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The **PHI BETA KAPPA** *Society*

THE NATION'S OLDEST ACADEMIC HONOR SOCIETY

— *Founded December 5, 1776* —



*Williams College
Class of 2020*

Phi Beta Kappa

Induction Ceremony

Saturday, June 6, 2020

2:00 - 3:00 PM

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About Phi Beta Kappa

The Phi Beta Kappa Society (PBK) is the oldest honor society for the liberal arts and sciences. The society was created during the American Revolution by five students at the College of William & Mary. They believed that a new nation required new institutions – cultural as well as political – and they were committed to intellectual fellowship shaped by the values of personal freedom, scientific inquiry, liberty of conscience, and creative endeavor.

Phi Beta Kappa's first meeting took place on December 5, 1776 in the Apollo Room of the Raleigh Tavern in Williamsburg, Virginia. At a time of political and social turmoil, the organization's founders envisioned a secret society that would give members the freedom to discuss any topic they chose. Ever since, freedom of inquiry and expression have served as hallmarks of PBK.



The Motto and The Key

Phi Beta Kappa stands for its motto:

Φιλοσοφία Βίου Κυβερνήτης

(Philosophia Biou Cybernētēs), or

"Love of learning is the guide of life."

Members may wear its gold key, a nationally recognized symbol of academic achievement. Inscribed on its front are the Greek letters ΦΒΚ; inscribed on its back is the date of establishment of the society.

The Society and Williams

John Heath, the first president of Phi Beta Kappa, was determined to create a serious-minded student society that would offer more than the opportunities to socialize that other college societies were known for at the time. The first collegiate society identified with a Greek letter name, PBK introduced the essential characteristics of others that followed it: an oath of secrecy, a badge, mottoes in Greek and Latin, a code of laws, an elaborate form of initiation, a seal, and a special handshake.

While William & Mary closed in 1781, due to war, other chapters of the society were established at Yale and Harvard. The Williams chapter was established in 1864. Today, we sponsor many activities, including visiting scholars, a speaker series (courtesy of the David Sterling Memorial Fund), and other formal and informal discussion events. The current national Secretary/CEO of the Phi Beta Kappa Society is Frederick M. Lawrence, Williams College Class of 1977.

Welcoming Remarks, Chapter President

Steven Miller, Professor of Mathematics

Welcoming Remarks, National Secretary

Frederick Lawrence '77

History of PBK at Williams College

Stephen Fix

Robert G. Scott '68 Professor of English

Recognition of Fall Inductees and Induction of New Members

Welcome to PBK Associations

Thomas Laage

President Boston PBK Association

Jacques Ohayon

President Emeritus, NY PBK Association

Awarding of Muriel Rowe Prize

Summiya Najam, PBK Student President

Faculty Address:

*“The Song Exploder Effect: When Learning
Leads to Love”*

Ken Savitsky, Professor of Psychology

Concluding Remarks

Class of 2020

Phi Beta Kappa Inductees End of Junior Year

Alex Bank	Catherine May
Catherine Banner	Joseph Moore
Amanda Chen	Grace Murray
Drew Cohen	Summiya Najam
Michael Curran	Matthew Newman
Nicholas Goldrosen	Louisa Nyhus
Janelle Gowgiel	Jake Rinaldi
Emmie Hine	John Romans
Brooke Horowitch	Whitney Sandford
Anhui Huang	Hannah Tager
Minwoo Kang	Mariam Ugrelidze
Louisa Kania	Fred Wang
Calla Khilnani	Xiwei Yang
Ariel Koltun-Fromm	Teresa Yu
Jonathan Lee	Alan Zhang
Katherine Mahoney	

Phi Beta Kappa Inductees End of Senior Year

Kendall Allen	Benjamin Mygatt
Emily Bannigan	Giebien Na
Spencer Carrillo	Sofie Netteberg
Charlotte Cooper	Casey Phalen
Ryan Cox	Dzung Pham
Xiaoyong Cui	Katherine Pippenger
Azar Dixit	Jack Roche
Calen Firedancing	Carl William Shuck
Gabrielle Gedo	Robert Smith IV
Natalia Halpern	Abraham Steinberger
Benjamin Hearon	Gaia Steinfeld DeNisi
Qiyuan Hu	Ingrid Thyr
Samuel Humes	Tiffany Tien
Daniel Jin	Anne-Sophie van Wingerden
Annie Kang	Tingda Wang
Juna Khang	Hunter Wieman
Grace Kromm	Samuel Wischnewsky
Emma Lezberg	Brenda Xu
Christian Lockwood	Angela Yoon
Benjamin Logsdon	Ashley Zhou
Holly MacAlpine	