

The Key Connection

News and Events

Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa



Virtual presentation: “How to Save an Endangered Species: Lessons Learned from Golden Lion Tamarins”

Wednesday, November 10, 12 noon

Please join us for a presentation on golden lion tamarins. Our presenters are James and Lou Ann Dietz, founding directors of Save the Golden Lion Tamarin. James is a conservation biologist and retired professor of biology at the University of Maryland. His wife, Lou Ann, is an educator helping conservation teams in Brazil achieve lasting impact. They have both dedicated many years of their lives to saving the wild population of golden lion tamarins. Their presentation will focus on how truly effective partner organizations such as zoos support species conservation in the wild.

Please email pugetsoundpbk@gmail.com to register for this virtual presentation. A Zoom link will be sent to you closer to the event.

Phi Beta Kappa Anniversary Social Monday, December 6, 7 p.m.

You are invited to join us for a virtual presentation and social event to celebrate the 245th anniversary of Phi Beta Kappa and the diversity of our members.

The theme of the event will be regional, ethnic, and international holiday foods and traditions. We will start with a panel presentation about New Year’s traditions in Japan, traditions in various Latin American countries, and Thanksgiving in the United States. This will be followed by a social where members may share their own favorite holiday foods and traditions. If you would like to share photos or recipes at the social, please contact Linda Willenberg at lwillenberg@comcast.net or call her at 425-641-1606.

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PSA-PBK scholarships

PSA-PBK has three scholarship programs for undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Puget Sound (UPS) and the University of Washington (UW). We are pleased to announce the 2021–2022 awardees.

The students who received the **Undergraduate Scholarships** of \$2,000 each are:

- Allie Chapman, UPS; Chinese
- Liana Greger, UPS; Vocal performance
- Delaney Mitchell, UPS; Mathematics

Applicants meet GPA and financial need requirements, and write an essay on the question “What book has influenced your college career most, and why?”

The **Myra Lupton Scholarship**, \$3,400 in 2021, is awarded to a first-generation student at UW or UPS. “First-generation” is defined as having parents or guardians who have not received an associate’s or bachelor’s degree. We thank Susan Lupton for her generous support. The essay topic for this year was “How has your experience as a first-generation student informed your goals and aspirations for college and beyond?” The scholarship was awarded to Joshua Davis, psychology major at the UW.

Applications for the **Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award** of \$4,500 are due on November 30. Applicants must be members of Phi Beta Kappa elected at UW or UPS and be in their first year of graduate or professional work at either school. We request a personal letter detailing their educational and career goals, work experience, and any significant personal adversity, economic issues, or disability. The scholarship committee ranks applicants on the social utility of their goals and financial need. Information and the application form are available at <https://www.psa-pbk.org/scholarships>.

Scholarship Committee members are Karrin Klotz, Barbee Pigott, Louise Richards (chair), and Marcie Stone. We appreciate their dedicated work throughout the year.

High School Book Awards

Our High School Book Award recognizes academic excellence and introduces graduating seniors to Phi Beta Kappa’s core values of knowledge, wisdom, intellectual honesty, broad interests, trust, integrity, and responsibility. An essential part of the initial planning for the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa in 1952 was awarding of book prizes to selected graduating seniors to encourage a love of learning. This year we awarded 74 books to selected graduating high school seniors in the Puget Sound area. The book that we awarded this year was *The Splendid and the Vile*, by Erik Larson.

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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President's message

Thank you for your membership in the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa. Your membership dues and contributions fund our scholarships, high school book awards, Pathfinder Awards, Humanities Achievement Awards, and member events. During the past year all our events have been by Zoom, and we plan to continue having virtual events.

If you have any suggestions for virtual events, please email me at lwillenberg@comcast.net or call me at 425-641-1606.

Linda Willenberg, president

Your PSA-PBK board and committee members

Linda Willenberg, president; Dennis Yamashita, vice president; Terry Jankowski, secretary and archivist; Howard Johnson, treasurer; Amy Ojendyk, assistant treasurer; and Benjamin Lukoff, electronic communications coordinator.

Other board members include Karrin Klotz, Tori Lightner, Harrison Owens, Margaret Palmquest, Louise Richards, Amy Ryken, Doris Stiefel, and Moira Tamayo.

Non-board committee members include Leslie Holmes, Joan Peterson, Marcie Stone, and Barbee Tucker-Pigott.

You are invited to join our Facebook Group

In 2019, we created a new Facebook group. It enables PBK members to connect with one another more easily, especially those who have recently graduated or are new to the area. While the group’s administrators will regularly post reminders about our upcoming events, individual members are encouraged to actively participate in the group and create their own events as well. (Please note that this group is different from our Facebook page, [Facebook.com/PSAPhiBetaKappa](https://www.facebook.com/PSAPhiBetaKappa), which we are in the process of shutting down. Being a follower of that page does not automatically sign you up for the group.)

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Facebook group, please go to [TinyURL.com/psapbk-fb](https://www.tinyurl.com/psapbk-fb) and submit a request to join. In addition, any members who would like to contribute to maintaining the page and/or organizing future events may email Linda Willenberg, PSA-PBK president, at lwillenberg@comcast.net, or call her at 425-641-1606.

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Please keep in touch

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