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Upcoming Events

High School Awards Ceremony

When: Sunday, May 21, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Who: Awards recipients and families, plus all interested members of DCPBK

Where: DCPBK Headquarters, 1606 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

How: Please RSVP to <http://www.dcpbk.org/Events/356>

Each year, the DC Phi Beta Kappa Association awards three \$1,000 scholarships to outstanding local high school students, to help with their college tuition expenses. The **High School Awards** began in 1974 as a book award, but, because of the

generosity and dedication of our members, we were later able to expand this program to include the monetary award.

This year's awards will take place on Sunday, May 21st, and we hope that you can join us as we hear stories of their remarkable accomplishments, and present their awards. We will also hear from representatives from the DC Public Schools and the DC College Access Program, who will share with us a unique inside view of new strategies to enable all DC high school seniors to attend college. Then we'll be able to mingle with the students, their families, and other friends at an informal reception.



Your presence at this event is an important demonstration of our Association's support to young people in our area. To help us continue this tradition, we encourage you to **make a contribution** to the High School Awards program. All donors who contribute \$50 or more will be acknowledged in the High School Awards Ceremony program and on the website. For instructions on how to donate to the program, click on the "Contribute" tab on the [High School Awards page](#).

We sincerely hope that you can join us as we support these students for their sustained interest in the arts and sciences, love of learning, and demonstrated civic engagement.

Biographies of Award Recipients

Abigail Koerner lives in Washington, DC and attends Woodrow Wilson Senior High School. She actively works to better her community as a Peer Educator for three years at the Young Women's Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to sexual health education, and as an advocate for issues like health education standards in public schools. As treasurer of her high school's National Honor Society, she has integrated social justice advocacy and tutoring into her chapter's programs. She is Vice President of her school's Best Buddies program and helped establish a tutoring program to increase DC elementary school student reading levels. Abigail will attend Harvard College in the fall.

Ava Sharifi lives in Chantilly, Virginia, where she attends Chantilly High School. She applies her passion for historical studies to advocate for political change and excel in speech and debate activities. She is captain of her school's debate team and Under-Secretary-General of her school's Model UN team. She won first place (best delegate) at the William & Mary Model UN Conference, Stone Bridge High School Conference, and Prince William High School Conference. An active volunteer in her community, Ava has served as president of the Key Club, debate coach at Rocky Run Middle School, and intern for several political campaigns. Ava will attend the University of Chicago in the fall and plans to double major in economics and comparative literature with a minor in Russian.

David Edimo lives in Silver Spring, Maryland, and attends Richard Montgomery High School. David has leveraged his exemplary leadership abilities to advocate for diverse representation in student organizations and increased mental health resources for his community. For example, as President of the Montgomery County Regional Student Government Association, he assembled the most diverse executive board in recent memory by applying lessons learned in his IB anthropology class to value varied manifestations of merit. He also lobbied for a bill requiring suicide awareness training for school staff and, as a member of the Montgomery County Commission on Children and Youth, created and chaired the Access to Mental Health Resources Committee. David is a Circuit and County Champion in Mock Trial, a County Champion in Debate, and National Champion of the Harlan Institute Supreme Court Competition. David will attend Yale College in the fall.

DCPBK Association Annual Meeting, featuring the PBK Society's new Secretary, Fred Lawrence, June 4—Please note the new date!

What: Luncheon plus Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers, plus an outstanding speaker

When: Sunday, June 4, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Who: New officers and Board members; all interested DCPBK members

Where: Old Ebbitt Grill—Cabinet Room (downstairs), 675 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC. The nearest Metro station is McPherson Square.

How: RSVP by May 25 to <http://www.dcpbk.org/Events/357>.

The cost is \$30 per person, which includes:

Salad

Choice of entrée

- Pan roasted salmon or
- Cannelloni di casa (ricotta, spinach, Mortadella-stuffed pasta, and cream sauce; can be made vegetarian)

Cheesecake

Non-alcoholic beverages

Please make checks payable to “D.C. Area Phi Beta Kappa Association” and submit them before the event. Further details on payment can be found on our website.

The close of the academic year is also the opening of the new Association year, and we mark the change with our **Annual Meeting**. We'll begin with a delectable luncheon for which you have two entrée choices, then proceed to a very short business meeting where we install officers and Executive Committee members of the Association, finishing with brief remarks by the incoming President.

The highlight of the afternoon will be remarks by **Fredrick M. (Fred) Lawrence**, the new Secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Dr. Lawrence's distinguished career includes many important positions and honors, too numerous to mention here. For example, he is a Senior Research Scholar at Yale Law School, and Visiting Professor at the Georgetown Law Center, having previously served as president of Brandeis University, and Dean of the George Washington University Law School. An accomplished scholar, teacher and attorney, Lawrence is one of the nation's leading experts on civil rights, free expression, and bias crimes. Widely published, he has testified before Congress about federal hate crime legislation, was a Senior Research Fellow at University College London, received a Ford Foundation grant to study bias-motivated violence in the United Kingdom, and serves on several boards of directors of relevant organizations, including the National Commission of the Anti-Defamation League.



Fredrick M. (Fred) Lawrence,
Secretary, Phi Beta Kappa Society

At Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Lawrence has focused on advocacy for the arts, humanities, and sciences, championing free expression, free inquiry, and academic freedom, as well as invigorating the Society's 286 chapters and nearly 50 alumni associations (such as ours). At our meeting, he will share his views on the current state of the Society, and his vision for the future.

This is a rare opportunity to interact with the head of the national Phi Beta Kappa Society; we greatly look forward to meeting Dr. Lawrence, and sharing his insights. Don't miss it!

Young Professionals Network News

Where Do I Go From Here?: Paths to Growing Your Career

When: Tuesday, May 23, 6:30 p.m.

Where: 800 8th St, NW, Washington, DC 20001

Who: Young Professionals

What: As the academic year draws to a close, the **Young Professionals Network** will be hosting a more professionally-oriented event. “Where do I go from here: paths to growing your career” will feature a moderated discussion with three panelists, each of whom represents a different professional perspective. Whether you're in the public or private sector, there's a panelist to match your workplace experience. Questions fielded to the panelists will ask them to reflect on their accomplishments and careers, and will cover such topics as:

- Their career path
- Contributing factors to success in current and previous positions
- Leadership in an organization
- Mentorship and supervisor relationships.

The panelists for the events are:

- Ashley Haugo, Energy Policy Analyst, Concurrent Technologies Corporation
- TBA, Latin America Regional Analyst, US Department of Defense
- Noah Sudow, Director of Community Relations, Hillel International.

A reception with light refreshments will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the panel will start at approximately 7:00 p.m.. The cost per participant is \$5 to help cover the cost of refreshments.

To RSVP for the event, please click on the following link: <http://www.dcpbk.org/Events/360>

The closest Metro stop, located one block from the venue, is Gallery Place/Chinatown on the Red, Yellow, and Green lines.

Recent Events

Local PBK Induction Ceremonies

As in past years, DCPBK will make its presence felt at the Phi Beta Kappa induction ceremonies conducted by seven of our area colleges and universities. At each of the ceremonies, a member of our Association—most often, a member of the DCPBK Board—will speak briefly to the new inductees, encouraging them to seek out and join their local association wherever they live or work, as a way of making PBK membership something of lasting value to them. Each university also distributes a letter from the DCPBK President to each inductee—delivering much the same message.

This year, our representatives include: **Andy Steigman** at American University and at Georgetown, where he teaches; **Carol Bontempo** at Catholic University, **Dan Rosenberg** at George Mason, **Deirdre LaPin** at Howard University, **Erica Hwang** at the University of Maryland, and **Sarah Neely** at Trinity University. In addition, the inductees at George Washington will be greeted by **Fred Lawrence**, the Society's new Secretary, and our Annual Meeting speaker (see above).

It's always a pleasure—and an encouragement for the future—to learn about these highly accomplished young people and their ambitious plans, meet their families, and chat with the university's distinguished faculty, staff, and alumni.

Regular Event

Book Club Meeting

Our meeting on April 25th welcomed a record number of attendees—15 in total, with six new members. Our April selection was the classic science fiction work ***The Martian Chronicles*** by Ray Bradbury, which was universally enjoyed by the group. We debated the author's commentary on the Cold War, his anti-war viewpoint, American values, psychology, and literature/ intellectualism, noting many parallels to Bradbury's other best-known work, *Fahrenheit 451*. We also highlighted the limits of imagination in science fiction writing.

On Wednesday, May 31st, the group will meet at 7pm at Nagomi Izakaya to discuss ***The White Road: Journey into an Obsession*** by Edmund de Waal, a non-fiction selection depicting the impact of porcelain on history and culture.

At all meetings, attendees are encouraged to bring any books they're looking to clean out, to see if we can find them new homes with our members.

Selections for Spring 2017

Our final selection for this semester is:

June: ***Commonwealth*** by Ann Patchett, 336 pp., Fiction

In the June newsletter, you'll find our choices for the next six months, based on inputs from Book Club members. **Kate Hannon** is our Book Club Coordinator; you can reach her at bookclub@dcpbk.org.

Announcements

Mentorship Network Updates

Apply now for the Mentorship Network program: applications open until Friday, May 19!

The Mentorship Network team is pleased to announce that the application for the next cycle of the program is open now and will remain open until Friday, May 19. We are looking for members – recent graduates, young professionals, experienced professionals--to get involved! The program provides members of the DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association with the opportunity to connect with each other through facilitated mentorship, networking, and informational interview matches. Participants who are matched within the program are provided with resources to help them develop their Network relationships. You can learn more about the program and access the application by visiting <http://www.dcpbk.org/dc-pbk-mentorship-network>. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Neely (saaneely@gmail.com) and Erica Hwang (kyuryung@gmail.com).

Open Volunteer Positions

Fundraising Coordinator

The DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association seeks a **Fundraising Coordinator** to help focus and renew our fundraising goals, to organize a potential fundraising campaign, and to manage any fundraising campaigns with which we decide to move forward. A detailed description of the position can be found by visiting www.dcpbk.org/volunteer-positions. To apply, please send your resume and a statement of interest to volunteer@dcpbk.org.

Events & Communications Coordinator, DC PBK Mentorship Network

The Mentorship Network team is seeking an **Events & Communications Coordinator**. The Coordinator is responsible for designing a monthly newsletter for program participants and planning up to four networking events per year. This position is perfect for someone who wants to gain experience in external communications (and it's a lot of fun!). To learn more or apply, please send your resume and a statement of interest to Sarah Neely (saaneely@gmail.com) and Erica Hwang (kyuryung@gmail.com).

Board Meetings

Meetings of the DC PBK Executive Board are open to all members in good standing. The spring meeting took place on Saturday, April 15 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the PBK Society headquarters, 1606 New Hampshire Avenue. The summer meeting is scheduled for **July 15**, and all PBK members are welcome to attend.

Find Us on Social Media!

Please be sure to “Like” the new DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association page on Facebook to follow our updates! You can also find us on LinkedIn, and follow us on our Twitter page at [@DCPhiBetaKappa](https://twitter.com/DCPhiBetaKappa)!

DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Board

2016-2017 Officers

PRESIDENT: Elizabeth Marshall (Lawrence University, 2009)

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT: Paul Lubliner (University of Oregon, 2006)

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT/PROGRAM COORDINATOR:

Carol Bontempo (University of Connecticut, 1962)

SECRETARY: Dan Rosenberg, (George Washington University, 2014)

TREASURER: Pat Cascio (Denison University, 1969)

Executive Committee Members

Carol Bontempo (University of Connecticut, 1962)—Newsletter Editor

David MacDonald (University of Chicago, 2009)—Immediate Past President

Sarah A. Neely (Indiana University, 2009) – Mentorship Program Manager

Chelsea Rubin (Arizona State University, 2011)—High School Awards Chair

Advisory Council

Deirdre LaPin (Agnes Scott College, 1967)—Past Vice-President

Christel G. McDonald (George Washington University, 1986)—Past President

Andy Steigman (Princeton University, 1954)—Past President

BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Please return this ballot page, no later than June 1, 2017 to:

President, DC PBK
449 R St NW, #100
Washington, DC 20001

Or, you may send your responses by email to: President@dcpbk.org

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2017-2018 Executive Committee

Officers:

- ☐ **PRESIDENT:** Nina Kuo (Duke University, 2012)
- ☐ **FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:** Paul Lubliner (University of Oregon, 2006)
- ☐ **SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:** VACANT
- ☐ **TREASURER:** Pat Cascio (Denison University, 1969), incumbent
- ☐ **SECRETARY:** Dan Rosenberg (George Washington University, 2014)

At-large Executive Committee Members:

Vote for up to six.

- ☐ Liz Marshall (Lawrence University, 2009)
- ☐ David MacDonald (University of Chicago, 2009), past President
- ☐ Carol Bontempo (University of Connecticut, 1962)
- ☐ Kate Hannon (Boston University, 2010)
- ☐ Erica Hwang (University of Hawaii, 2009)

I would like to vote for the following write-in candidate(s), for the office of:
