



The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at UB: Chapter 216

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Abstract

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) is the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. PKP was founded in 1897.

UB reinstated its chapter in Fall 2024 with the induction of 44 students and 10 faculty/staff/alum. PKP offers benefits and resources to assist members in their academic and professional lives.



PHILOSOPHÍA KRATEÍTŌ PHOTŌN
Let the love of learning rule humanity.

PHILOSOPHÍA. The first word of the motto literally means "love of wisdom" or "love of knowledge and wisdom," a Greek word compounded from *philos* meaning "loving" or "friendly" and *sophía* meaning "wisdom." However, for historical reasons, the Society uses the phrase "love of learning" out of respect for the founders' English version of the motto that seems to have preceded the Greek version. Because the founders probably intended to emphasize the value of what is gained through the process of learning and not merely the process itself, the original translator (Professor J.H. Huddilston of the University of Maine) apparently used *philosophía* rather than *philomátheia*, the more common way of rendering "love of learning" in Greek (see Plato's Republic 499e for a nearly synonymous use of both terms).

KRATEÍTŌ. The second word of the motto is a verb in the imperative mood, meaning "Let...rule." As a strong imperative, it is an exhortation to action, not merely a hope or wish, hence "let" is used rather than "may." The basic meaning of the word is the exertion of power and control, derived from the noun *krátos*, meaning "strength" or "might." *Krátos* is also a source of the terms "democracy" (rule of the people) and "aristocracy" (rule of the noble).

PHŌTŌN. The third word appears in classical Greek poetry and drama; for example, in Euripides with the meaning of "mortals" in contrast to the gods of the "immortals." The 1995 Convention in St. Louis changed the official wording from "mankind" to "humanity" on the grounds that the term "mankind" had come to have sexist connotations alien to the ideals of Phi Kappa Phi.



ALMA MATER

Alma Mater, a toast to thee!
Pledge our honor, our loyalty.
From the ocean, far 'cross the land
Our noble College will proudly stand.
Golden memories of days serene,
Golden seasons, familiar scenes,
Bonds will keep us forever true.
Alma Mater, Bridgeport U.

PKP Membership Benefits

- Opportunity to apply for \$1.3 million in awards each year:
 - Pioneer Award
 - Study Abroad Grants
 - Fellowships
 - Literacy Grants
 - Graduate Research Grants
 - Love of Learning Awards
 - Dissertation Fellowships
 - Mary Todd Sabbatical
- Career assistance & resources available through the Career Center and Internship Board
- Subscription to the *Phi Kappa Phi Forum* magazine
- Savings on student loan refinancing and other financial solutions from SoFi.
- Exclusive discounts from more than 30 corporate partners
- Grow your network. There are 100,000 active PKP members at link.phikappaphi.org.
- Exclusive PKP merchandise for graduation and every occasion.

Visit www.phikappaphi.org/benefits for details on how to access these and other exclusive benefits.

UB's Chapter Activities

- **"Love of Learning" Lecture (Spring)**
- **UB Chapter Scholarships**
Sophomores who have completed at least 45 credit hours, with at least 24 semester hours at UB, who rank in the top 10% of their class.
- **Initiation Ceremony (Fall)**
Graduate students must be in the top 10% of their class, completed at least 18 semester hours/27 quarter hours at UB.

Seniors must also be in the top 10% of their class, completed at least 24 hours at UB and 90 hours overall.

Juniors must be in the top 7.5% of their class, earned 24 hours at UB, and at least 72 hours overall.

2024 CHAPTER OFFICERS

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Ideas for Increasing PKP Membership at UB



- Get on Social Media
- Set up tabling during new student orientation
- Attend sports events or campus socials as a group wearing PKP swag
- Organize a campus event

References

<https://bridgeport.instructure.com/courses/2063571>

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