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## IN MEMORIAM



The Board of Directors, the Chapters, and the Members of Phi Beta Delta express their condolences to the family, colleagues, and friends of Dr. Amy (Sheng Chieh) Leh, executive director of Phi Beta Delta from 2017-2021. Dr. Leh passed away on November 22, 2021.

In her letter to the Phi Beta Delta membership, Dr. Sharon Joy, president of the Society said, "We are all greatly saddened. She has been a wonderful executive director and a positive force in the administration of our society."

She was an accomplished educator, serving in the California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB), Department of Educational Leadership and Technology for more than 20 years. She wrote over 30 articles and gave more than 100 national and international presentations. Previous to becoming executive director and CEO of Phi

Beta Delta, she served as treasurer and president of Gamma Lambda chapter. She received her Ph.D. in education from Arizona State University.

In addition, Dr. Leh provided guidance, backing, and encouragement to the International Research and Review. Her kindness will be missed.

Tributes to Amy (Sheng Chieh Amy Leh) and other messages and remembrances may be posted on <https://www.arrowheadaftercare.com/obituaries/Sheng-Chieh-Amy-Leh?obId=23351016#/celebrationWall>

## 2022 PHI BETA DELTA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

### 36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Online Web Conference

Monday - Tuesday: May 23rd and May 24, 2022

**Theme: Collaborative Resilience: Recreating Global Pathways**

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Conference Date/Time: Please see below for details regarding the 36th Annual PBD Conference. We look forward to gathering online to connect with our members via the 2022 web conference.

The Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars is pleased to announce that the 2022 PBD Conference will be offered via Zoom on Monday - Tuesday: May 23rd and May 24, 2022 during the following time blocks:

- Pacific: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Mountain: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Central: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- Eastern: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

#### **Conference Online Access/Viewing:**

PBD members are invited to register for the conference and attend the complete conference or specific segments of interest, as convenient. Please contact your PBD Chapter Coordinator for details about a campus viewing, or refer to the email shared by PBD headquarters for individual login instructions.





**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Andrea Thomas**

### **Pieces to the Puzzle: The Role we play in Global Collaboration**

**Abstract:** Dr. Andrea Thomas is a leader in virtual exchange with an outstanding track record for delivering transformative results to build and scale international programming in higher education. Disruptor and change agent, Andrea has worked with 45 universities globally as an institutional mentor to design effective programming for digital community and international peer to peer learning through Virtual Exchange and Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL).

Andrea was the Senior International Officer (SIO) at the State University of New York (SUNY) Farmingdale State College and a Fellow for the Association of International Educators Administrators (AIEA) in 2019. She has worked with the American Council on Education (ACE) and The SUNY COIL Center on initiatives in Virtual Exchange. Andrea began her career at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) where she focused on Ethics and operations within international development. She earned a Doctorate at the University of Southern California (USC), Rossier School of Education where she studied Global Education Leadership and Administration with rotations in Hong Kong, Finland and Qatar. Andrea is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer from the Kyrgyz Republic and speaks Russian, Kyrgyz, and Spanish languages. She has lived and worked in Central Asia, Southern Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and South America.

## PHI BETA DELTA TESTIMONIAL SPOTLIGHT



**Melissa Osorio**

My journey with the Phi Beta Delta international Honor Society began when I was an undergraduate student at Cal State University San Bernardino in 2016. I was invited by my Professor to attend a luncheon, with special guest speaker Dr. Bibiana Díaz. We truly received a warm welcoming from all of the PBD members. Subsequently, I was inducted in 2017 and since then have gained so much insight and knowledge from all of the events so intentionally organized. I am so grateful for the possibility to interact in a community with common interests in diverse, inclusive and international topics. PBD serves as a platform that allows a growth mind-set and advocates for international education and experiences. For example, as a recipient of the PBD Scholarship I had the privilege to travel to Colombia with the CSUSB Acto Latino

theater group to present our plays at the international theater festival. I kindly encourage students to take advantage of this prestigious possibilities and become a member of the Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society.

## CHAPTER NEWS

Phi Beta Delta and  
Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Resource Center,  
San Diego State University



Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars  
x SDSU APIDA Center

### Virtual Fall Symposium

**THEME: LEARNING FROM THE LAND**

**Mon, Nov 15, 2021 from 10am-2pm PST**

Zoom Registration: <https://bit.ly/PBDAPIDAFallSymposium>

#### Agenda

- Welcome: from Phi Beta Delta
- 10am - **Farming As Activism**: Mai Nguyen, Farmer Activist
- 11am - **Native Knowledge Now**: Mark Alapaki Luke, Professor at Honolulu Community College
- 12pm - **Fire is Medicine**: Margo Robbins, Executive Director of Cultural Fire Management Council
- 1pm - Book Club Discussion of **BRAIDING SWEETGRASS** by Robin Wall Kimmerer



Mai Nguyen  
10am Speaker



Mark Alapaki Luke  
11am Speaker



Margo Robbins  
12pm Speaker



Dr. Virginia Loh-Hagan  
Moderator

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Omega  
California State University, Northridge

Phi Beta Delta Omega Chapter member, Dr. Frances Gateward, a professor in the Department of Cinema and Television Arts, led the organization for [BTS: A Global Online Interdisciplinary Conference](#). This conference had over 1,400 registrants from over 39 countries.

Theta Epsilon Chapter  
Shepherd University

Shepherd University's Theta Epsilon chapter inducted a record number 21 new members in its spring induction ceremony held April 7, 2022. Two keynote speakers were inducted as honorary members, i.e., Dr. Monica Sapucaia Machado and Dr. Denise Almeida de Andrade, Brazilian professors who gave fascinating presentations on women's rights in Brazil. [Flickr photos](#) from Shepherd University's PBD Theta Epsilon Induction Ceremony, April 7, 2022.

In a hybrid ceremony held November 11th, 2021, sixteen new members were added to the Shepherd chapter of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars. Keynote speaker, Hannah Evans, senior analyst with Population Connection, gave a presentation on the intersection of population, climate change, and social justice. She presented via Zoom from San Diego. Dr. Mark Stern, University Professor Emeritus of Political Science and former Shepherd VPAA, was awarded honorary status in the Society. Dr. Stern, speaking via Zoom from Arizona, provided a few closing remarks at the ceremony, emphasizing the value of international education. Dr. Stern led the

campus in strategic planning for internationalization and has been an ardent supporter of international initiatives at Shepherd. International student, Sujata Sharma, a native of Nepal speaking via Zoom from India, noted the value of studying outside of her own culture.



2021 Inductees – Theta Epsilon Chapter, Shepherd University

Left side and up the staircase: Madalaine Fleming, Monica Fleming, Kady Sanogo, Dr. Petru Drumea, Dr. Marat Akopian, Tayler Sisk, Joanna Hernandez, Jacob Cross, Dr. Holley Ralston.

Additional inductees (not in photograph): Dr. Amy DeWitt, Dr. Mark Stern, Ellen Wade, Sujata Sharma, Roxanne Lingenfelter, Jennifer Jaafar, Karen Zacharias.

#### **Shepherd University Diwali/Tihar Festivities Shared with Community**

The Diwali/Tihar Hindu festival was observed at Shepherd University the evening of Thursday, November 4. Pragma Karmacharya, joining via Zoom from the Midwest, extended a welcome and told the story of Dilawi. International student, Sujata Sharma from Nepal (zooming from India), sang the traditional prayer and summarized the highpoints of Hindu mythology and festival traditions. Attendees participated in the lighting of the lamps to spell “Happy Diwali” and created colorful paintings on the concrete known as “rangoli.”

Diwali is a religious festival of lights celebrated over five days by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, and some Buddhists, especially Newar Buddhists. Also known as Deepavali, it is India’s most important festival of the year. Celebrations begin two days before and end two days after the new moon day of Kartika in the lunisolar calendar. The festival is called Tihar in Nepal and the Indian states of Sikkim and West Bengal which house a large number of ethnic Nepali people. The festival is characterized by indoor and outdoor floral decorations and oil lamps (diya), colorful paintings (rangoli), family feasts, the sharing of gifts and sweets, singing and dancing, worship ceremonies, light fireworks, and indoor decorations in front of an altar. The festival is “a time to celebrate the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil.” The festival celebrates Lord Rama’s triumph over the evil spirit, Ravana. The traditional greeting, “Happy Diwali/Tehar,” wishes happiness, prosperity and joy to the receiver. Diwali/Tihar is a time of togetherness and goodwill with the ageless message...good can triumph over evil.

The event was sponsored by Theta Epsilon Chapter, Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars as well as the Multi-Cultural Leadership Team at Shepherd.



**Eta Lambda  
College of Staten Island/City University of New York**

The College of Staten Island celebrated its [10th Annual Induction Ceremony](#) into the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars on April 26 in the 1P Recital Hall, inducting students, faculty, and staff into the prestigious group. See [photo gallery](#).



**College of Staten Island/The City University of New York  
Phi Beta Delta Annual Induction Ceremony**



**Zeta Gamma  
Northern Illinois University**



The President of the Zeta Gamma Chapter at Northern Illinois University, Dr. Jeanne Isabel, [inspires Huskies while improving healthcare abroad.](#)

**Eta Mu  
Northwestern State University of Louisiana**

The Eta Mu Chapter at Northwestern State University of Louisiana has had a busy spring semester. The annual induction ceremony took place on April 24. Nineteen new student, faculty, and staff members were inducted. The featured speaker was Dr. Sharon Joy, current International President and longtime founder and chapter coordinator of the Eta Mu chapter. Dr. Joy was honored,



as she will retire at the end of the semester. Pictured are the Eta Mu members who were present and Dr. Sharon Joy with Dr. Marcia Hardy, Eta Mu President.



Two installments of our Language and Culture Series took place this spring. These mini-sessions give information about specific cultures of our world and are important fundraisers for our Eta Mu Student Scholarships. Dr. Weiwen Liao coordinated these sessions. Featured this spring were Dr. Richard Jensen and Italian Exchange student Elisa Silicato in March, speaking about Italy, and Phi Beta Delta member Aura Hernandez-Canedo speaking about Colombia in February. Our scholarship winner this year is Juanita Marin Tabares.



LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SERIES  
**ITALY**

Phi Beta Delta language and Culture Series support funding for Northwestern State University students participating in international studies and expand all participants' knowledge of diversified languages and cultures worldwide. The lecture will offer insights into language and culture of Italy. It is also part of a Phi Beta Delta-NSU Eta Mu Chapter Scholarship Fundraiser.



**Wednesday, March 16 • 5:30 pm**

**Russell Hall 107 and Virtual**

You will receive a meeting invitation after registering.

**Registration Fee:**

\$5.00 for students  
\$20.00 for all other participants

**Register Online:**

<https://pbd-lecture-series.eventbrite.com>  
or buy a ticket at the door. On-site registration is welcomed.

**Contact for Information:**

For more information, please contact:  
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or register with Becky Stephens:  
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**Guest Lecturers:**

**Ms. Elisa Silicato**  
NSU Exchange Student (Umbria, Italy)

**Dr. Rick Jensen**  
Professor Emeritus of Modern European History  
Louisiana Scholars' College

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LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SERIES  
**SOUNDS OF COLOMBIA**

Phi Beta Delta language and Culture Series support funding for Northwestern State University students participating in international studies and expand all participants' knowledge of diversified languages and cultures worldwide. "Sounds of Colombia" will offer insights into language and culture, especially the music and dance of Colombia. It is also part of a Phi Beta Delta-NSU Eta Mu Chapter Scholarship Fundraiser.



**Wednesday, February 23 • 5:30 pm**

**Russell Hall 107 and Virtual**

You will receive a meeting invitation after registering.

**Registration Fee:**

\$5.00 for students  
\$20.00 for all other participants

**Register Online:**

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**Guest Lecturer, Musicians, & Dancers:**

**Aura Hernandez-Canedo** is an international graduate student from Cartagena, Colombia, pursuing a degree in music with a concentration in performance and a music teacher certification in the School of Creative and Performing Arts at NSU. She holds a Bachelor of Music in violin performance and Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering Technology from the same school. Aura has participated in the Cartagena International Music Festival, served as principal second for the NSU symphony orchestra, and performed with several orchestras around the LA-TX area. She is the student representative on Phi Beta Delta board.

**Dania Briceño, Ruth Garcia,** and **Santiago Uribe** are music majors with a concentration in performance at NSU. **Dania** and **Ruth** are from Tegucigalpa, Honduras. **Santiago** is from Cartagena, Colombia. **Dania** is a violinist, the current concertmaster from the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony

Orchestra and a McCutcheon honor winner in 2020. **Ruth** is a violinist and violist. She has performed with several professional orchestras around the LA-TX region and Latino America. **Santiago** is the current principal cellist for the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Orchestra and a concerto-competition winner in 2020.

**Elias Castro** is from Cartagena, Colombia, double majoring in music and business administration at NSU. He has recently toured around the USA as a percussionist with the "Advance the Light" band. He is a McCutcheon honor winner in 2022.

**Maria Paula Mancera** and **Diana Garcia** are from Cartagena, Colombia, and dance majors at NSU. **Maria Paula** is also pursuing business administration, and **Diana** is pursuing a fine and graphic arts degree from the same university.

**Special Guest:**

**Dr. Marcus Jones**  
President, Northwestern State University

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**TIPS TO INCREASE MEMBER NOMINATIONS**

1. **Communicate with College Deans, Department Chairs, etc.** for nominations as one normally would. Chair of the Membership Committee, Dr. Virginia Hicks, suggests that the Chapter Coordinator or President of the Chapter contact and briefly meet with the Provost and/or Assistant Provost to ask if they can give a brief presentation to the Dean's Council about Phi Beta Delta. This way, all of the College Deans will hear about Phi Beta Delta at the same time and will allow them time for questions. We believe this will help insure "buy in" from the Deans and we believe they will encourage their Chairs to nominate as many people as possible. In addition, Chapter Coordinators or Presidents can present a list of students to the Deans and ask them if there are any that could be a Dean's nominee in addition to the basic eligibility.

2. **Identify all eligible students.** In addition to nominations from Deans and faculty, it is important to identify all students who are eligible for the Phi Beta Delta honor. It is suggested that:

a. Complete a download (on behalf of the PBD Chapter Board of Directors) that includes GPAs of:

International graduate students and undergraduate students (schools may already have it due to SEVIS data manipulations) and Study abroad students, primarily returnees (you may have to ask the Study Abroad office for assistance on this).

b. Complete the process of nominating these students on behalf of the Chapter Board of Directors.

c. Communicate with the nominee, either by letter or email, that they have been nominated, with instructions on how to confirm their acceptance of the nomination.

3. **Recognize the nominators.** During the induction ceremony, when or as nominees are announced to receive their medallion, include in that announcement the source of their nomination: Dean's nominee, Department Chair nominee, Major professor/adviser nominee, PBD Chapter Board of Director's nominee.

4. You can **ask for student lists from the Registration and Records office** of eligible international students and also get a list from your study abroad office. The lists will have students' specific GPAs, credit hours, etc.

5. **Some chapters have the following channels** for nominating new inductees.

International Students

Domestic students studying abroad

Exchange students

Recommendation from PBD faculty and staff members

6. **The Office of International Programs or its counterparts such as International Student Services and Study Abroad offices can mention the process** as they see on a regular basis most of the students who are eligible by virtue of the services they provide. You could invite the staff of those offices to join as well. We also suggest reaching out to:

\*Foreign Language departments/ programs, as their courses and programs provide the sort of intercultural activities and competence our students need to qualify for membership.

\*International student organizations

\*Muslim Students Association and other ethnic or cultural organizations

\*Peace Corps Prep programs (if these exist at your school). Students are meeting our requirements by being in these programs.

\*Rotary Club (if your school has one) This organization is internationally and service oriented, so students and advisors in those clubs are usually meeting PBD requirements.

\*Once students are identified from the above, PBD members can be asked to nominate them. Your nomination form can have a place to indicate how the applicant qualifies for PBD membership.

These steps will have the effect of increasing the number of inductees, while at the same time acknowledging the nominations by Deans, Chairs, and faculty. Thus, the enhanced recognition will serve to keep Deans and Chairs committed to the Society's goal of recognition.

## HISTORICAL PHI BETA DELTA

[Medallion 25th Anniversary](#)

[1986-1996, 10 Year Anniversary Report](#)

# CHAPTER REPORTS AND MEMBER LISTS

Please be sure to submit your [Chapter Report](#) and email your member lists to the Phi Beta Delta Headquarters at [staff@phibetadelta.org](mailto:staff@phibetadelta.org)

## INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND REVIEW

### 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 visit:

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

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## MEDALLION SUBMISSIONS

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

## MATCHING FUND CAMPAIGN

A \$5,000 matching challenge grant has been issued once again to members and friends of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars. The grant will match your donations dollar for dollar for a combined \$10,000; donations must be received by June 30, 2022. Your generosity will support student scholarships as well as the annual Phi Beta Delta national conference. Your contribution will make a difference as Phi Beta Delta continues its important mission in promoting and supporting international education and exchange.

Gifts of all sizes are valued, and your gifts may be designated "in honor" or "in memory" of special people in your lives.

Please join us – **Together Forward!** More information can be found [here](#)

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE NEWS

Phi Beta Delta is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Hyunkyung Oh as Interim Executive Director of Phi Beta Delta. Dr. Oh is a Professor of Kinesiology and is the Faculty Director of Center for International Studies and Programs at University of Southern California at San Bernardino. We are fortunate that she has accepted this position and we look forward to working with her.

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