

The Key Connection

News and Events

Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa

Pathfinder Award presentation Thursday, May 27, 7:00 p.m.



Each year the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta kappa honors individuals, organizations, or institutions with our Pathfinder Award. The 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. This year we will be presenting three Pathfinder Awards.

- **Atlantic Street Center**, a non-profit social service agency which works to help families and communities raise healthy and successful children and youth through direct services as well as advocacy for social justice and equity. This includes services such as education, family support, and behavioral health counseling to low-income minority populations in King and Pierce Counties.
- **Andrea Liao**, founder of **Book the Future**. Andrea is an Interlake High School student who founded “Book the Future,” which has as its goal providing diverse books to children to help improve their futures and obtain global youth literacy. This includes monthly book drives, summer literacy camps, writing workshops, and a digital magazine.
- **Luis Ortega**, founder of **Storytellers for Change**, an organization committed to building an empathetic, inclusive, and equitable world by harnessing the power of stories to make social change.

Please register to attend our virtual Pathfinder Award presentation event by emailing pugetsoundpbk@gmail.com. A Zoom link will be sent to you closer to the event.

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

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**Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Karen Fleming:
“Nurturing a More Inclusive Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Pipeline”**

Public Lecture Monday May 17, 4:00 p.m.

The University of Washington Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa is co-hosting a Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar, Professor Karen Fleming, in May for several virtual events. The Chemistry Department, the Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering, and the Advance Center for Institutional Change are also co-hosts. Professor Fleming is Professor of Biophysics at Johns Hopkins University. Her public lecture on Monday, May 17, at 4 p.m. is titled “Nurturing a More Inclusive Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Pipeline.”

Additional information and the Zoom registration link are on this Web page:

<https://www.washington.edu/uwpbk/visiting-scholar-2021/>.

PSA-PBK Scholarships

PSA-PBK offers six scholarships to students at University of Washington and University of Puget Sound. Application materials and general information can be found at www.psa-pbk.org/scholarships. The Undergraduate Scholarship due date is May 17 for UW, April 26 for UPS; applicants do not need to be PBK members. A GPA of at least 3.8 is required, as well as an essay on the one book the applicant would recommend to other college students. Four winners will each receive \$2,000.

The Lupton First-Generation Scholarship honors the life and achievements of Myra Lupton. Ms. Lupton served on the PSA-PBK board for more than 40 years, fulfilling many roles in the organization. She taught English at Sammamish High School and had a deep affinity for children and youth. Her estate funded the annual scholarship for an undergraduate student who is the first in their family to attend college. This year, the award will be \$3,400. The due date is June 7.

The Stiefel Graduate Award of \$4,500 is given to a student who is beginning a graduate or professional program at UW or UPS. Ernie Stiefel was a long-time PSA-PBK board member and treasurer who ably guided the association’s finances for many years. Applicants must be members of PBK invited by the UPS or UW chapters. The Stiefel Award due date is June 30.

Our scholarships are funded by donations from our members and supporters. You can donate on-line at <https://psa-pbk.org/payments-and-donations/> and choose one of the four scholarship options (Stiefel Graduate, Lupton, Undergraduate, or Unspecified).

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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. Our High School Book Awards will be presented to the selected students in May and June.

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.

The following donations were made from May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.

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University of Washington Alpha Chapter news

The University of Washington Phi Beta Kappa Alpha Chapter's 2021 induction ceremony will be held virtually on Wednesday, June 9, at 6 p.m. The invited speaker is Alexes Harris, UW Presidential Term Professor of Sociology. Her web site describes her research interests which "...focus on social stratification processes and racial and ethnic disparities. [She] investigate[s] how contact with varying institutions (educational, juvenile and criminal justice and economic) impact individuals' life chances." See <https://soc.washington.edu/people/alexes-harris>.

University of Puget Sound Delta Chapter news

On April 21, 2021, thirty-eight members of the Puget Sound Class of 2021 and four members of the Class of 2022 were honored in a virtual initiation to Phi Beta Kappa. The Board of Trustees will host a Virtual Salute in May, during Commencement Weekend, for students invited to membership in 2020 and 2021. Assistant Professor of Mathematics Jake Price will offer the celebration toast, and two seniors, one from the Class of 2020 and one from the Class of 2021, will each share a reflection about a significant Puget Sound learning experience as a part of the celebration.

Meet your new PSA-PBK board members

Tori Lightner

I am Tori Lightner. I was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in 2019 at Mississippi State University. After graduation, I relocated to Seattle for an accounting role at Starbucks. Soon after moving here, I became involved in the Puget Sound Association of PBK by attending various events, and I joined the board of trustees in November 2020. I also serve on the activities committee. I look forward to seeing you at future events.

Amy Ojendyk

Amy is a graduate of the University of Washington (BA in Business Administration, Accounting and Masters, Taxation) and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in 1994. Amy worked in public accounting at Arthur Andersen for several years before starting her own accounting and consulting business. In her free time, Amy enjoys spending time outdoors with her dogs and working on home improvement projects. Amy is excited to become more involved with PSA-PBK as the new assistant treasurer, and is looking forward to meeting other members!

Your PSA-PBK Board and Committee members

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

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

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, the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa created a new Facebook group. The 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 upcoming events hosted by the Association, 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, and that following or being a member of one does not automatically sign you up for the other.)

If you are interested in joining the Facebook Group, please go to TinyURL.com/psapbk-fb and request to join the group. In addition, any members who would like to contribute to maintaining the page and/or organizing future events may email the President of the Association, Linda Willenberg, at lwillenberg@comcast.net or call her at 425-641-1606.

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Please keep in touch

Please let us know if you have recently moved or changed your email address or telephone number. You can send your updated information to membership@psa-pbk.org or call Linda Willenberg at (425) 641-1606. Please also notify Doris Lawrence at the national Phi Beta Kappa Society office at dlawrence@pbk.org or call (202) 265-3808.



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