSU, and we look forward to our second round, which is financially supported by the School of Extended and International Education.

We also seek a new *PBD President*, who will replace Michaela Grobbel, Professor of German in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. Michaela has served as president since 2015, and it is time for new perspectives and change! Michaela is going on sabbatical next fall to work on her book on Romani artist Ceija Stojka from Austria. We would like to see representatives from students, faculty, and staff in our PBD leadership who are committed to supporting international education at SSU, and who will bring in their experience and perspectives. We seek a *PBD Staff Representative* who will fill this role, started by Caitlin Yates in Entrepreneurial Activities who created our Facebook pages and kept track of our growing list of PBD members. Anyone interested in helping us reach out as chapter coordinator in this role, please let us know. Additionally, we are looking for a new *PBD Student Representative* who will bring the most important perspective to our organization: that of the students! It has been a pleasure to work together with Holly Lyon, a student in ENSP and special major in German Cultural Studies. Holly is graduating at the end of this semester, and students interested in this position should contact her at lyonh@sonoma.edu for more information. If you are excited about international education and would like to get other students together through international programming at SSU and help promote our events, please join us!

Finally, a big "Thank You" to Tai Russotti, Administrative Manager in the School of Arts and Humanities, who agreed to serve for another year as secretary and treasurer for our chapter to help with a smooth transition. Tai has been a reliable and responsible source of assistance, and always steps in when needed. She does a fantastic job keeping our finances in order, taking minutes at our meetings, requesting room or catering reservations, or ordering certificates and medals from our Phi Beta Delta headquarters at CSU Long Beach. She also started our new newsletter format which is much easier to read! We are very happy that she agreed to serve for another year to assist the new team next year. Vielen Dank, Tai!

Please email your nominations for the PBD positions to phibetadelta@sonoma.edu. If we receive more than one nomination for each of those four positions, we will send you an email asking you to vote. Otherwise we look forward to introducing our new PBD team at our Award Ceremony!

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you on May 3 at 5:00 p.m. in 3001 Schulz.

Best Wishes from Michaela, Tai, and Holly!

[Call for Chapter Officer Nominations for AY 2018-19!](#)

Please consider one of these positions and email us your nomination to phibetadelta@sonoma.edu by Monday, April 23:

- Chapter President
- Chapter Vice-President
- Staff Representative & Chapter Coordinator
- Student Representative & Outreach Coordinator

Phi Beta Delta provides the following descriptions of chapter officer positions and their duties in their By-Laws at <http://www.phibetadelta.org/aboutPBD.php>. Contact us at phibetadelta@sonoma.edu or email Michaela directly at grobbel@sonoma.edu with any questions.

Please support our organization that brings students, staff, and faculty together in order to promote one of the core missions at SSU: To further global awareness and international education at our university! Our primary goals are

- to recognize the scholarly achievement of students, who have studied abroad, and to honor faculty and staff involved in international activities

- to serve as a vehicle for the development of academic - based international programming, and
- to provide a network on campus of students, faculty, and staff involved in international endeavors.

Thank you for your support! We need four new officers in our team who are excited to continue our work and to build on it. Phi Beta Delta is a distinguished national organization, and offers many opportunities for supporting international studies.

Their conferences, publication opportunities, and awards are of particular interest to students and faculty.

Phi Beta Delta phibetadelta@sonoma.edu



SPRING 2018
INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONTEST
 A campus-wide contest featuring academic work with an international focus!

Win Wolfbucks at the value of
\$500, \$300, or \$200!

DESCRIPTION
 In order to recognize exciting academic work with an international context, we invite Sonoma State University students to share one of their research projects with us.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS COULD INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO

- Research carried out in or focusing on a country other than the USA
- Comparative research studies in Anthropology, Linguistics, History, Geology, Biology, Business, Economics, Women and Gender Studies, Physics, Engineering, and other Disciplines
- Analysis of specific topics in world literature or culture
- Creative projects in music, art studio, dance, film studies with an international focus

SUBMISSION FORMAT AND DEADLINE
 Email your work or a link to your work by midnight on Sunday, April 15, 2018 to phibetadelta@sonoma.edu. You may send it in any format as long as it can be opened and viewed, i.e. as pdf, powerpoint, mp4 or mov format (max. 3 minutes), or as a blog. All submissions must be accompanied by a written narrative explaining the significance of your work in clear language that makes sense to readers outside your field (max. 2 pages).

The first, second, and third place winners will be announced at our Research Award Ceremony on Thursday, May 3, at 5:00 p.m. in 3001 Schulz and will receive their prizes and Award Certificates! The winners will also present their work at this event (limited to 10 minutes). All other participants will receive a Certificate of Participation at that time.

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College of Staten Island/The City University of New York
 Eta Lambda Chapter

On October 24, 2018, the Eta Lambda Chapter of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars at CSI inducted 26 faculty, staff, students, and alumni into the prestigious society. The goals of the organization include the recognition of individual achievement in the area of international understanding; the advancement of international programming, research, and scholarly exchange; and the creation of a campus network linked to a network of members in chapters worldwide.



The Eta Lambda Chapter at the College of Staten Island held its first induction ceremony in 2011. It is the first chapter within The City University of New York system. CSI currently boasts 200+ members. The chapter is housed at the Center for Global Engagement, which supports comprehensive internationalization. The Center also organizes events and special programming throughout the year for the CSI community, as well as specialized customized short- and long-term programs for international guests. The Center also administers countless student/faculty exchange and study-abroad opportunities, provides services to international students and scholars, and offers English-language programs for non-native speakers.



[Theta Epsilon Chapter](#)
Shepherd University

The Theta Epsilon Chapter at Shepherd University is beginning their 3rd year.

Induction

Sixteen new members were inducted on April 3, 2018 (3 honorary; 6 students; 1 staff; 6 faculty). The honorary members are Shepherd's President, Dr. Mary J.C. Hendrix, and Tia and Bob McMillan, avid supporters/donors of international education. The photos of the induction are in [Flickr](#).

Sponsorship this past year

1. Our chapter co-sponsored a campus visit by the Ambassador from the Cote d' Ivoire in April 2018.
2. Our chapter co-sponsored a panel discussion in November 2017, "Doctors Overseas, Transforming Lives," featuring Dr. J. Richard Casuccio, West Virginia University Medicine plastic surgeon, and members of the Doctors Overseas Lending a Helping Hand medical team. The focus of the discussion was their work in Iquitos, Peru, tropical rainforest area.

Upcoming co-sponsorship

World Affairs Seminar for area high school students scheduled for October 18; the theme this year is immigration. Plan in development: guest speakers such as immigration judge and a refugee, a simulated refugee camp, a Model UN activity, and a debate demo on immigration by our Debate and Forensics students. Co-sponsorship with Shepherdstown Rotary Club.

Our web presence is [Global Shepherd](#) on the Shepherd University website and we have "Global Connectors" (community people who assist our international students in various ways.)



**Theta Theta Chapter
California State University at Bakersfield**

Newsletter from Theta Theta. Please click on the image to read the entire newsletter.



Beyond Borders

Phi Beta Delta, Theta Theta chapter, Occasional Newsletter, May 2018

Message from Chapter President



Dear Theta Theta Chapter Members:

It is a pleasure to serve as the new President of the Theta Theta Chapter of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars this incoming year of 2018-2019. I am currently a faculty member from the Department of Accounting and Finance. I have a passion for international education and hope to contribute to this fascinating field.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the other officers and committee chairs who were elected to serve on the Theta Theta Chapter board this year and also to thank our founding and outgoing chapter president, Provost Jenny Zorn for introducing and establishing the Theta Theta Chapter here at CSUB. Since its establishment in 2016-2017, the Theta Theta chapter members have been very active in many international activities and events, including the annual conference of Phi Beta Delta, international trips, international scholarly activities, international festival celebrations, community engagement and many student events. We just had our 2017-2018 induction banquet in March. Congratulations to new members!



The other board members and I want to bring in many more members to our organization in the future, use our chapter as a vehicle for developing academic based international programming, and recognize the scholarly achievement of our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me and the chapter board with your ideas/suggestions for additional ways in which we can assist in supporting our chapter.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Di Wu

Di Wu, PhD, CMA, CPA
Theta Theta Chapter Incoming President

Featured Faculty Profile: Dr. David Olson

Dr. David Olson reflects on his life-long interest in International Education (Professor Olson is in the School of Business and Public Administration)



As a child, I lived near the University of Washington in Seattle. My grandmother was a Swedish professor and I would visit the campus with her whenever I could. She would also take me to events at the Swedish-American Club and we would also have frequent visitors from Sweden. I'm sure these early experiences greatly influenced my interest in international education, but for me everything is a circuitous path.



Upon graduation from high school, instead of going to college like every family member before me, I decided to take the risky and unconventional step of becoming a first generation circus performer. For the next several years, I spent my efforts preparing for a life of juggling, unicycling, and trapeze.



While my life was exhilarating and I met lots of interesting people, at some point, I realized that entertainment is more fun when you aren't trying to make a living from it. So, I packed up my things and went off to college. Four years later, my very last term was a summer study trip in Europe. As a group, we travelled all over Europe visiting and studying businesses, government entities, and museums. At the end of the trip, I hitchhiked across 6 countries with my juggling clubs and a hat.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION NEWS

NAFSA partnered with [Welcoming America](#) to promote its annual [Welcoming Week](#) Celebration from September 14-23.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND REVIEW

Publication of Spring 2018 Issue

The Spring 2018 issue of our journal, International Research and Review, has been posted on the Phi Beta Delta Website: <http://www.phibetadelta.org/internationalResearch.php>. It includes articles discussing: De Wit's internationalization circle; the impact of study abroad on intercultural competence and personal development; improving international students' cultural skills; a pedagogical method for fostering intercultural competence in study abroad; and trends and critical issues in bilingual literacy development.

Call for Journal Papers

Scholars and researchers from across disciplines are invited to address issues in international education and studies. Papers are welcome on topics that can include, but are not limited to, our understanding of international studies, education, internationalization, globalization, teaching and learning in the context of international educational exchange and, within the university classroom, issues regarding curricular development, and other related topics. We welcome critical, qualitative, quantitative, and social scientific perspectives. For more information and guidelines visits:

<http://www.phibetadelta.org/internationalResearch.php>

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Do you have news regarding your Chapter? An interesting article to share?
Please send submissions to Sarah Lindell at slindell@niu.edu

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