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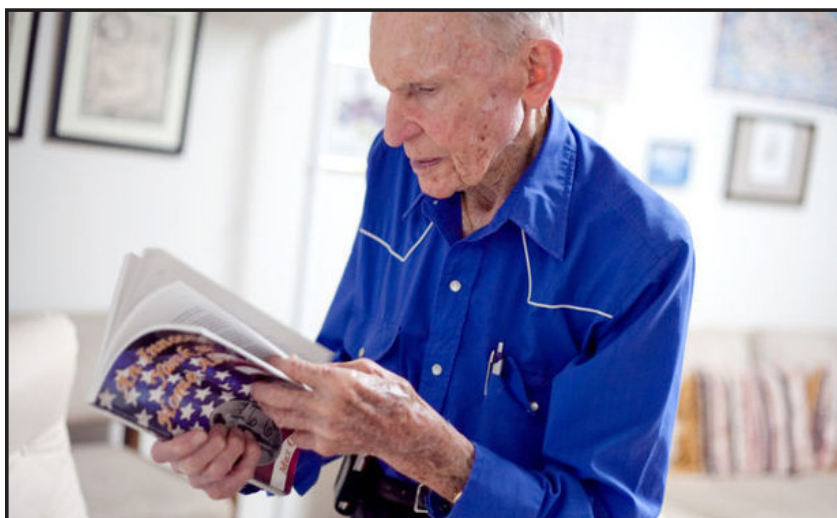
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# SPRING 2015 NATIONAL NEWS

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## In Memory of Dr. Max Oppenheimer



Pi Delta Phi recently learned of the passing on May 23, 2014 of former National President Dr. Max Oppenheimer, Jr., Ph.D. American-born, Dr. Oppenheimer lived as a child with his family in Germany before moving to Paris, at age 13, where he studied French, Latin and the English he had forgotten. He graduated with a Bachelier ès Lettres from the University of Paris (Sorbonne) in 1935. He returned to the United States in order to enlist in the Army. He received a B.A. from NYU (1941), an M.A. from UCLA (1942) and a Ph.D. from USC in 1947. Dr. Oppenheimer was teaching at San Diego State College in 1947 when he noticed a call in the French Review to start a new national honor society for French. He immediately replied to the Review and informed them that one already existed, Pi Delta Phi, with which he was already familiar since he completed his Ph.D. from USC (BETA). Dr. Oppenheimer encouraged the French Review to support Pi Delta Phi, which they did and it was this support, according to Dr. Oppenheimer, that “launched Pi Delta Phi again to what it is today.” Dr. Oppenheimer resigned the Presidency in January 1951, while an Assistant Professor of

Romance Languages at Washington University, when he was recalled to active military duty during the Korean conflict. He served for seven years during that conflict with the General Staff in the Pentagon. He later served as an intelligence officer for the CIA from 1956-1958. After 1958, Dr. Oppenheimer joined the foreign language department at the University of Iowa in 1961 where he helped to establish the Department of Russian. In 1967 he joined the faculty at the Fredonia State University College as a professor and eventually became the chair of the department of languages before retiring in 1976. During his career, Dr. Oppenheimer translated numerous texts, including a Russian book on hydraulics for the U.S. Office of Naval Research. He is the author of *Outline of Russian Grammar* (1962). Dr. Oppenheimer also published many scholarly articles in noted language journals. He also completed his autobiography, *An Innocent Yank at Home Abroad: Footnotes to History, 1922-1945* (Sunflower University Press, 2000), in which he notes that he joined the GAMMA chapter at UCLA while working on an M.A. degree in Spanish and, as a member of the GAMMA chapter, met the chapter's secretary, Christine, whom he married in 1942.



“‘Origins’ columnist Max Oppenheimer dies at 96”

([http://www.yourwestvalley.com/suncity/article\\_57e546e2-eb5f-11e3-87b8-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.yourwestvalley.com/suncity/article_57e546e2-eb5f-11e3-87b8-001a4bcf887a.html))

## Canisius Student Receives Pi Delta Phi National Scholarship



*Ellen Ball and Eileen M. Angelini, Northeast Vice President of Pi Delta Phi*

BUFFALO, NY – Ellen Ball '15 is the recipient of a 2015 Pi Delta Phi Joseph W. Yedlicka Scholarship. Ball is a junior with a triple major in French, international business and marketing at Canisius College. The full-tuition award, funded by The American University of Paris and Pi Delta Phi, entitles Ball to study at The American University of Paris for seven weeks during its summer session and includes half board and partial living expenses. Ball also will receive a Pi Delta Phi travel grant of up to \$1,000 to help cover transportation costs of one round-trip ticket from the United States to Paris.

"I am so honored to have been awarded this wonderful opportunity," says Ball. "It is truly an exciting prospect to be able to study at the American University of Paris. I am so very grateful for the opportunity to improve my French language skills and at the same time have direct contact with French culture. I would be remiss if I did not express my sincere appreciation for the guidance of Dr. Eileen M. Angelini and the generosity of Pi Delta Phi."

Ball is a member of NU CHI, the Canisius College chapter of Pi Delta Phi. She is also president of the Canisius College French Club. Ball serves as a Canisius Earning Excellence Program (CEEP) research assistant for Eileen M. Angelini, PhD, professor of French at Canisius, Fulbright Scholar, Chevalier dans l'Ordre Palmes Académiques, and Northeast vice president,

Pi Delta Phi. Angelini established NU CHI, the Canisius College Chapter of Pi Delta Phi, in 2006 (Angelini's first year at Canisius College).

"Ellen is by far one of the most hard-working, conscientious and respectful students I have had in my more than 25 years of teaching," says Angelini.

"I am absolutely thrilled that she has received this scholarship as it will provide her with an exceptional language and cultural immersion experience, enabling her to perfect her French skills and give her a definite advantage in her future career goals."

Phi Delta Phi Joseph W. Yedlicka Scholarships are given in memory of Dr. Joseph W. Yedlicka, former president and executive director of Pi Delta Phi. Dr. Yedlicka was a tireless promoter of Pi Delta Phi and advocate for the study of French language and literature.

Canisius is one of 28 Jesuit universities in the nation and the premier private university in Western New York.

<http://www.canisius.edu/newsevents/canisius-student-receives-pi-delta-phi-national-scholarship>

## 2015 Joseph Yedlicka Summer Scholarship Recipients



### Julia Shipley

I was born in Maryland where I lived until I was 17. I moved to Syracuse in order to continue my education in New York. I stumbled upon SUNY Oswego, and have been in love with it ever since. I am a dual major in both French language and literature and International Trade. In the process of completing a Spanish minor, I am also deeply involved in the entire Modern Language Department at SUNY Oswego. I've always known that I would major in French, ever since I was a freshman in high school it was the only thing I wanted to continue in college. I often participate in international

conversation hours, presentations at the French Forum, and advice freshman and sophomore in the program. I work two jobs; one as a French tutor and I also work at one of the dining halls on campus as a group leader. In my spare time I enjoy going to the gym, reading Game of Thrones, and knitting.



## **Ellen Ball**

Born in 1994, I have been a life-long resident of West Seneca, NY. I am a 2012 graduate of the West Seneca Central School District, where I placed in the top ten percent of my class. I was a member of the French Honor Society and the National Honor Society. I began my French language studies in seventh grade and I continue to study the language to this day. Along with my interest in the French language and Francophone culture, I have a passion for the culinary arts.

Additionally, I enjoy painting and music. I am presently employed at both Canisius College as a Canisius Earning Excellence Program (CEEP) research assistant with Dr. Eileen M. Angelini and at Wegmans Food Market. I enrolled in Canisius College in 2012 and was awarded a merit-based scholarship. I am in the process of completing my French major there. I am President of the Canisius College French Club, a member of Pi Delta Phi, and have consistently been on the Dean's List. Furthermore, I am pursuing additional majors in International Business and Marketing. I anticipate graduating with these three majors in 2016.

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 Kathryn Nicholson, 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.



Newsletter Editor



## SPRING 2015 CHAPTER NEWS

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**OMICRON** chapter at Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL had their commencement ceremony for many new members.

**DELTA PSI** chapter at Illinois State University inducted two new members on March 31, 2015, Elizabeth Manella and Katia Hudson. The ceremony was highlighted with students and faculty members reading poems and excerpts from their favorite novels and ended with a meal of crêpes and a special cake shared together in celebration.



*Delta Psi welcomes two new inductees, Spring 2015*

**EPSILON TAU** Chapter at Texas State University had a variety of activities worth mentioning. Their chapter participated this past weekend in the largest service project on campus called Bobcat Build. It is also the second largest, one-day community service project in the state of Texas. The name itself symbolizes our goal of strengthening the bond between Texas State University and the community of San Marcos. Every spring semester, students volunteer their time to complete various service projects throughout the community such as landscaping, painting, or clean-ups at residents' homes, local schools, parks, churches, and neighborhoods. Over the past 10 years, the event has grown in participation from approximately



700 volunteers at 50 jobsites to nearly 4,000 volunteers at over 250 jobsites within the San Marcos community! Their officers have designed this year's French Club T-shirts, and at one of the French Club meetings on Campus, the Pi Delta Phi members united in a fun-filled evening of activities. The induction ceremonies always take place during the week before or after Final Exams, so that the newly inducted members can help the students who need assistance with

French during that week. Finally, in April, they will have two new members: Mrs. Patricia Edgel and Mr. Kristian Rodriguez, who will be inducted on May 8th, 2015.



*Epsilon Tau chapter at Texas State University*

**ZETA CHI** chapter in conjunction with the French Club at California Lutheran University [CLU] in Thousand Oaks, CA has hosted a few French movie nights (most prominently *L'écume des jours* screened on April 15th at Carmike (formerly Muvico) theater in the Thousand Oaks Mall, and presented their *Francofolie* French Culture Festival in the end of April. Various activities presented were French Music, a caricaturist, a raffle, a film, francophone games, and a crepe truck! The film at the Oaks Mall culminated California Lutheran University's International Film Festival, sponsored by the Department of Languages and Cultures and the Pearson Library on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. Their annual initiation was held on Monday, April 27 in the CLU Scandinavian House, and played an integral part in the university's Festival of Scholars. Diana Garcia and Kaitlyn Webster were inducted as *membres réguliers*, and Marina Alvarez became a *membre honoraire*. Diana, French Club president, gave a PowerPoint presentation on her *Francofolie* Festival project, and Kaitlyn, also through an illustrated PowerPoint presentation, talked to the attendees about her scholastic year abroad in Aix-en-Provence and her subsequent European travels. Marina, a double major in Global Studies and Spanish, explained her exposure to and love of French. She hopes to continue in graduate school in French and Spanish. After the ceremony, attendees enjoyed a buffet of French cheeses garnished with fruits, vegetables, spices, and herbs. In addition, there were numerous desserts (e.g., a chocolate torte, macarons, chocolate covered caramels, etc.).



***ZETA CHI** chapter initiation: from left to right—Dr. Chris Kimball (CLU President), Marina Alvarez (membre honoraire), Melissa Leman-Coco, Diana Garcia and Kaitlyn Webster (membres réguliers)*



**ZETA CHI:** Diana Garcia, Kat Nicholson, and Kristen Cueva at The Oaks Mall movie theater screening of *L'Écume des jours* (Mood Indigo) culminating California Lutheran University's International Film Festival, sponsored by the Department of Languages and Cultures and the Pearson Library on Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

## Francofolie French Culture Festival

*Come enjoy French Culture !*

**\$2 per person**  
All proceeds go to **Doctors Without Borders**

**Menu du jour**

- French music
- Caricaturist
- Raffle Prizes
- French Food & Desserts
- Games
- Family Friendly



CLU  
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**April 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30pm**

Any questions? ask [djgarcia@callutheran.edu](mailto:djgarcia@callutheran.edu)



MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES  
DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS



**ETA IOTA** chapter at Sam Houston State University [SHSU] inducted 6 new regular members during French Week celebration in November. The ceremony was conducted by the French Honor Society president, Hever Penado and attended by members of the students' families and SHSU faculty. Pictured (L-R) Hever Penado, Ileana Bolanos, Karen Torres, Kristin Wahlquist, Christina Metellus, Amanda Woleben (not pictured, Holly Kons). Jonathan Barbara and Allyson Portillo read French poems by Guillaume Appollinaire and Jacques Prévert. The ceremony was followed by a French cuisine tasting event where students savored many French delicacies such as Coquilles St. Jacques, poulet rôti and crudités among other treats.



*ETA IOTA Spring 2015*

**THETA DELTA** chapter of State University of New York at Oswego, NY, held an Initiation Ceremony on April 15, 2015. Our four officers inducted 12 new members. Drs. Lenuta Giukin and Susan Bertonneau (Moderator) congratulated all the students on their service to the organization and our French program. This past year, members have organized four film showings on campus, participated in the weekly Table française, read French poetry at the university library's "Exploring Global Literature" event, given presentations at our French Forum during "La Semaine du Français," and served as French tutors for the Office of Learning Services. It has been a fun and successful year.



*Theta Delta Spring 2015*

**KAPPA ETA** chapter at John Carroll University in Cleveland, OH inducted three new members on March 25, 2015 at their Induction Ceremony: Alexander R. Berry, Natalie E. Hanna and Arnold Paskay.

**LAMBDA GAMMA** chapter at University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, KY, will induct two new members on April 13, 2015, at a ceremony to be held at the Cumberland Inn. The new members are Sofia Margarita Mena Molina and Matthew Edward Kelley. Chapter moderator Dr. Laura Dennis is also pleased to announce that Sofia will be receiving the American Association Teachers of French [AATF] Outstanding Senior in French award later in April.

**MU ALPHA** chapter at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, welcomes the following new Regular members who will be inducted this May: Anna Brufflat, Yaa Offei-Darko, Christian Einertson, Megan Gades, Misael Garcia, and Quinn Jacobs. They are also pleased to announce that 2011 inductee Kelly Silvers has been accepted to into the Professional French Masters Program at the University of Wisconsin. The chapter moderator is Dr. Scott Fish.

**MU IOTA** chapter at State University of New York in Geneseo, NY held its eighteenth annual induction ceremony and dinner on April 16, 2015. A highlight of the evening was the induction of a special honorary member, Professor Patrick Rault, from the Department of Mathematics. Dr. Rault, fluent in French and of French heritage, has been a strong supporter of French and francophone language and cultures ever since his arrival at SUNY Geneseo. In addition, he is the 2015 recipient of one of the most prestigious awards in his field, the Henry L. Alder Award for Distinguished Teaching from the Mathematical Association of America. Fifteen students were inducted into the chapter, at which undergraduate Jacqueline Christensen and Professor Kathryn Fredericks presided. Chapter Moderator Dr. Beverly Evans, several departmental colleagues, Pi Delta Phi inductees from previous years, as well as family members were also in attendance.

**MU UPSILON** chapter at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, MO at their induction ceremony



*From left to right are: Dr. Craig Prentiss, Dr. Daniel Martin and Faith Prentiss, honorary members, and Sarah Scholz, Raha Rebecca Roohanirad, Cecilia Pirez, Lillian Hupp, Annika Lewis, Laura Hupp, Ambyr ("Abby") Fossey, and Aimee Dion, regular members.*

**OMICRON PI** chapter at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, VA has had a great first year that has included film screenings of three of Marcel Carné's masterpieces (screenplays by Jacques Prévert): *Les Enfants du paradis*, *Le Quai des brumes*, and *Les Visiteurs du soir*. Omicron Pi's members have also begun providing French conversation sessions for their peers, and are working towards inviting a scholar and writer to campus for next year.

**OMICRON UPSILON** chapter at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN held their induction ceremony in April 2015.





## A Note from the President

Colleagues,

A reminder that the deadline for your Regular members to apply for one of Pi Delta Phi's scholarships for summer study is Nov. 1 (postmarked); remember that FAXED applications are not accepted and we do need official student transcripts. Complete information and an application are available via the Scholarship link on our website. The total amount of each individual award is approximately \$4,000-\$8,000, and when compared to other foreign language honor societies, you'll note how generous we are:

- Alpha Mu Gamma's top award is \$750
- Delta Phi Alpha's top award is \$2,500
- Sigma Delta Pi scholarships do not include room & board

I'm also enclosing a copy of our chapter webpage & social media guidelines below. We kindly ask moderators to verify that their chapter websites or social media groups follow our guidelines. I have visited thirty or so chapter websites recently; they look wonderful, but some of the information displayed directly on the site (e.g. national officers, national bylaws, etc.) is more than 10-15 years out-of-date. We appreciate your assistance in making sure students and others receive the most current information.

On behalf of the Executive Board, thank you to the entire faculty who are serving as chapter moderators.

Regards,

Dr. Scott Fish

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### GUIDELINES FOR PI DELTA PHI CHAPTER WEBSITES AND SOCIAL NETWORKING GROUPS

(Available in the Networking section of the national website.)

1. Please make sure that your chapter webpage or Facebook® group/page clearly displays your chapter Greek letters or school name, and does not simply state "Pi Delta Phi" which can potentially cause confusion with the National website or official Facebook® group. For example, consider using a variation of: Pi Delta Phi (Mu Alpha), or Pi Delta Phi, Augustana College Chapter.

2. You may use Pi Delta Phi images (e.g., key) for your chapter website or Facebook® group, as well as on initiation programs or chapter meeting agendas that you might create and print. Unless, however, the Executive Board grants permission, chapters may not use the Pi Delta Phi name or any of its images on products that they wish to create and to sell (e.g., t-shirts).

3. Please do not copy and post information or lists from Pi Delta Phi publications or the National website that is likely to change or to be updated, such as: the constitution and bylaws, history of the Society, list of the members of and contact information for the Executive Board, the complete chapter list, etc. Rather, create a link to the National website so that your visitors can access the most current information.

4. Should students wish to create their own Facebook® or other social networking group, we suggest that the Chapter Moderator serve as one of the group's administrators so that over time, student administrative responsibility of the group can be assured.

- Nov. 1 - Deadline (postmarked) for Regular members to apply for scholarships for summer study abroad
- Nov. 1 - Deadline to submit photos and submissions to the Editor for the Fall Newsletter
- Nov. 5 - National Pi Delta Phi Day (first day of National French Week)
- Nov. 20 - Deadline for orders and full payment of memberships, honor cords and supplies for fall inductions
- Feb. 16 - Scholarship winners informed of their awards
- Apr. 1 - Deadline to submit photos and submissions to the Editor for the Spring Newsletter
- Apr. 20 - Deadline for orders and full payment of memberships, honor cords, and supplies for spring inductions
- Sept. 1 - Deadline for scholarships winners to submit [1] a report about their study abroad experience and [2] a thank you letter in writing to the Executive Director

## PI DELTA PHI

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To recognize outstanding scholarship in the French language and literature

To increase the knowledge and admiration of Americans for the contributions of France to world culture

To stimulate and encourage cultural activities which will lead to a deeper appreciation of francophone cultures and peoples

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**All of us from PI DELTA PHI wish you and your chapter a safe and prosperous summer.**

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