



The Key Connection

News and Events

Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa

Fall Luncheon

Dr. Emily Johnson: “Journey to the Top”

Tuesday, November 6, 11:45 a.m.
Seattle Yacht Club
1807 E. Hamlin Street, Seattle

Dr. Emily Johnson’s career has taken her to some of the world’s most remote spots to practice emergency medicine and engage in mountaineering, mountain guiding, whitewater river guiding, and more. She will share what motivated her to start medical school at age 39; how she can “choose to be enchanted by the environment rather than terrified” in the face of danger; and her harrowing experience when, guiding climbers on Mount Everest, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck Nepal, and she had to help lead them to safety.

Johnson was raised in the Seattle area, hiking and skiing with her family. She learned to climb at summer camp, jubilantly summiting Glacier Peak (10,541 feet) when she was 13. Her high school years were spent climbing in the North Cascades of Washington as well as in Oregon and British Columbia. After earning a degree in biology at Middlebury College, she traveled the globe solo, became a whitewater river guide, Outward Bound instructor, professional ski patroller, and mountain guide. Adventure races, personal travels, whitewater competitions, as well as guiding hunters, boaters, and climbers, has taken her to the rivers and mountains of every continent. When she was 39, she went to the University of Washington Medical School, then completed an emergency medicine residency at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland. She has taught medicine in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nepal, and Bhutan. She is currently based in the Tetons, and when not working as a guide or ER doc, she enjoys backcountry skiing, trail running, mountain biking with her dog, writing, and the occasional refuge of silent meditation.

The luncheon will take place on Tuesday, November 6, at the Seattle Yacht Club. Free parking is available in the adjacent parking lot. The luncheon starts at 11:45 a.m. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. The cost of the luncheon is \$40 per person, and guests are welcome. For your luncheon entrée, you may select either roast turkey breast with mashed potatoes and vegetables, or vegetarian butternut squash ravioli. Please let us know of any special dietary requests. Please make your reservation by October 31, by mailing your payment with the coupon in this newsletter or online at psa-pbk.org.



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Guided tour of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Wednesday, October 17, 10:30 a.m.

1100 Fairview Avenue N., Seattle; tour begins at the Thomas Building

At Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, home to three Nobel laureates, interdisciplinary teams of world-renowned scientists seek new and innovative ways to prevent, diagnose, and treat cancer, HIV/AIDS, and other life-threatening diseases. Fred Hutch's pioneering work in bone marrow transplantation led to the development of immunotherapy, which harnesses the power of the immune system to treat cancer.

An independent, nonprofit research institute based in Seattle, Fred Hutch houses the nation's first National Cancer Institute-funded cancer prevention research program, as well as the clinical coordinating center of the Women's Health Initiative and the international headquarters of the HIV Vaccine Trials Network.

Jeanne Chowning, senior director of science education and training at Fred Hutch, will lead an approximately one-hour tour showcasing the various divisions within Fred Hutch, the organization's history, and current scientific developments.

Participants can park in the visitor's lot outside the Thomas Building for up to two hours. Public transportation is also available to the South Lake Union area.

You will need to sign in at the front desk of the Thomas Building. The tour will start out in Pelton Auditorium, which is down the hall past the café and to the right. (See a map of the Fred Hutch campus at tinyurl.com/hutchmap.)

There is no charge to participate in this tour and guests are welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Willenberg at lwillenberg@comcast.net or (425) 641-1606.

Save the date: November 7



No-host happy hour from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Location TBD in Seattle's Sodo/Georgetown area. Stay tuned!

You are invited to join the new PSA-PBK Facebook group

PSA-PBK invites you to join our new Facebook group! The group welcomes all PBK members, from those who have just arrived in the Puget Sound area to those who have been members of PSA-PBK for decades.

We hope that this Facebook group will give members a variety of means to connect with one another. For example, we encourage members to share events that they are interested in attending, share their personal interests, or simply connect with other members socially. Also, the group's administrators will regularly post events hosted by PSA-PBK, and will post information about job opportunities from time to time.

Although we hope that members will actively participate in the group, it is certainly not required. Those who are so inclined are encouraged to notify the group of events, comment on posts, and organize get-togethers with other members. But we also welcome those who are looking for a resource to learn about events or see what other PBK members are up to around the Puget Sound area.

If you are interested in joining, please go to tinyurl.com/psapbk-fb and request to join the group. We look forward to having you. (Please note that this group is different from our Facebook page, [facebook.com/PSAPhiBetaKappa](https://www.facebook.com/PSAPhiBetaKappa), and that following/being a member of one does not automatically sign you up for the other.)

Docent tour of the Museum of Glass

Saturday, November 17, 10:45 a.m.
Museum of Glass
1801 Dock Street, Tacoma

Glass! Glass! Glass! A rare opportunity to see art made and in the making awaits at Tacoma's Museum of Glass. Phi Betes and guests will enjoy a private tour of the exhibition *Preston Singletary: Raven and the Box of Daylight*, and will watch Czech artist Martin Stefanek work magic in the hot shop.

The museum says "*Raven and the Box of Daylight* is the Tlingit story of Raven and his transformation of the world — bringing light to people via the stars, moon, and sun. Visitors will be immersed in Tlingit culture through a dynamic, multisensory environment. Art objects and exhibition text will be supported by audio and video elements. This will include recordings by storytellers, music, recordings of Pacific Northwest coastal sounds, and a backdrop of shadows and projected images. The exhibition is active, surprising, and dramatic, and engages the viewer through sight and sound." For more information, visit www.museumofglass.org/raven-box-of-daylight.

Preston Singletary is one of the preeminent glass artists of our time. He interprets traditional Tlingit symbols and codes by using nontraditional materials and connecting to contemporary art movements. The British Museum, the Smithsonian, the Seattle Art Museum, and many others have collected his works; the University of Puget Sound awarded him an honorary degree in 2010.

Martin Stefanek founded his studio in 2001. He has made objects for two popes and a royal wedding, and notable sculptures. Some examples are at www.martinstefanek.cz.

We will meet at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, November 17, at the lobby of the Museum of Glass, 1801 Dock Street, Tacoma (just off I-5 at exit 133). The cost is \$12 per person; paid parking is available under the building. The museum's other galleries are open to us. Guests are welcome.

After the tour, many of us will want to enjoy the museum's café, Choripan by Asado. Just across the Chihuly Bridge of Glass, the Washington State History Museum has an exhibit called *Glass*, with over 300 glass objects, both artful and utilitarian (lunch and the history museum are not included in the tour's price).

RSVP by November 14, either by sending a check to PSA-PBK at P.O. Box 15258, Seattle, WA 98115, or online at psa-pbk.org.

Alpha Chapter news

The University of Washington Alpha Chapter welcomed new members of Phi Beta Kappa at the spring initiation ceremony. Friends and family members attended the celebration in Kane Hall on June 7. Brian Reed, divisional dean of humanities and professor of English, gave the address. He spoke of the profound effect that being invited to join Phi Beta Kappa as a junior at Harvard had on his life. Read more about Professor Reed at tinyurl.com/brianreedUW.

Two chapter officers attended the Phi Beta Kappa Society's Triennial held in Boston in August: Zev Handel, president, and Heidi Tilghman, treasurer. At the October board meeting, they will share and discuss how the chapter can incorporate the new ideas and issues/solutions into annual planning.

Oppenheimer Undergraduate Scholarships awarded

Four \$2,000 undergraduate scholarships have been awarded to the following University of Puget Sound and University of Washington students: Michelle Asencio (UW, dance; human evolutionary biology), Zohdi Cooperrider Young (UW, chemistry), Abigail So Ra Hong (UW, English), and Rebecca Miserlian (UPS, English).

In addition to having a high GPA, applicants write an essay on “What book has influenced your college career most, and why?”

The scholarship committee determined that Michelle Asencio wrote the best essay, so she has been awarded the additional \$400 Ellsworth C. Alvord Jr. Scholarship. 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.

Congratulations to all four scholars!

Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award

Ivyanne J. Smith has been selected to receive the 2018–2019 Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award of \$4,500. The Stiefel Award is given to graduate or professional students who are members of the Phi Beta Kappa chapter at the University of Puget Sound or University of Washington and who will attend graduate or professional school at UPS or the UW.

Smith will begin her graduate studies at the UW this fall in the master of applied adolescent and child psychology program. She graduated from the UW in 2018, majoring in education and disability studies. She was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in 2017.

Smith has extensive volunteer and professional experience with organizations that serve youth who have disabilities or serious health issues. She has held positions with Side-by-Side, Make-a-Wish and Bellevue College as a student advisor. She plans to work in the child welfare system as an advocate for children, empowering them to live their lives to the fullest.

Meet your new board member, K’ai Roberts Fu

K’ai Roberts Fu is cat-herder-in-chief and a video editor for Magnus Media Group Video Production, a company she runs with her husband, Grant Fu. Together they also comprise Magnus DJ Seattle, for which she is the on-site line dance instructor. In parallel, K’ai has been an Argentine tango professional since 1999, teaching and performing in places as far-flung as Tokyo, Maui, and Buenos Aires. A recent addition to the PSA-PBK board, she has served on the board of the International Live Events Association (ILEA) Seattle Chapter since 2014, including a two-year stint as vice president of programs and education. K’ai holds a BA in sociology from Washington University in St. Louis. Originally from Bloomington, Indiana, she lived in Hawaii for 10 years, and moved to Seattle in 2013. K’ai spends her free time traveling, working out, gardening, and reading anything that might give her an advantage playing *Jeopardy!* She also devotes a great deal of energy trying to position her fashion addiction as just another intellectual pursuit.

Your PSA-PBK board and committee members

Linda Willenberg, president; Benjamin Lukoff, vice president and electronic communications coordinator; Terry Janowski, secretary and archivist; Howard Johnson, treasurer; Erin Stumbaugh, assistant treasurer. Other board members include K’ai Roberts Fu, Kate Gunsul, Karrin Klotz, Derek Little, Myra Lupton, William Mari, Harrison Owens, Margaret Palmquest, Louise Richards, Amy Ryken, Doris Stiefel, Moira Tamayo, and Dennis Yamashita.

Non-board committee members include Dennis Adler, Joan Peterson, and Barbee Tucker-Pigott. Our administrative assistant is Amy Davis.

Thank you to our donors

The Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa gratefully acknowledges the following individuals for their generosity. Their contributions support our undergraduate and graduate scholarships, our High School Book Awards, our Humanities Achievement Awards, our Pathfinder Awards, and speakers and events throughout the year.

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Introducing Phi Beta Kappa's newest podcast: *Key Conversations with Phi Beta Kappa*

Key Conversations with Phi Beta Kappa is a new podcast featuring in-depth conversations between Fred Lawrence, secretary/CEO of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, and Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholars. New conversations will be released every 6 weeks. Please visit www.pbk.org/key-conversations for more information.

Phi Beta Kappa Triennial Council

The Triennial Council is the legislative body of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, which convenes every three years to conduct the society's business. Phi Beta Kappa executives and senators, as well as representatives from the society's 286 university/college chapters and 48 alumni associations, meet to approve new chapters, elect new leadership for the following triennium, and discuss policies that affect the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

PSA-PBK board members Harrison Owens and Linda Willenberg represented the Puget Sound Association at the 45th Triennial Council in Boston August 2–4. Four additional universities were granted Phi Beta Kappa chapters, for a total of 290 chapters. The new chapters are Chapman University (Orange, California), Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles), Mississippi State University (Starkville), and the University of South Florida (Tampa).

Willenberg and Owens also attended a Western District meeting with delegates from chapters and alumni associations in the western states, as well a meeting of delegates from all of the alumni associations.

They discussed strategies for strengthening relations between chapters and associations, strategies for increasing membership, increasing use of social media, recruiting new leaders, and developing mentorship programs.

Phi Beta Kappa's newest alumni association is the Association of Oregon, located in Portland. PSA-PBK members are welcome to attend their events. Visit their website, PBKOregon.org.

High School Book Awards

In spring 2018, PSA-PBK awarded 99 personally inscribed books to outstanding graduating seniors in participating high schools in the 13-county Puget Sound area. Our high school book award program encourages and rewards outstanding scholastic achievement in the liberal arts and sciences. The program also introduces students to Phi Beta Kappa and our core values of knowledge, wisdom, intellectual honesty, broad interests, trust, integrity, and responsibility. Principals, faculty, and staff at participating high schools select the graduating seniors who best exemplify the values of Phi Beta Kappa. The book that we presented this year was *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren.

Submit your nominations for our Pathfinder Awards

The Pathfinder Award reflects the imagery on the Phi Beta Kappa key — a hand pointing to the stars. It honors those who encourage others to seek new worlds to discover, pathways to explore, and untouched destinations to reach. It is awarded each year at our spring luncheon.

You are invited to submit nominations for our Pathfinder Awards. Forms are available on our website, psa-pbk.org. Nominations must be submitted by January 1, 2019.

Thank you to Karr Tuttle Campbell

The board would like to thank the law firm of Karr Tuttle Campbell for graciously hosting our monthly board meetings. We appreciate your generosity and hospitality.



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**Fall Luncheon, Nov 6
(RSVP by Oct 31)**

Roast turkey _____
Butternut squash ravioli (vegetarian) _____
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Name(s) _____

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Nov 14)**

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Name(s) _____

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_____ \$250 Key

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