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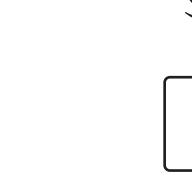
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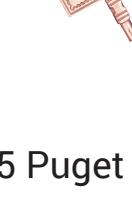
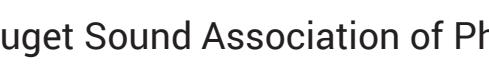
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ABOUT PHI BETA KAPPA

In the Puget Sound community, our association encourages and supports excellence in education through a very active awards and recognition program as well as a variety of member activities. Our annual book awards and scholarships are dedicated to acknowledging the accomplishments of outstanding students, while our Pathfinder Awards recognize extraordinary leaders in promoting high quality learning. Election to Phi Beta Kappa recognizes superior scholastic achievement in the liberal arts and sciences. Currently we have about 400 members and counting.

MISSION

The mission of the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa is the promotion of culture, public education and academic scholarship emphasizing education in the liberal arts inspiring a strong sense of values, ethics and civic engagement. [...]

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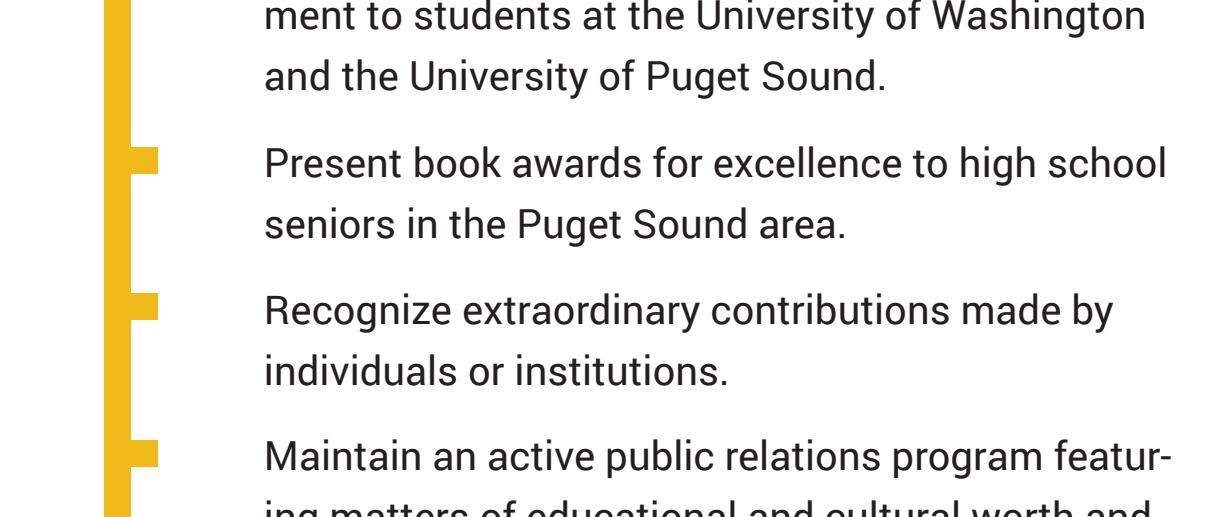


THE PHI BETA KAPPA MISSION

Knowledge, wisdom, intellectual honesty, broad interests, trust, integrity, and responsibility are the core values of the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

In support of these values, the mission of the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa is the promotion of culture, public education and academic scholarship emphasizing education in the liberal arts inspiring a strong sense of values, ethics and civic engagement. The specific goals of PSA-PBK are:

- Fostering of scholarship achievement at the college and high school levels
- Offering academic, cultural and social programs for its members and for the public.
- Continuing growth in the size of its membership
- Availability of general and scholarship funds for the support of its mission



In pursuit of these goals, PSA-PBK shall pursue the following objectives:

- Present monetary awards for scholastic achievement to students at the University of Washington and the University of Puget Sound.
- Present book awards for excellence to high school seniors in the Puget Sound area.
- Recognize extraordinary contributions made by individuals or institutions.
- Maintain an active public relations program featuring matters of educational and cultural worth and information about PSA-PBK activities.
- Coordinate, as opportunities arise, activities with other academic and honorary institutions.
- Manage investments and funds responsibly while meeting all legal and financial obligations.
- Maintain an up-to-date archival management program in order to preserve the history of PSA-PBK.

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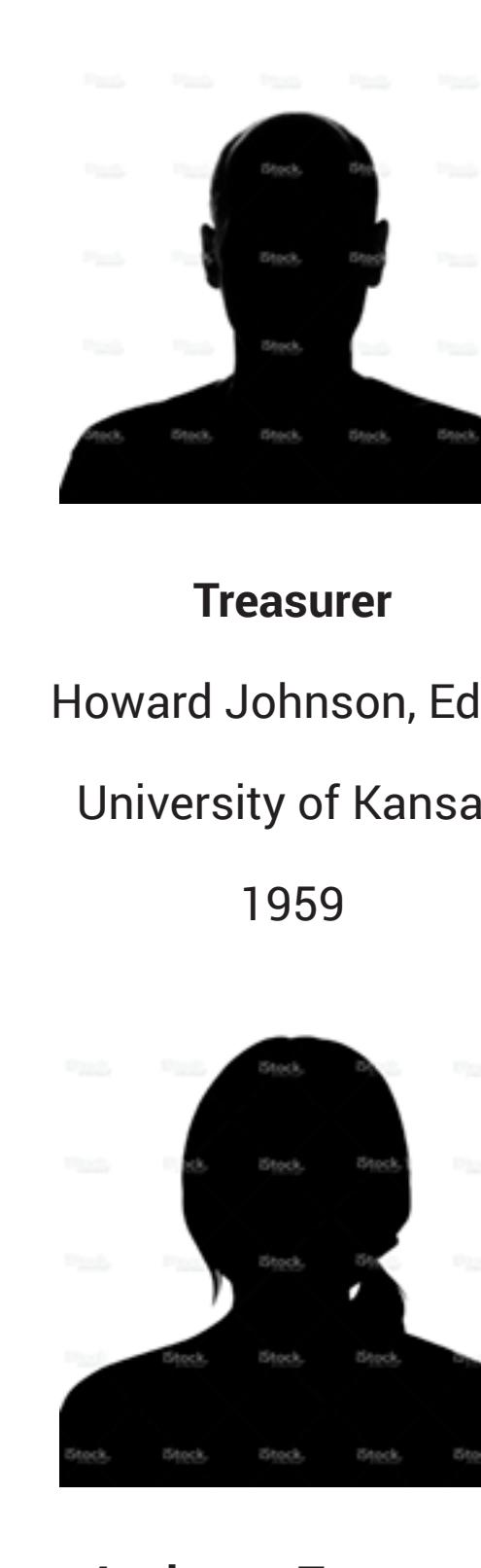
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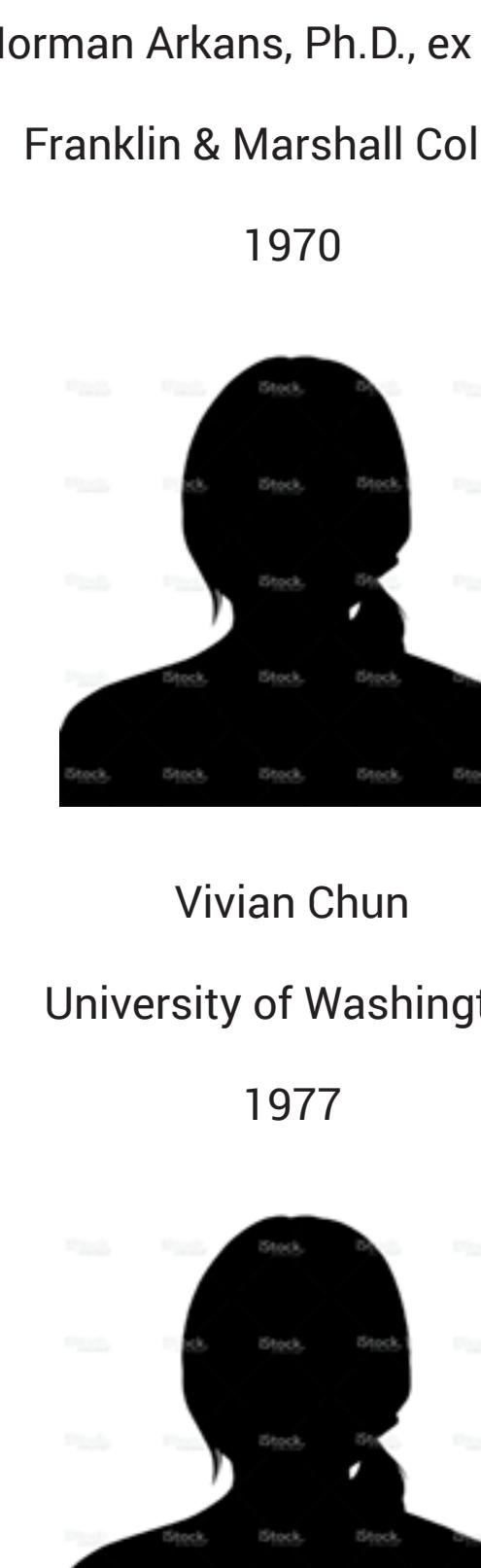


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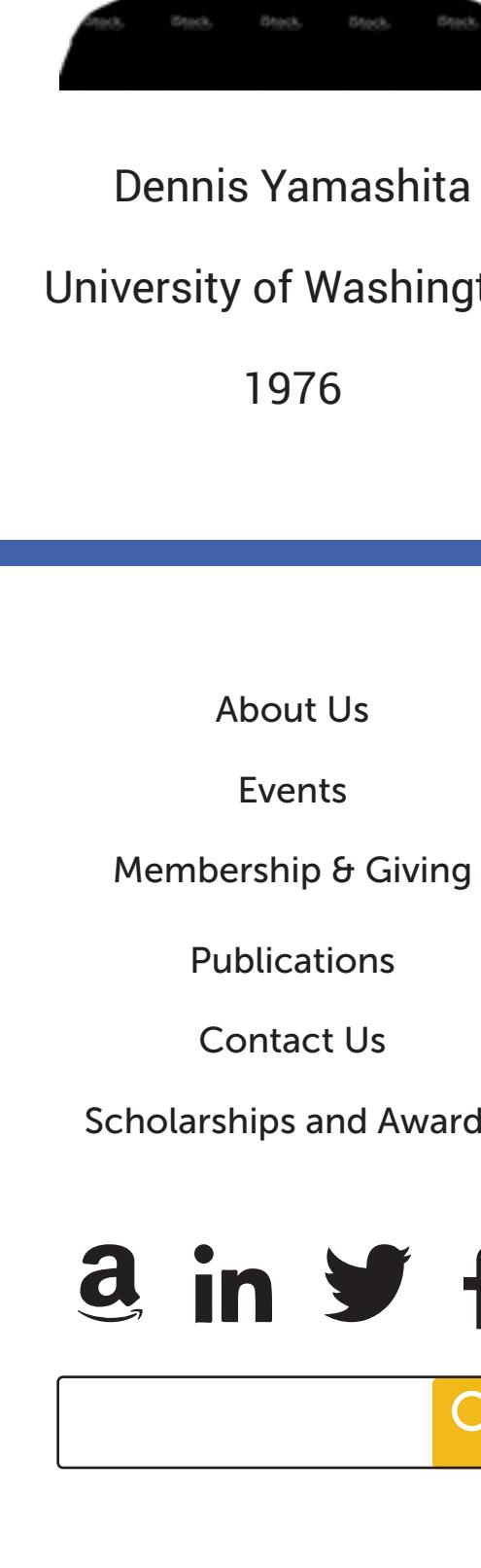


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HISTORY 2003-2012

The Puget Sound Association was conceived and created in 1952 by the Washington Alpha Chapter, whose members rightly concluded that a means should be found to encourage the pursuit of liberal education by financially supporting students, and that establishing an agency independent of Alpha Chapter was the way to do so.

The child has now reached middle age (that point keeps advancing) but its connection with its parent who is approaching its centenary was never broken and is now stronger than ever. Alpha's president and its executive secretary, if a PBK member, are ex-officio members of the PSA board and serve on its committees, and the association and Alpha sponsor joint events. A similar pattern exists with respect to Delta Chapter at the University of Puget Sound. Our connection with the Phi Beta Kappa Society is also strong: at the very beginning of this 10-year period, the society honored our request to host its 2003 Triennial Council meeting in Seattle.

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Fall Luncheon: Jim Wilke: “Jazz: Way Back and Right Now!”

Wednesday, October 28, 11:45 a.m.

Seattle Yacht Club

1807 E. Hamlin Street, Seattle

Jazz is not something that happened back in the middle of the last century. Jim Wilke will provide a glimpse of jazz history (including Seattle's), and bring us forward to the current jazz scene, talking about where to hear jazz now.

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UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to your donations and dues payments, we were able to award scholarships of \$2,000 each to the following five University of Washington and University of Puget Sound undergraduate students with financial needs: Sierra Danielle Boyce (UW: psychology), Allison Kuo (UW: biochemistry; medical anthropology and global health), Michelle Leibbrand (UW: early childhood and family studies), Kyle Reinke (UPS: biochemistry; German), Maggie Zach (UPS: business leadership).



Because her essay was judged by the committee the most outstanding, Sierra Danielle Boyce was named the Ellsworth C. Alvord Jr. Scholar for the academic year 2016, which entitles her to receive an additional \$400. The late Dr. Alvord, a member of PSA-PBK, was an outstanding physician, scientist, philanthropist, and humanitarian who dedicated his life to medical research and support of the local arts and sciences. We wish all of them great success in their future academic endeavors.

ERNEST R. STIEFEL GRADUATE STUDY AWARD

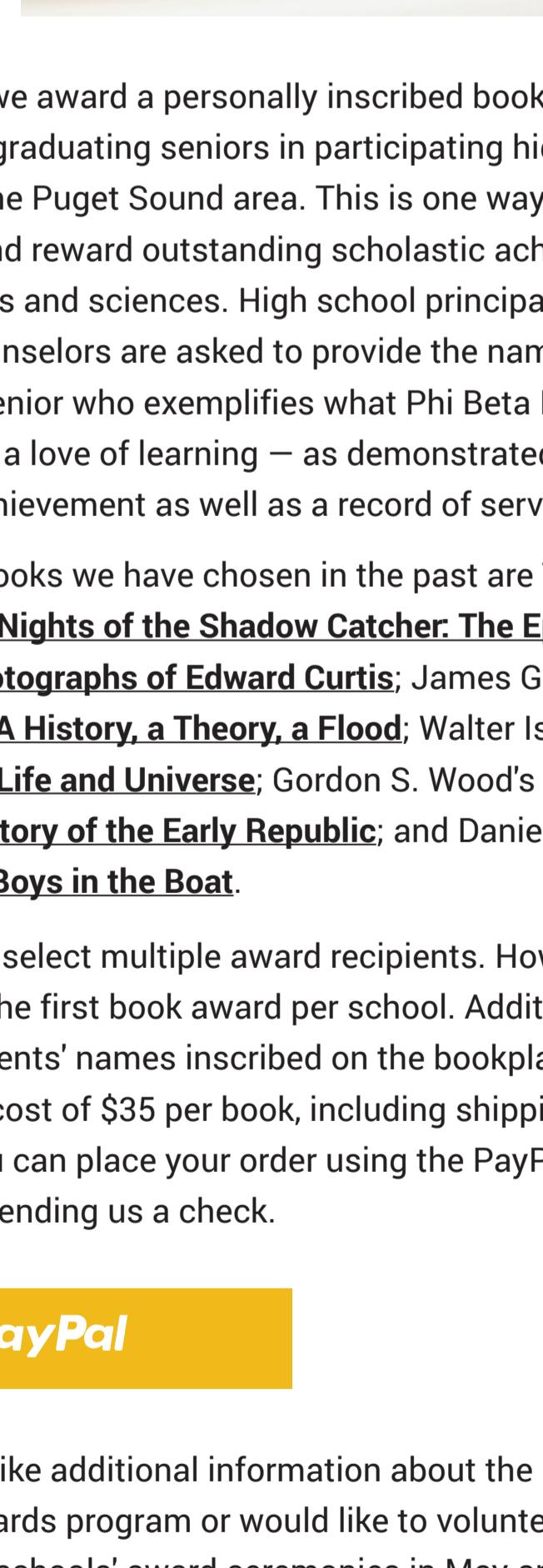
The Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award is given to graduate or professional students who are members of Phi Beta Kappa chapters at the University of Puget Sound or University of Washington and who will attend graduate or professional school at either the University of Puget Sound or the University of Washington.

Applications are now being accepted for this year's Stiefel Award. One award will be made, in the amount of \$4,500.

 Summary (PDF)

 Application (PDF), due June 30

The late Mr. Stiefel was a longtime member of the PSA-PBK board of trustees, serving for many years as its treasurer and assistant treasurer.



SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

AWARDEES FOR 2015:

CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH JUSTICE, for its work with children in the foster care system, providing support in the areas of education, vocational training, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice.

GEORGE T. COX, for his work with the Alexander Hamilton Friends Association, helping youth reach their highest personal and career potential through mentoring, training, and financial assistance.

SEATTLE REPERTORY THEATRE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, for its wide variety of programs, including the Professional Arts Training Program, student playwriting programs, the August Wilson Monologue Competition, and SPEAK programs that encourage young adults to speak up about social issues through original theatre productions.

 Pathfinder Award Recipients 1995–2014

 Nominate someone (PDF)

At the spring luncheon each year, the Puget Sound Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa honors individuals (both adult and youth), businesses, and institutions with the Pathfinder Award. The award certificate reflects the imagery on the distinguished Phi Beta Kappa key, a hand pointing to the stars. It is given to those who "encourage others to seek new worlds to discover, pathways to explore, and untouched destinations to reach." The people, businesses, and institutions honored do something to broaden peoples' interest in active intellectual accomplishment; they reach beyond ordinary routine, beyond the regular requirement of their lives and jobs, in order to break new intellectual ground and/or inspire others to do so.

HUMANITIES ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their founding by an act of Congress and in recognition of the valuable support given by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts to liberal arts education, the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa is pleased to announce the establishment of its PSA-PBK Humanities Achievement Award. It will be offered on a non-monetary, non-periodic basis to individuals or organizations whose contributions to the humanities or arts are considered to be outstanding.

The two National Endowments are dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities and the arts. They provide grants for high-quality projects to cultural institutions and individual scholars, and provide opportunities for life-long learning.

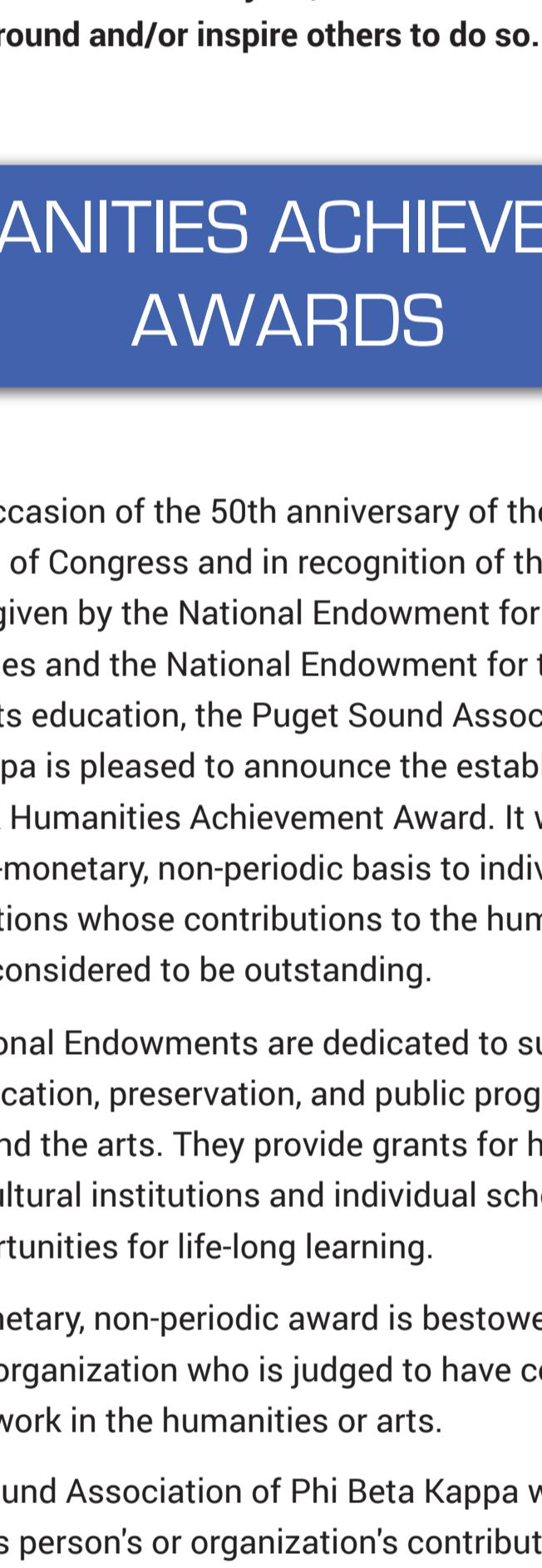
This non-monetary, non-periodic award is bestowed on an individual or organization who is judged to have contributed outstanding work in the humanities or arts.

The Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa wishes to recognize this person's or organization's contribution in furthering its own goals of supporting liberal arts education.

The nominee's work will have been done in one of the following fields: arts (visual and performing), comparative religion, history, jurisprudence, languages (ancient and modern), literature, philosophy, and elements of humanistic work in the social sciences.

Our inaugural award was presented at our Spring 2015 Luncheon to SPEIGHT JENKINS, for advancing the cultural life of the Pacific Northwest through education and performances of operas throughout his 31-year career as the general director of the Seattle Opera.

 HIGH SCHOOL OUTREACH AWARDS

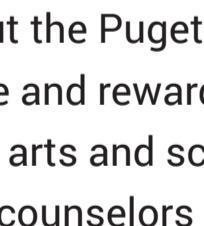


Each spring we award a personally inscribed book to outstanding graduating seniors in participating high schools throughout the Puget Sound area. This is one way we encourage and reward outstanding scholastic achievement in the liberal arts and sciences.

High school principals and guidance counselors are asked to provide the name of one graduating senior who exemplifies what Phi Beta Kappa represents — a love of learning — as demonstrated by their academic achievement as well as a record of service to others.

Among the books we have chosen in the past are Timothy Egan's Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis; James Gleick's The Information: A History, a Theory, a Flood; Walter Isaacson's Einstein: His Life and Universe; Gordon S. Wood's Empire of Liberty: A History of the Early Republic; and Daniel James Brown's The Boys in the Boat.

Schools may select multiple award recipients. However, we can only pay for the first book award per school. Additional books, with the students' names inscribed on the bookplates, may be ordered at a cost of \$35 per book, including shipping and handling. You can place your order using the PayPal button below or by sending us a check.



If you would like additional information about the High School Outreach Awards program or would like to volunteer to present books at the schools' award ceremonies in May and June, please e-mail pbkhightschoolcoord@psa-pbk.org or president@psa-pbk.org, or call Linda Willenberg at (425) 641-1606.



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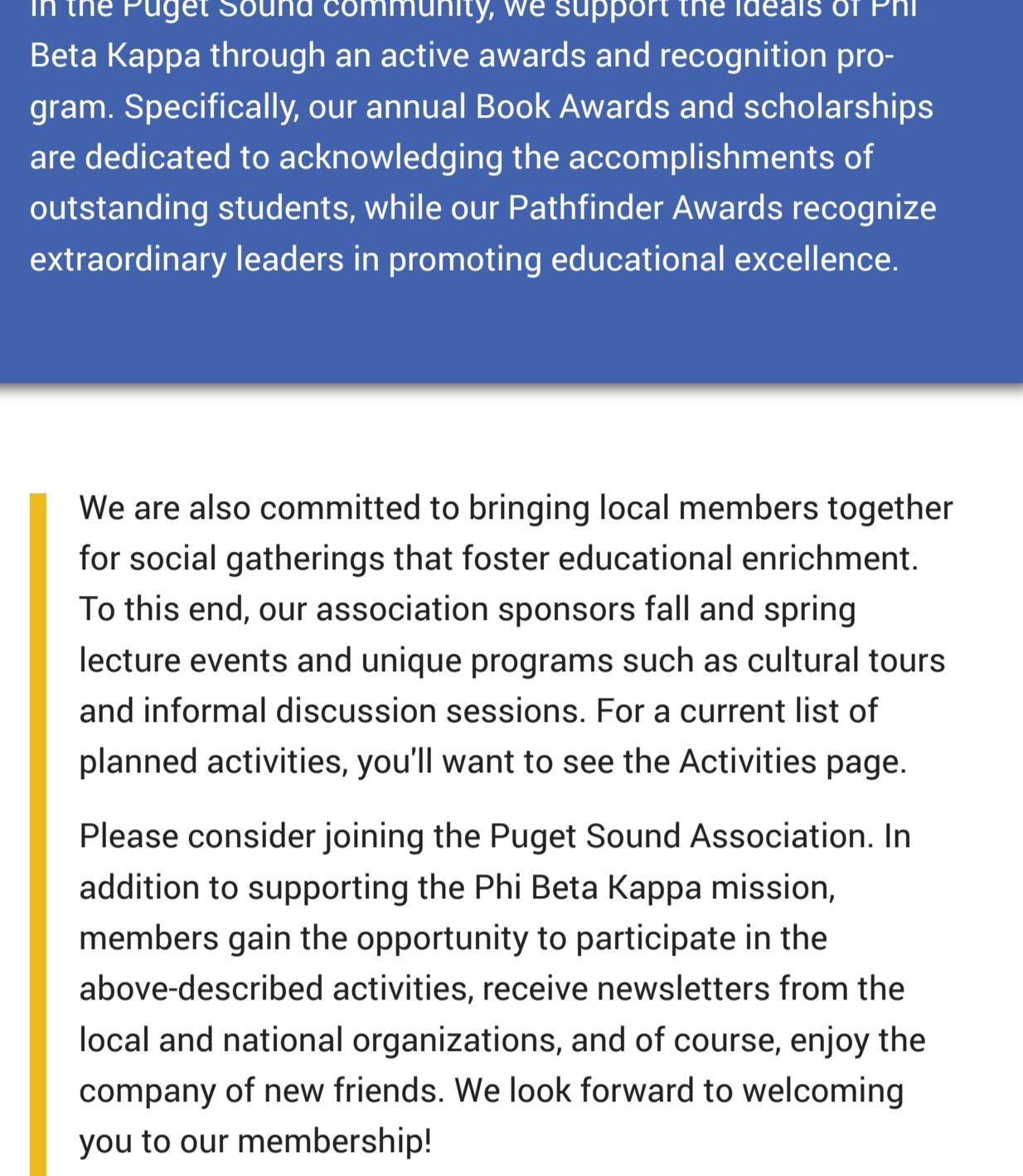
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MEMBERSHIP

For more than 200 years, the Phi Beta Kappa Society has pursued its mission of fostering and recognizing excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. The Puget Sound Association works with the national office to sustain a variety of programs that honor and champion liberal arts scholarship.



In the Puget Sound community, we support the ideals of Phi Beta Kappa through an active awards and recognition program. Specifically, our annual Book Awards and scholarships are dedicated to acknowledging the accomplishments of outstanding students, while our Pathfinder Awards recognize extraordinary leaders in promoting educational excellence.

We are also committed to bringing local members together for social gatherings that foster educational enrichment. To this end, our association sponsors fall and spring lecture events and unique programs such as cultural tours and informal discussion sessions. For a current list of planned activities, you'll want to see the Activities page.

Please consider joining the Puget Sound Association. In addition to supporting the Phi Beta Kappa mission, members gain the opportunity to participate in the above-described activities, receive newsletters from the local and national organizations, and of course, enjoy the company of new friends. We look forward to welcoming you to our membership!

Already a member? There are great opportunities for volunteers — one-time, short-term, committee participation, even board membership. Please let us know.

Are you a recent Phi Beta Kappa initiate? Then your first three years in PSA-PBK are free.

Please note that membership dues/contributions to the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa are separate from contributions to your college chapter or to the national Phi Beta Kappa Society.

Mail-in membership and donation form

Online membership application

For donations and dues: PSA-PBK is a 501(c)3 organization. As such, your gift is tax deductible as permitted by law. No goods or services were provided to you in exchange for your contribution.

To donate by check, please download and fill out our membership and donation form.

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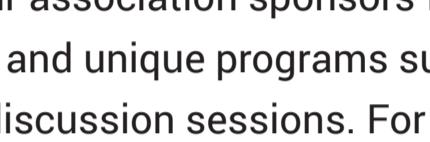
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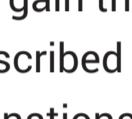
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The national association is soliciting news from members for articles on PBK.org. Send information to news@pbk.org in order to be featured:

Members of multi-generation PBK families: names, schools, and years of election, plus a photo

Members who have written books: link to the book's Web site or an image of the cover, along with school and year of election.

Members with more general news (promotions, awards, accomplishments, etc.): photo, short narrative (a few sentences) describing the news, and school and year of election.

We at PSA-PBK would also be interested in similar news. Please write web@psa-pbk.org or contact us on Facebook, LinkedIn, or Twitter via the links to your left.

Thank you!

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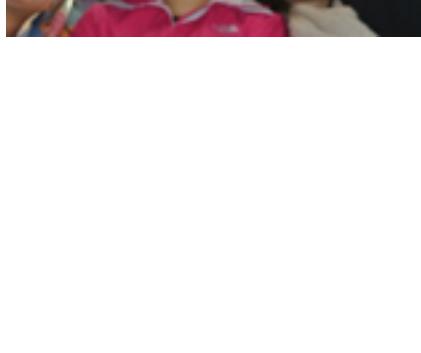
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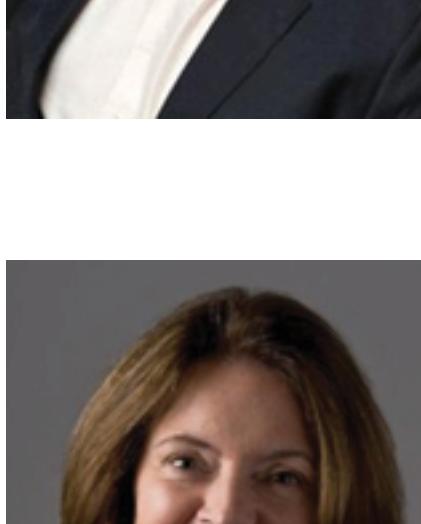
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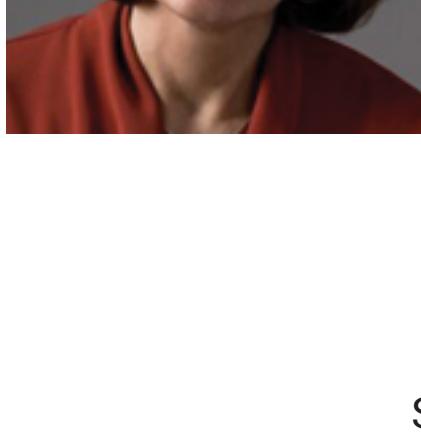
James J. Clauss, Professor of Classics; Adjunct in Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, and Comparative Literature, University of Washington

Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa Fall Luncheon, October 22, 2014



The European Debt Crisis and the Global Economy

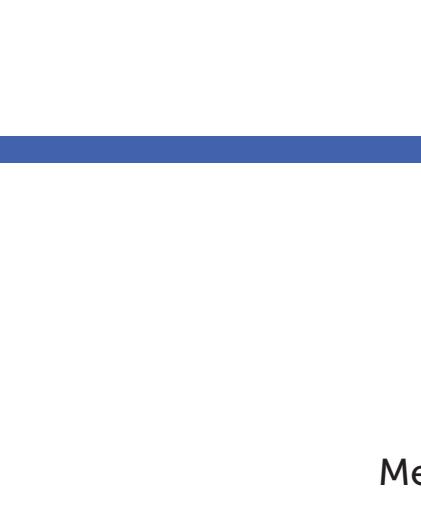
Dr. Debra Glassman Department of Finance & Business Economics Michael G. Foster School of Business



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John Churchill, secretary of the national Phi Beta Kappa Society

PSA-PBK's 60th anniversary dinner, February 25th, 2015



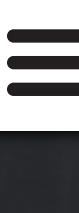
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Jill McKinstry, Director, Odegaard Undergraduate Library

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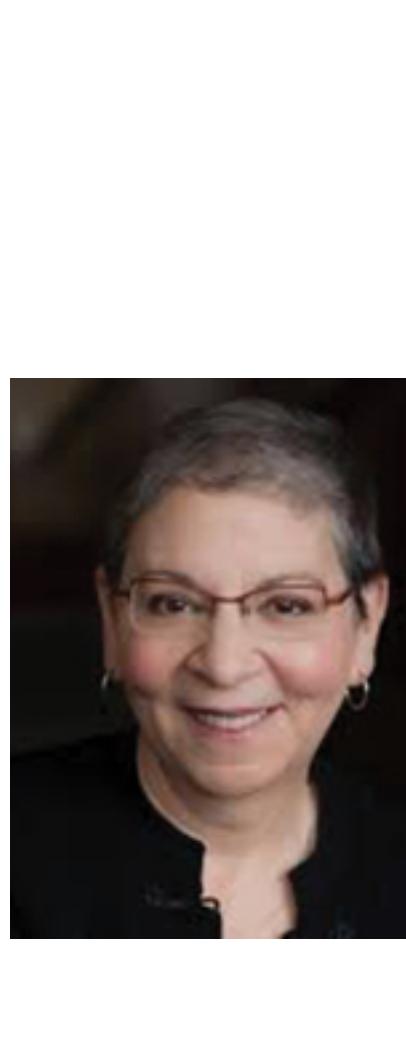


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Generations X, Y, and Z: The Evolution of Learning in a Multimedia World...

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