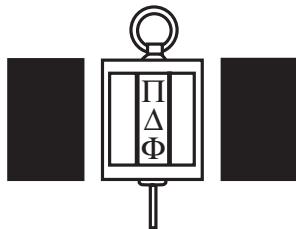


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Pi Delta Phi Announces Official Website:

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Dr. Paul Wood outgoing Pi Delta Phi President



*Dr. Paul Wood, outgoing President
of Pi Delta Phi*

We at Pi Delta Phi want to wholeheartedly thank Dr. Paul Wood for his invaluable work as President of Pi Delta Phi. Here follow a few pertinent remarks to help you better understand his ongoing devotion and commitment to our honor society:

Pi Delta Phi has been extremely fortunate to have had the excellent and dedicated service of Dr. Paul Wood as its National President. To say that Paul has been devoted to the ideals of our honor society and determined to see it flourish would be an understatement. His steady guidance, his calm patience, his sure knowledge—all have been truly appreciated by all of the other members of the Executive Board. His legacy is one of which

Pi Delta Phi can and should be very proud. Merci mille fois, Paul, et merci encore.

Dr. Carleen Leggett, Vice President of the Southeast Region

I first met Paul Wood when I was a new assistant-Prof. at Loyola University in Chicago in 1965. He and his wife, Mary-Lou, were the only persons in my age group at the school, and Paul was finishing his doctorate at Northwestern. I left in 1967 and he, shortly thereafter. We kept in contact once a year via Christmas greetings.

Then in 1988 I became Executive Director of Pi Delta Phi, and the then-President, Sr. Eloise-Thérèse, asked me if I knew of someone who would install a chapter for us at Buffalo State. We were minus a VP for the NE, and Sister couldn't travel there. I replied that I knew Dr. Paul Wood who was a member and at St. Bonaventure in New York. She contacted Paul who was very helpful and agreed to do the installation.

After that Sister was so impressed with Paul that she made him the regional Vice-President where he continued to serve for eight years doing many installations.

After Sister's retirement, Dr. Rolande Léguillon conducted an election for President-elect to succeed her after her two terms of office; Paul became President-elect. After Dr. Léguillon's terms, he was elected as President in which

office he has served two terms. During his terms, Paul has also served as Chair at St. Bonaventure and has subsequently retired.

The Board has changed greatly during Dr. Wood's term of office, and there has also been an unprecedented growth of which he may be justly proud. The Board has become more open to the membership and friendly since he hosted all members to socials and visitations. He justly deserves a well-earned retirement.

Dr. Mary Gutermuth, former Executive Director of Pi Delta Phi

Dr. Paul Wood began his tenure as National President of Pi Delta Phi in 1998, succeeding Dr. Rolande L. Léguillon from the University of Saint Thomas in Houston, Texas. Dr. Wood, who recently retired from full-time teaching at St. Bonaventure University in St. Bonaventure, New York, served nine years as National President and helped to coordinate the expansion of the Society; during his Presidency forty-eight new chapters were welcomed into "la grande famille" of Pi Delta Phi. I've had the immense pleasure of serving and working with Paul on the Executive Board of Pi Delta Phi for several years and have witnessed his passion and commitment to the Society and to the study of French language, culture and literature. Thank you Paul for all that you have done, and no doubt will continue to do, for Pi Delta Phi.

Amitiés,
Scott Fish

2007 Joseph Yedlicka Summer Scholarship Recipients Return from France

Teresa Scalard

My name is Teresa Scalard and I am a student at Rockhurst University and one of this summer's recipients of Pi Delta Phi's Yedlicka award which enabled me to study in France for six weeks. Before I share some of my most cherished memories I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunities made possible because of the scholarship I was granted. Studying in France had been my dream since I was a little girl and this summer was everything I imagined it could be and more! In Avignon, I was presented with academic and social challenges, learned the meaning of true hospitality, witnessed a marked improvement in my French oral and comprehensive skills, and most of all became even more in love with French culture and inspired to continue my studies in French language and culture.

When people ask me about my time in France the first question that is always asked of me is, "So, are you fluent in French?" I always answer in the same way.

I thought I knew how to speak French... until I went to France and tried to speak it to French people! Thus, the first challenge I encountered in France, one I had not anticipated, was speaking French without apprehension about my dreaded American accent and occasional misuse of verb tenses and vocabulary. Most of the students at the Institute for American Universities which I attended in Avignon shared my fears and in realizing that I was not alone in my blunders, I began to lose some of my shyness and grew to cherish and look forward to the conversations I had with my host family and other people I met. By the last couple of weeks I was so eager and excited to speak French that I would talk to anybody that would listen to me!

My favorite memories from Avignon were made with my host family. Right from the start I knew I was lucky to be placed with such a warm, inviting, and open-minded family. My host mom, Isabelle, always had a question or comment for me that would spark long talks, leaving me smiling in the afterglow of intellectual and cultural conversation. The family's four children were equally as warm. On my first day in Avignon they took me on a tour of their favorite places in town, like the park at Rocher des Doms, various shops and of course ice cream stands. During the last week of my time in France, Isabelle and I went running along the Rhone together and me and the two other students the family were hosting, a German girl and a British girl, cooked an international feast to share with the family. We had a great meal together and the kids were very curious about the various creations we cooked!

Since the kids were all very musically talented and since I play piano, we enjoyed playing together and of course, going to different spectacles that were a part of Avignon's Festival du Théâtre. One thing I absolutely loved about France, and that I now miss, is the number of festivals and opportunities for cultural activity that are always going on in the summertime! There was the famed Avignon theater festival I just mentioned of course, and then cinema and dance festivals, jazz, opera and other music festivals all of which I made sure to take full advantage! Whenever I had time to spare away from my studies, I would find an interesting play to attend, or explore Avignon's many museums. I also had the chance to visit other cities in the south of France. Whether it was with my archeology and architecture class, an organized trip with all the students from the Institute I attended, or just with some new friends I had met, I made sure to make the most out of the weekend and the TGV!

Even so, I know I have so much more to explore in France. One thing I definitely learned was that six weeks gave me plenty of time to fall in love with France, but passed so quickly that I missed being there almost before I left. Now that I feel more comfortable speaking the language and have developed such an appreciation and attachment for the culture and the people, I have an even greater desire to go back, hopefully to live and work in France. Again I would like to express my gratitude and also encourage other French students and members of



Pi Delta Phi to challenge themselves by seizing any opportunity they are presented with to visit or study in France. It was truly a dream come true for me and an experience that will stay with me for a lifetime.

With much gratitude,

Teresa Scalard

Ms. Teresa Scalard, Summer 2007 Pi Delta Phi Scholarship winner to the Institute for American Universities in Avignon, France

Michèle Hernández

All I can say is thank you, from the deepest part of my heart, for the amazing scholarship opportunity in Paris. My time in France will always be a part of me, and my experiences there will continue to shape my perspectives in every day life. Every aspect of my time abroad was dream-like: the culture, people, architecture, art, food... Everything was just as I hoped it would be, and more than anything I could have ever imagined. To begin with, my classes were phenomenal, and it seems everything fell into place from there.

At the American University in Paris there are so many options for classes; with "An Introduction to Art History" and "A History of Paris through its Architecture" as my selected coursework I was offered a truly unique perspective of Paris. One of my favorite memories of the whole trip was meeting for Art History in our unusual classroom: The Louvre. Daily our group of 20 students, led by one of the most thorough professors I have ever had, would explore the artistic wonders of the Western world, studying everything from the Ancient Greeks to Medieval Art to Impressionism, and relishing everything, including the Nike of Samothrace, La Jaconde, and The 28th of July, Liberty Leading the People. Seeing these and countless other historical and cultural icons in the art capital of the western world can be paralleled by nothing. I feel this was essential in learning about and appreciating the Parisian mind set, seeing art as a part of life, feeling beauty in every day and living amongst historical wonders. With this class in particular I was able to learn from a perspective that would never have been afforded to me in the United States, no matter how much time was spent in museums or pouring over texts. To marvel at an original by Leonardo DaVinci, circle around an Ancient Greek statue by Praxiteles or attempt to sketch in my own hand a masterpiece by Monet is truly a great privilege that you made possible in my life. Being able to see these and other creations that beautify our world was a singular event in my life that was incredibly heightened by being in Paris herself. My other course was also in the Art Department and continuously left me

breathless with the sights, history and explanations that gave such cultural insights to Paris and the historical development of the city itself. Not only did this class enable me to enter into almost every Parisian museum free of charge, but we were also privy to above average sights. One that stands out so clearly in my mind was when the class of only 10 students visited the Pantheon; we were able to climb to the top of the dome! Between the notes we had already taken, what we had read the night before and our professor's "lecture" we were like a walking encyclopedia with 22 legs, sprouting information, reciting random facts about the details of the awesome building and proclaiming various "oohs" and "ahs" at every turn. I thoroughly loved this class for exposing me to any and every building in Paris that displays its historical identity and artistic value; it gave me a wondrous glimpse of the historical and cultural wealth in which Parisians truly live.

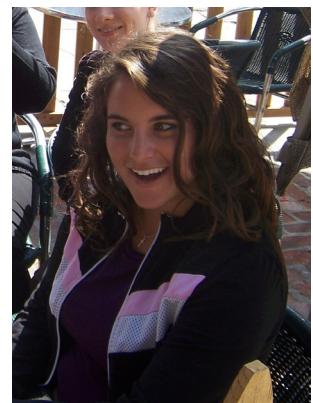
It was with great gratitude that I explained to the various people I met that Pi Delta Phi's Joseph W.Yedlicka Award was responsible for my overseas adventures. One morning in particular comes to mind: while eating a rather French breakfast consisting of a baguette and café au lait, I sat with a pleasant Greek doctor. After appreciating the fact that both of us spoke 3 distinct languages apiece, French being our common ground, we were able to share our very different stories. I was struck by his comment that I was very lucky to spend time studying in the "cultural capital of the world." And he was right. Later I realized that in my hopes of ascertaining more knowledge of the Francophone world, I was exposed to

innumerable and inextricable global perspectives that have touched me at my very core. Again, I thank you with all that I am for granting me this remarkable opportunity to explore the world and live out a dream.

Sincerely,

Michele Hernandez
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Michèle Hernández, a Summer 2007 Yedlicka Scholarship Winner who attended classes in Paris, France



Editors Note: Michele has just been notified by the Peace Corps that she will leave for Sub-Saharan Africa on an agricultural assignment.

Bon Voyage!

Kimberly Bartholomew

It's extremely hard trying to sum up my experience in Avignon this summer in any amount of space. When everyone asks me how my trip to France was, the only thing I can think to say is, "Amazing." The experience I had and

the people I met while I was studying abroad thanks to the Yedlicka scholarship are things that will stay with me forever.

When I first arrived in Avignon, I was more nervous than I can ever remember being. Staying with a family I have never met was something that seemed extremely scary at first, but my host family turned out to be my favorite part of studying abroad. I lived with a husband and wife who were both sixty years old, and they were pretty much my grandparents while I was there. Every day when I'd come back from classes they'd ask how my day was and always genuinely cared about what was going on in my life. My host mom was also an amazing cook! There was not a single meal that she made that I did not like, and by the time I left to come home I honestly believed I'd gained at least ten pounds from her cooking.

I also strongly believe that the advancements I made in French from my experience in Avignon were due mostly to the practice I got every day from talking with my host family. At first it was a little bit difficult to communicate some basic things just due to a lack of vocabulary. As time went on however talking to my host family turned into a natural thing. It got easier and easier to understand what they were saying to me, and to each other, the first time it was said, which was definitely not an easy feat since they talked so fast. It also helped me a lot and made my experience very enjoyable to sit down after dinner each night with my family and watch French television. We always started with the news, which was extremely interesting since their new president was elected the first week I was there, and then we'd watch American series such as CSI and Cold Case; all in French of course. By the end of my studies I could watch an entire episode and understand it so well that I didn't even realize it was all in French anymore. The progress I made because of living with my hosts and the comfort they made me feel while I was there are both priceless to me.

The programs I took while at IAU were also very helpful in the development of my French, and they were also really interesting. I took two classes while in Avignon, the first in theater and the second in architecture. The theater course was my favorite out of the two, but only because during the 6 weeks that I was there a theater festival was going on throughout the city of Avignon. There were hundreds of plays each day at various locations throughout the city, so there was definitely never a dull moment. I got to see two of these plays with my theater class and went to several more with some of my friends at night. With architecture I got to travel to several different cities around Avignon to see things like roman ruins and gothic cathedrals, so I also enjoyed that class very much. Both of my classes also helped me better appreciate and understand parts of French culture and history that I hadn't previously studied as well.

Aside from spending time with my host family, my favorite thing to do was sit at cafes after class with the friends I had made. We would go to a certain café called PI every day after class to drink a glass of wine and talk. It felt like such a French thing to do since the cafes were almost always full and there were always interesting things to see and comment on. Now that I'm back in Tennessee, I find myself constantly wanting to sit at an outdoors café, and it's always sad

to realize that we don't really have anything like that around here.

My experience while in Avignon is something I will obviously never forget. I am so grateful for receiving such an amazing scholarship and being given the opportunity to study in such a great place. While it was hard leaving my friends, family, and especially my boyfriend, I would definitely do it again in a heart beat. I recommend studying abroad to everyone because it not only lets you into a culture other than your own, but it also shows you who you really are and what you really value, being away from everything you know and on your own. The one thing I would tell anyone studying abroad is to take the leap and totally immerse yourself as much as possible in that culture, and be prepared for a little bit of reverse culture shock when you return home. It was a great feeling to see all my loved ones in the airport when I got back, but I wasn't prepared for the fact that nothing would be the same as how I left it. I expected to find my home and my loved ones exactly how I had left them, which was ridiculous because I myself had changed so much while I was away, so at first I felt a little out of place in my own life. But as time went on things got back to normal, and I think this part of my experience made me appreciate everything I had been through even more.



Kimberly Bartholomew, Pi Delta Phi Summer 2007 Scholarship winner to LAU (Avignon)

2007 Summer Scholarship Recipient Returns from Francophone Canada

Charles Buehler

This summer I had the opportunity to study at L'Université Laval in Québec. I believe that studying in Canada had a slight advantage for first time students studying abroad. The surroundings and newer parts of the major cities resemble what a student would be used to in the United States. These familiarities calm down some of the initial anxiety of arriving at Laval. The school is located in Ste-Foy, which is filled with shops, restaurants, and full access to all surrounding bus services. The French Immersion program at Laval does seem to be very thought out. Students are divided into four initial groups: elementary, intermediate, advanced, and superior. Within those groups, the students were then subdivided into levels A, B, and C (C being the highest level in any group).

I was advanced two levels from what my placement initially was. The program is designed to allow the students to change placement if they feel the class is below or above their personal level. Each student took an oral and written language course (which was the main class), an oral expression course, and a phonetics course. The classes were obviously fast paced, lasting only five weeks, but the material covered seemed to be well placed together. The material seemed to have a reason to be taught together, which worked nicely. Every class had an aspect of working with the oral part of the language, but it seems it would have been better if the program would have taken the language class and used it to learn grammar and increased the time that was spent in oral expression and phonetics. The oral expression class was great at teaching the students to think on their feet. The phonetics class was amazing. I strongly feel that when students learn to say things correctly, they will speak more. The campus itself is vast, but connected by tunnels that keep you dry and warm...a savior since it rained three and a half weeks of the five weeks I was there (I kept track of the days it rained). The only real complaint about the campus is that the dining services and the campus services are not open on the weekends. The first weekend I arrived was very tough since I was unfamiliar with the city and the surroundings. There were numerous activities planned by the program each day and there was always something to do. Overall, the experience was great. The Québécois were, at times, impossible to

understand, but these experiences helped me to identify my strengths and weaknesses in my knowledge of French. Thanks for the opportunity!



Charles Buehler, a Pi Delta Phi Summer Scholarship 2007 recipient, attended the École de Langues at the Université de Laval in Québec province.

PI DELTA PHI Member wins Fulbright Award to Togo

Monique Schmidt, M.F.A., a charter member of the MU ALPHA chapter of Pi Delta Phi and author of Last Moon Dancing, is the recipient of a Fulbright U.S. Student Scholarship for 2007-2008. "I will be in Lomé, Togo, teaching freshman composition at the university and also teaching creative writing poetry workshops to adolescent girls in the villages around Lomé," Schmidt stated. "The workshops will focus on how to prevent/escape domestic violence." Schmidt's recent book, Last Moon Dancing, is a collection of narrative prose, letters, and poetry reflecting her emotional and eye-opening experiences while a Peace Corps volunteer in Bénin, West Africa. Upon finishing her Peace Corps Service, Schmidt completed an M.F.A. in creative writing at the University of Syracuse. Togo is located on the

south coast of West Africa. Lomé is the capital and French is the official language. The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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Pi Delta Phi Has New Online Store!

Are you proud to be a member of Pi Delta Phi? Show your pride by wearing the official Pi Delta Phi t-shirt, or while drinking your daily cup of coffee in a mug decorated with the Pi Delta Phi logo.

At our online store you can find mugs, t-shirts, post cards, key chains, stickers, and more! All of this is available at www.pideltaphi.org

Pi Delta Phi store

Pi Delta Phi, established in 1906, is the National French Honor Society for undergraduate and graduate students at accredited public and private colleges and universities. For more information on the Society, visit: <http://www.pideltaphi.org>

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Dr. Scott Fish named Pi Delta Phi President

I hail from Milton, a small town of approximately 5,200 inhabitants in south central Wisconsin. First called Prairie du Lac, the area attracted Pioneer Joseph Goodrich who settled there in 1838. One of Milton's foremost claims to fame is the octagon-shaped Milton House, a stagecoach inn built by Goodrich in 1844. Residents are also proud of the fact that the Milton House was a stop on the freedom trail; runaway slaves were hid in a small underground tunnel and helped to escape to Canada.

I completed a double B.A. in French and Art (painting and ceramics emphases) at the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater. While a student at UW-W, I spent a semester studying abroad at the Université de Haute Bretagne, Rennes II, located in Brittany, France. I then completed a M.A. in French at the University of Minnesota. During my studies at the U of MN, I had the opportunity to serve as Assistant to the U of MN's study abroad program in Montpellier, France for three months. After the Master's degree, I transferred to the University of Wisconsin at Madison where I completed my Ph.D. At Wisconsin, I also served as Editorial Assistant for the Modern Language Journal.

In my free time I enjoy tennis, racketball, rollerblading, reading, traveling, photography, web-page design, gardening, home improvement, weight training, film, and old-time radio drama.



New Chapters welcomed into Pi Delta Phi

Pi Delta Phi is proud to announce new chapters at the following institutions:

#332	Nu Psi	Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia Moderator, Dr. Andrew Curran
#333	Nu Chi	Canisius College, Buffalo, New York Moderator, Dr. Eileen Angelini
#334	Nu Psi	Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, IA Moderator, Dr. Devan Baty
#335	Nu Omega	Luther College, Decorah, IA Moderator, Ruth Caldwell
#336	Xi Alpha	University of Vermont, Burlington, VT Moderator, Dr. Gretchen Van Slyke
#337	Xi Beta	Wagner College, New York, NY Moderator, Dr. Natalie Edwards
#338	Xi Gamma	Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

The following institutions are in the process of creating a chapter:

University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth-Dr. Stephanie O'Hare
Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA-Dr. Janca-Aji
Texas A&M, Kingsville, TX-Dr. Jacqueline Thomas

The University of Minnesota, Morris is planning to reactivate its Kappa Xi chapter.

Donations to Pi Delta Phi

Please remember that Pi Delta Phi is a nonprofit organization that allows many qualified students in French to benefit immensely from its generous yearly Summer Scholarship programs to selected francophone universities abroad. We know you value what Pi Delta Phi awards these students, and we ask you for any financial support you can provide our French honor society. We all acknowledge the fact that giving makes a difference.

Fee for Membership Dues Raised

Reminder: the membership dues for Pi Delta Phi are now \$30.00 and honor cords are \$10.00. These changes reflect the rise in costs for running the national office, especially mailings. Thank you for your understanding.

Annual Meeting of Pi Delta Phi Executive Board in Memphis, TN

On Saturday, November 2, the members of the Executive Board of Pi Delta Phi held their public meeting (11:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.) in the Directors Row 3 of

the Memphis Hilton hotel and their annual business meeting and luncheon in the Ridgelake Room, also in the Memphis Hilton. Members present were Executive Director, Dr. Pamela Park (Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID), Vice Presidents Dr. Carleen Leggett, Southeast Region (Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD) and Dr. Pat Hopkins (Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX), Dr. Paul Wood (St. Bonaventure University, NY), Dr. Scott Fish (Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD), and Dr. Karen Renick (Pi Delta Phi Newsletter Editor, California Lutheran University), in addition to former Executive Director, Dr. Mary Gutermuth (Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX).

Initially presiding was Dr. Paul Wood, outgoing President, who gave his report, followed by the President-Elect's (Dr. Scott Fish) report, at which time Dr. Wood was congratulated for his numerous years of service, and received a plaque and other gifts. Then followed the remaining reports among which were those of the Regional Vice Presidents, the Newsletter Editor, and the Webmaster. Old business included discussions regarding scholarships, certificates, brochures, booklets, printing, fees for dues and cords, and categories of membership.



Pi Delta Phi Members at the Memphis Hilton, Tennessee: from left to right Drs. Carleen Leggett (Southeast Vice President), Paul Wood (Outgoing President), Mary Gutermuth (former Executive Director), Patricia Hopkins (South Central Vice President), Scott Fish (Incoming President), and Pamela Park (Executive Director). (Photo taken by Dr. Karen Renick, Newsletter Editor)

Fall 2007 Chapter News

*Grand' Merci from the Newsletter Editor
Each year I again wholeheartedly thank each and every contributor to the PI DELTA PHI Newsletter, for without you there would be no news: the Summer Scholarship recipients whose unique personalized thank you letters recreate their unforgettable summers in francophone areas and encourage others to persevere in their studies of French; the individual chapters themselves, each constantly adding new members and lending their time and efforts to promoting French and francophone studies; the diligent and dedicated chapter moderators, some of whom have served the organization for over twenty years; the student chapter officers with their enthusiastic reports of field trips to films, concerts, and all things francophone; and those without whom you would not receive these pages: my departmental assistant Melissa Anderson, the layout staff in the university's graphics services, the printers in their publications department; and the bulk mailers with whom final arrangements are made for labeling and mailing to each chapter moderator a set of more than three hundred newsletter copies. Ultimately, the PI DELTA PHI Newsletter that you receive is the result of the combined efforts of individuals like you. I personally am indebted to all contributors, and ask that you continue to send newsworthy material to us to make the Newsletter even better.
Merci infiniment.*

Karen Renick
Newsletter Editor

LAMBDA chapter at the University of Montevallo, Montevallo, Alabama. Established in 1936, our chapter has been working to rebuild the French program here. During National French Week 2007, we initiated six new members and held several activities including a Study Abroad Fair, receptions with French foods, and a showing of the film *Joyeux Noël*. Our chapter moderator is Dr. Stacey Beth-Mackowiak Ayotte.



Lambda chapter members, top row: Dr. Rosa Maria Stoops, Dr. Stacey Ayotte. Bottom row: Dr. Gary Rovelstad (honorary), Michael Davis, Larry Herring (honorary), Leslie Hinson, Jessica Mitchell, Laura Rubio, and Shannon Tioncale.

ZETA PHI chapter at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, Rhode Island inducted ten new members to Pi Delta Phi on April 20, 2007. The ceremony took place in the Galanti Lounge of the URI Library. The society moderator, Dr. Lars O. Erickson, welcomed Colleen Black, Valerie Chacon, Caroline Cuddy, Saina Cadet, Annie-Laurie Hogan, Emily Macaux, Patricia Matthews, Adam Mellion, Lori Naber, and Amber Niaura to Pi Delta Phi. Moderators for the ceremony were Jeff Borden, inducted in 2006, and Kelly McBrien, inducted in 2005.



Students from left to right are Lori Naber, Caroline Cuddy, Annie-Laurie Hogan, Amber Niaura, Saina Cadet, Colleen Black, Emily Macaux, and Adam Mellion.

ZETA CHI chapter at California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA along with their French Club, honored the francophone world in myriad ways throughout the semester. Because the CLU French Department was awarded a grant from the French American Cultural Foundation (FACE), they enjoyed showing five francophone films during a one month period: "Stupeur et tremblements," "Indigènes," "L'Ivresse du pouvoir," "Le Temps qui reste," and "Le Plafond de verre." This "Tournées Festival" of films was made possible with the support of the Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the French Ministry of Culture (CNC). The Festival is sponsored by the Florence Gould Foundation, the Grand Marnier Foundation, highbrow entertainment, agnès b., and the Franco-American Cultural Fund.

In addition, the students and their professors served as runners at the annual Community Leaders Auction in late October.

For "La Semaine du Français," the French Club organized a series of functions: a cheese tasting, attendance at the CLU Drama Department's presentation of Molière's "The Learned Ladies," a display of French posters and literature inside the CLU library, and a dinner at Café Provençal, a French Restaurant in Thousand Oaks. The chapter Moderator is Dr. Karen Renick.

THE TOURNÉES FESTIVAL

New French Films on the CLU campus

Preus-Brandt Forum
English subtitles. Admission is free and public is welcome.

Stupeur et tremblements (Fear and Trembling) (2003)
Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 7:15 p.m.

Indigènes (Days of Glory) (2006)
Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7:15 p.m.

L'Ivresse du pouvoir (Comedy of Power) (2006)
Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 7:15 p.m.

Le Temps qui reste (Time to Leave) (2005)
Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 7:15 p.m.

Le Plafond de verre (The Glass Ceiling) (2004)
Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 7:15 p.m.

For more information please call
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or check www.caluther.edu/events

NATIONAL FRENCH WEEK

November 5 - November 11

November 6
Library Foyer
Cookies
From 11am to 2pm

November 7
Cheese Tasting
8pm in South Lounge

November 8
Les Femmes savantes by Molière
("The Learned Ladies")
8pm in Preus-Brandt Forum
Free with CCU ID
7:45pm @ Gumbo to sit together

November 10
Café Provençal
Meet in front of Nelson Room
to Carpool @ 4:30

Vive la France!

THETA PSI chapter at Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD held initiation ceremonies dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. Sandye J. McIntyre II, founder of the university's Cercle Français, Officier in the Ordre des Palmes Académiques, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Senegal, Distinguished Professor of Foreign Languages (teaching for 52 years), and Director (for 55 years) of Morgan State's outstandingly successful Fulbright Program. The newest members of Theta Psi are: Alpha O. Sylla, Uchechi T. Njoku, Annmicha T. Blugh, and Sarah J. James. The chapter Moderator is Dr. Carleen S. Leggett.



Newest members of Theta Psi from left to right are: Dr. Carleen S. Leggett, Moderator and National Vice-President, Southeast; Mr. Alpha O. Sylla; Ms. Uchechi T. Njoku; Ms. Annmicha T. Blugh, President of Morgan States Cercle Français and of Theta Psi; and Ms. Sarah J. James.

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présentent
l'initiation des nouveaux membres de
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VIVE LA FRANCE!
VIVE LE MONDE FRANCOPHONE!

Ce programme est dédié à notre cher Conseiller Fondateur,
Monseigneur Sandye Jean McIntyre, II,
décédé le 8 octobre 2006.

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IOTA MU chapter at Albright College in Reading, PA held its annual initiation ceremony at the home of Professors Maria Melendez and Adam John on April 1, 2007. The following three students were initiated: Margot Collins, Jennifer Conway, and Simon Foster. Other student members and alumni attending the ceremony and a chapter dinner were Tyler Arcara, Adam Barrows, Meghan Cowfer, Jacqueline Kappler, and Loren Morgen. Professors Judith Geiser, Adam John, Maria Melendez, and Ann Meyers were also present.



KAPPA BETA chapter at The American University of Paris in Paris, France: Le 23 novembre 2006, Dominique Mougel et Maud Nicolas ont eu un long entretien avec un futur membre de Pi Delta Phi, dans un salon de thé près des Invalides. Le but était de préciser les critères pour être admis dans le chapitre et les attentes de notre société.

Le 14 avril 2007, plusieurs membres du Chapitre Kappa Beta, se sont retrouvés dans le huitième arrondissement de Paris, au Square Louis XVI pour visiter la Chapelle Expiatoire, très bel exemple de l'architecture néo-classique.

Nous avons pu admirer ce monument que Louis XVIII fit éléver, de 1816 à 1826, à l'emplacement même où furent inhumés Louis XVI et Marie-Antoinette après avoir été guillotinés, Place de la Révolution, actuelle Place de la Concorde. Cette visite nous a permis d'évoquer différents événements de l'histoire de France au 18ème siècle.

En ce jour du 27 avril 2007, le soleil était radieux sur Paris. C'était aussi la date choisie pour l'initiation des nouveaux membres à notre société d'honneur:

Zineb Ait Bahajji
Irinia Kraicheva
Kenneth Peyser
Petra Prade

La cérémonie s'est déroulée selon la Constitution de Pi Delta Phi, avec les bougies, les drapeaux, la musique et les insignes de notre ordre, en présence d'anciens membres.

Monsieur Henri-Robert Pérez a lu des extraits de deux livres de Julien Green, Américain né à Paris, académicien et grande figure de la littérature française. Dans ces passages, J. Green relatait avec verve et humour sa découverte de la langue française et de la langue anglaise, expressions de deux cultures qui l'habiteraient toute sa vie.

Nous avons conclu la journée dans une vraie joie partagée; nous avons goûté au plaisir de la conversation tout en savourant champagne et petits fours frais préparés pour l'occasion par une pâtisserie de la rue de Grenelle. Une soirée bien parisienne!



KAPPA LAMBDA chapter at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN initiated 20 new members this past spring. Vanderbilt had 62 French majors and minors graduate as well—their biggest class ever. Seventeen members of the class of 2007 are Pi Delta Phi members as well. The chapter Moderator is Virginia M. Scott.



LAMBDA GAMMA chapter at the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, KY inducted three new members at a dinner and ceremony held on April 27, 2007. The new members are Brandon Griffin, Mary Osbourne and Heather Conley. New member Heather Conley studied in Montpellier, France this summer and will be sharing her experiences with other local chapter members at a meeting this fall. We also are planning a movie night and exploring other ideas for celebrating National French Week this November.



LAMBDA OMICRON chapter at Elon University, Elon NC held an initiation ceremony on May 2, 2007 and welcomed Brian Carroll, Christina Kmetz, Chelsea Moir, Michelle Murphy, and Laura Veno. Honorary members included: Mr. François Masuka, Dr. Sarah Glasco.



MU ALPHA chapter at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota worked jointly with the College's Cercle Français to sponsor several on-campus activities to celebrate National French Week. The campus community was invited to attend a free screening of *Les Indigènes* on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

On Wednesday, Nov. 7, a French cheese tasting, «la fête du fromage», was immediately followed by the initiation of eight new regular and honorary members. A special French conversation table took place on Thursday, Nov. 8, during which participants focused their discussion on a single theme: la famille: au passé, au présent et au futur. The chapter moderator is Dr. Scott Fish.

MU IOTA chapter at SUNY Geneseo in Geneseo, NY held an induction ceremony on March 28, 2007. Inducted were 9 undergraduates, 1 graduate student, and their teaching assistant from the Université de Montpellier as an honorary member.



MU LAMBDA chapter at Hollins University in Roanoke, VA presented a film festival highlighting the films of Denys Arcand. The films shown were “The Decline of the American Empire,” “Jesus of Montreal,” “Stardom,” and “The Barbarian Invasions.” In April 2007, they held an initiation ceremony and conference. The new members are Leslie Bennett, Crystal Clusiau, Laura Dittmar, Michelle Hanrahan, Marissa Lane, Meredith McLaurin, Jessica Ruehrmund, Kara Scott, Hope Swenson, and Inga Warrick. Professor Jean Fallon presented a lecture entitled: “Cédric Klapisch et moi.” The chapter Moderator is Dr. Edwina Spodark.



NU RHO chapter at Washington College, Chestertown, MD initiated five new members on April 24, 2007: Ryan Coulson, Nicole Harper, Angelyca Jackson, Katie Poore, and Melinda Rosso. Dr. Sylvie Waskiewicz was inducted as an honorary member. Six Nu Rho seniors graduated on May 20, 2007: Kathryn Melmonte, Stephanie Gardiner, Bronwen Hobbs, Jacob Risner, Ryan Trone, and Elise Ware.

NU CHI chapter at Canisius College, Buffalo, NY held an Induction Ceremony on Saturday, April 21, 2007, Dorothea Heitsch, Northeast Vice President, presided. Eileen M. Angelini, Associate Professor of French and Chair of the Department of Modern Languages, Faculty Moderator for the Canisius College Pi Delta Phi Chapter, "Nu Chi" was present as well. Students inducted into Pi Delta Phi were: Katherine Szewczuk, Lindsey Ohmit, Jane C. Judge, and Tiffany Donhauser. The chapter Moderator is Eileen M. Angelini.



(L to R): Katherine Szewczuk (Class of 2008), Lindsey Ohmit (Class of 2008), Eileen M. Angelini, Jane C. Judge (Class of 2007), and Mary Beth Maikels, accepting award for Tiffany Donhauser (Class of 2008).

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