

2026 Initiation Ceremony

The Honor Society of

Phi Kappa Phi



Chapter 100

2026

University of Nevada, Las Vegas



The History of the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society

Phi Kappa Phi is the only national honor society to recognize superior scholarship in all fields of study and invites into membership the highest ranking students from every branch of learning at more than 300 outstanding colleges in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines. Each year, approximately 30,000 members are initiated. They are united by their love of learning and embody the society's motto: *Philosophia Krateito Photon*: **"Let the love of learning rule humanity."**

Since its founding in 1897 at the University of Maine, Phi Kappa Phi has initiated more than 1 million members into its ranks: all of these members have received keys and certificates of membership. However, Phi Kappa Phi is much more than an emblem and a line on a resumé. It is a global network comprised of the best and brightest from all academic disciplines – a community of scholars and professionals building an enduring legacy for future generations.

This year marks the 56th year for Chapter 100 on the UNLV campus. The chapter was founded in November 1967, when 20 faculty members and five students petitioned the national office. Each year the chapter invites juniors in the top 7.5 percent of their class and seniors and graduate students in the top 10 percent.

The Phi Kappa Phi Key and Medallion

The Key of the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society is a globe against the background of the sun with rays forming a corona that radiates from behind the globe. The rays signify the various branches of learning and represent the dissemination of truth as light. Encircling the globe is a band containing the Greek letters $\Phi\Kappa\Phi$, Phi Kappa Phi, which symbolize the fraternal bond unifying the lovers of wisdom in a common purpose.

The Phi Kappa Phi Medallion depicts the society's seal and badge. Other features of the medallion include a crenelated line representing the walls of Troy, three stars for the three original chapters, and the founding date. The cloisonné enamel medallion, hung on a blue ribbon, is worn at Commencement and other academic functions, to signify the member's academic achievements.



INITIATION CEREMONY

Co-sponsored by the Office of the President
and the Executive Vice-President and Provost

Greetings & Introductions

Alyssa Crittenden, President, Chapter 100

Chapter Awards

Junior Initiates with the Highest GPA's

**Caio Abiougauk, Zacharia Elbadwy, Ava Fragola, Kristen Gibson,
Mikelly Henderson, Neha Jayakumar, K_w_Ncj_cx, Reina Shinohara**

One or more of these honorees are installed as the undergraduate student vice-president and assistant vice-president and eligible to serve on the Chapter 100 Board.

Induction Ceremony

Alyssa Crittenden, Nancy Rapoport

Congratulatory and Closing Remarks

Carly Lutes

2025-2026 Executive Board Members

President: Dr. Alyssa Crittenden

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Past-President: Nancy B. Rapoport, J.D.

Vice-President: Mr. Larry Henley

Secretary: Dr. Valarie Burke

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Members at Large: Dr. Sara Jordan, Ms. Vaune Kadlubek, Dr. Michael Green

Student Vice-Presidents: Ms. Talitha LaPutt, Ms. Carly Lutes, Ms. Lex De Asis

Chapter 100 Charter Members

Charles Adams
Jerry L. Crawford
Robert Davenport
James Deacon
Harrie Hess
Reuben Neumann
Jerome Vallen

Distinguished Members

*(Nominated by Chapter 100 and ratified by the
PKP National Board of Directors)*

Harry M. Reid, 1974
Dallas W. Norton, 1976
Robert C. Maxson, 1988
John C. Unrue, 1996
John H. Irsfeld, 1997
Marjorie Barrick, 1998
Carol Harter, 2002
Michael Bowers, 2013
Joseph A. (Andy) Fry, 2014
Dina Titus, 2016
Lea Sexton, 2017

Honorary Members

Frank Waters, 1972
Mike O'Callaghan, 1972
Carolyn Sparks, 1999
Melvin B. Wolzinger, 2000
Jay H. Brown, 2001
Barbara J. Greenspun, 2006
Christina M. Hixson, 2007
Ted & Maria Quirk, 2009
Jim & Heather Murren, 2010
Punam Mather, 2011
Mark Fine, 2012
Diana Bennett, 2016
Selma Bartlett, 2017
Richard Bryan, 2022



Phi Kappa Phi 2026 Initiates

Juniors

Susan Abrigo
Wesly Ballard
Braydon Bond
Grace Clark
Zachariah Elbadwy
Kya Elrington
Ava Fragola
Chambree Frazier
Kristen Gibson
Viktoriia Gyryk
Mikelly Henderson
Faith Hoffmann
Logan Hooser
Neha Jayakumar
Eric Jones
London Jones
Hyunsoo Jun
Lauren Kamieniecki
Nicolas Keshishian
Kyrie Linoz
Matthew McCune
Evan Navarra
Charles Ogle
Marlene Palacios Lopez
Kimberly Peace
Mya Pelaez
Joshua Reid
Sofia Rodriguez
Jacob Rothrock
Anyi Salabarria Orozco
Kamari Sherwood
Reina Shinohara
Jaiden Sholer
Michael Shutt
Tessa Spiger
Mia Tschan
Jomoore Toney
Nyle Usher
Jacqueline Veloso
Jillian Veltri
Caio Vieira Abiougauk
Megan Wallace
Daniela Walsh
Krystle Wright
Gabriella Zupancic

Seniors

Paola Bautista
Sissy Brancheau
Savannah Conti
Megan Cox
Anahi Dallman
Margarethe Danner
Jordyn Doran
Paul Engstrom
Michael Finetti
Karena Forbush
Asael Gonzalez Jr.
Anthony Heath
James Hemphill IV
Catelyn Higgins
Jomar Jocson
Jo'liza John
Cecilia Jones
Farika Joyce
Angelica Kruth
Gabby Lonie
Madison Maddox
Nani Mehring
Leamon Mosely
Will Noble
Amy Nuñez
Jasi Oleson
Cherry Mae Olivar
Carmen Parriera
David Payne
Krystle Pitts
Ashley Ponce-Flores
Andrea Priest
Deacon Reeder
Dylan Rice
Erin Rios
Sebastian Rios
Thalia Rivero Waltzon
Wilson Sanchez
Rebecca Singer-Robolledo
Rachel Soriano
Joseph Ulmer
Haley West
Jace Wilkie
Krysan Williams

Graduate and Professional

Sohail Arora
Srivainavi Arulmari
Jessica Barksdale
Stephanie Buyhoff
Carlos Cisneros
LaVon DeAnda
Iyabode Durojaiye
Javier Esquivias
Lynn Fedalizo
Julianne Moira Garcia
Rich Gaspers III
Quinney Harris
Tara Healey
Paula Dione Ingram
JoAnn Jones
Jaden Lee
Sang Joon Lee
Paul Loja Prado
Erika Loveland
Jaime Malek
Kristopher Miguel
Elle Mitchell
Diana Nava
Cherish Olson
Glenda Ordonez
Juan Otero
Chelsea Peoples
Wengechi Pipes
Thomas Shubbuck Jr.
Bailey Tanner
Mary Terry
Franlisha Vasquez
Kelley Watkins
Kimberly Welch
Keith Webster
Mariah Wilcox
Stacey Williams
Travis Woodburn
Taylor Wright
Frank Wu
Haley Yahiku
Thaddeus Yurek IV

Faculty and Administrative Staff Initiates

Jordan Fischette
Sam Fugazzotto
Lori Johnson
Necole Leland
Rafael Oganessian
Julia Silvernail
Ariana Turiansky
Kenneth Varner
Dante Washington
Megan Wilson

Alumni

Gabrielle Angle
Matthew Engle



Phi Kappa Phi 2026 Initiates

Juniors

Ariel De Leon
Michele Curiale
Amina Dahrouche
Ashton Goodhue-Nolte
Ziyue Lin
Martha Ortiz
Ayleen Ramirez-Arraza
Errol Sardena

Seniors

Daniele Aguon
Ronan Butt
Emma Cole
Alexa Dickens
Anthony Flores
Jesse Katz
Rebecca Pease
Olivia Stedeford

Graduate and Professional

Helen Newell
Dilmi Perera
Claire Thomas
Clayton Thomas
Zizhen Wang



Chapter 100 Active Faculty & Staff Members

Maria Aladjova	Laxmi Gewali	Wendy Kveck	William Robinson	Rama Venkat
Deborah Arteaga	Ashlyn Gray	Talitha LaPutt	Eduardo Robledo	Joshua Vermillion
Roberta Barnes	Michael Green	Michael Lawrence	Beth Rosenberg	Kia Vichaikul
Bo Bernhard	Dean Gronemeier	Hyunhwa Lee	Barbara Roth	Karen Violanti
Lee Bernick	Mark Guadagnoli	Brett Levner	Jerry Schefcik	Antonio Villegas
Pradip Bhowmik	Kendall Hartley	Emily Lin	John Schibrowski	Kara Wada
Gregory Borchard	David Hatchett	Linda Lister	Martin Schiller	David Wedley
Barbara Brents	Margaret Hausbeck	David Loeb	Tiffany Schmier	Paul Werth
Gregory Brown	Christopher Heavey	Mark Lutz	Peter Schrader	John Valery White
Daniel Bubb	Brianne Heinle	Steen Madsen	Adam Schroeder	Dana Moran Williams
Latoya Burdiss	Lawrence Henley	Sherry Marks	David Schwartz	Natasha Williams
Valarie Burke	Clemens Heske	Delia Martin	Peter Shiue	Woosoon Yim
Pamela Burnley	Megan Hullinger	Rimi Marwah	Elda Sidhu	Carla Zimmerman
Phillip Burns	Nick Irwin	Patricia McCrory	Angela Silvestri-Elmore	
Joe Bynum	Nakia Jackson-Hale	Louisa McDonald	Derek Sommer	
Warren Cobb	Sharon Jalene	Ann McDonough	Kathryn Stanchi	
Lindsay Couzens	Christian Jensen	Ian McDonough	Peter Stubberud	
Alyssa Crittenden	Maria Jerenic-	John Mercer	Michael Sullivan	
Skip Crooker	Pravica	Terrance Miethe	David Tanenhaus	
John Curry	Julie Johnson	Fatma Nasoz	Nathan Tanouye	
David Damore	Susan Lee Johnson	Kim Nehls	Tony Terrell	
Tondra De	Tracy Johnson	Helen Neill	Cheryl Tillotson	
Adrianne Dizon	Timothy Jones	Susanna Newbury	Gary Totten	
Bradley Donohue	Sara Jordan	Glenn Nowak	Mohamed Trabia	
Blake Douglas	Vaune Kadlubek	Brendan O'Toole	Robert Tracy	
Christina Drum	Louis Kavouras	Yaa Obeng	Marketa Trimble	
Janet Dufek	Christopher	Kivanc Oner	James Cory Tucker	
Nancy Esposito	Kearney	Adam Paul	John Tuman	
Maggie Farrell	Jennifer Keene	Debra Powell	Michelle Tusan	
David Fott	Jinyoung Kim	Laurel Pritchard	Douglas Unger	
Robert Futrell	Peter Kim	Heather Rappaport	Marlon Urquico	
Tim Gauthier	Andrew Kirk	Nancy Rapoport	Nancy Uscher	
	Kate Korgan	Barbara Roberts	Susan Van Beuge	
			Jennifer Vanderlaan	

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Office of the Registrar - Daisy Duarte, Sam Fugazzotto
UNLV Marimba Ensemble - Kyle Bissantz, Chandler White



Get Involved in Chapter 100

We encourage members to be active in the community. Past PKP community activities include outreach efforts at local elementary schools through UNLV's Adopt-a-School program and the creation of the Rebel Reading Room at Dean Petersen Professional Development School. We also promote academic excellence through our Member Showcase Lectures each semester. Students can organize poster presentations and information exchanges. We have a special interest in promoting literacy but are open to other opportunities and activities as well. We welcome your interest and participation.

Awards & Fellowships

National Phi Kappa Phi Awards

phikappaphi.org/web/awards/scholarships_awards.html

Each year the national organization of Phi Kappa Phi offers more than \$1,000,000 to outstanding students through its various award and grant competitions, including Fellowships, Phi Kappa Phi Scholar & Artist, and Love of Learning awards and its Study Abroad and Literacy grants. Check the national website for the most current information about these awards and grants.

Chapter 100 Website

clubs.unlv.edu/phikappaphi
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