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Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa

President’s message

At the June meeting of the board of trustees, I was elected to serve as president for the 2022–23 fiscal year, starting on July 1. I’ve humbly accepted this position, following in the large footprints of Linda Willenberg, who served in this position for 12 years with professionalism and distinction. Linda will remain on the executive committee as immediate past president. Thank you, Linda!

My focus will be on three initiatives: 1) Enhancing our diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts in further recruiting board members and members from underrepresented communities; 2) Seeking increased participation of our young professional members; and 3) Enhancing our presence on social media. None of these efforts will be successful without the full participation not only of board members but of all who support our values proposition of enriching diverse education and diverse perspectives. I look forward to working with each of you and ask for your cooperation and partnership.

— Dennis Yamashita

University of Washington Alpha Chapter news

Alpha Chapter held this year’s initiation ceremony on June 8 at 7 p.m. Initiates and guests gathered at 6:30 in Red Square by the Gerberding Hall Bell Tower and proceeded to Kane Hall for the ceremony. This year’s speaker was history professor Margaret O’Mara. New initiates from 2020 and 2021 were also invited to attend. Linda Willenberg gave remarks inviting new initiates to join PSA-PBK. After the event, a reception was held in Kane Hall’s Walker–Ames Room.

University of Puget Sound Delta Chapter news

On April 20, 30 members of the Class of 2022 and one member of the Class of 2023 were initiated into Phi Beta Kappa. Aislinn Melchior, professor of classics and Mediterranean studies, gave the celebration toast. The board of trustees hosted a luncheon during Commencement Weekend to honor the initiates. Dawn Padula, professor and director of Vocal Studies, offered the celebration toast, and two seniors shared reflections about a significant Puget Sound learning experience as a part of the celebration.



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.News and events

After two years of having only virtual events, we began having in-person events this past May.

On May 7, we toured the National Nordic Museum in Seattle, with exhibits highlighting Nordic life and culture in the five Nordic countries — Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden — as well as in Greenland, the Åland Islands, and the Sápmi cultural region of the Sámi people.

On May 28, we visited the Seattle Japanese Garden and enjoyed the peaceful paths among beautiful flowers, trees, and Koi fish swimming in the ponds. The light mist enhanced our experience.

On June 26, we had an Indigenous walking tour on the University of Washington campus. Linda Willenberg ably stepped in at the last minute to lead the tour when the tour guide did not arrive. It included information about Indigenous history and culture and how Indigenous knowledge systems are grounded in place on the University of Washington campus.



PSA-PBK members enjoy a walk through the Japanese Garden at the Washington Park Arboretum.



PSA-PBK members brave the 93 degree heat to take an Indigenous walking tour of the UW campus.

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 the awarding of book prizes to selected graduating high school seniors in the Puget Sound area to encourage a love of learning.

In 2022, we awarded 66 copies of *Facing the Mountain* by Daniel James Brown.

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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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We plan to award \$14,800 in scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Puget Sound and the University of Washington this year.

Undergraduate scholarships

Three awards of \$2,000 each
Essay required; minimum 3.8 GPA required
Phi Beta Kappa membership *not* required
Due date for UPS and UW: October 28
Email scholarships@psa-pbk.org for an application form.

Myra Lupton Scholarship for First-Generation College Students

We have established an undergraduate scholarship for first-generation college students in memory of long-time board member Myra Lupton, who served for over four decades on our board of trustees.

One \$3,400 award
Essay required; minimum 3.4 GPA required
Phi Beta Kappa membership *not* required
Due date for UPS and UW: October 28
Email scholarships@psa-pbk.org for an application form.

Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award

This award is given to graduate or professional students who are members of Phi Beta Kappa and who will attend graduate or professional school at either the University of Puget Sound or the University of Washington. The late Mr. Stiefel was a longtime member of our board of trustees, serving for many years as treasurer and assistant treasurer.

One \$4,800 award
Essay required
Phi Beta Kappa membership *required*
Applicants must be beginning graduate or professional school at UPS or UW
Due date for UPS and UW was June 30

If you would like to donate to our scholarship fund, please fill out and mail in our membership and donation form, or donate online at psa-pbk.org/payments-and-donations.

Your PSA-PBK board and committee members

Executive Committee: Dennis Yamashita, president; Moira Tamayo, vice president; Terry Jankowski, secretary and archivist; Howard Johnson, treasurer; Amy Ojendyk, assistant treasurer; Benjamin Lukoff, electronic communications coordinator; and Linda Willenberg, immediate past president.

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

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

Join our Facebook group

Our Facebook group 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.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please go to tinyurl.com/psapbk-fb and submit a request to join.

Do you have web or social media savvy, or great ideas for young professional events?

We are seeking members who would like to get involved by maintaining our webpage and/or organizing future events. Please email PSA-PBK president Dennis Yamashita at denyama@gmail.com.

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