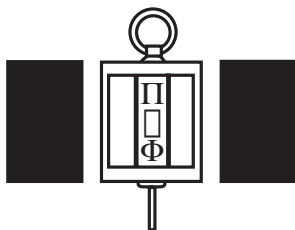


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Pi Delta Phi Announces Official Website:

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2008 Joseph Yedlicka Summer Scholarship Recipients

Darya Anichkova

Avignon



Pi Delta Phi Summer 2009 Scholarship winner Ms. Darya Anichkova will study in Avignon

Darya Anichkova, daughter of Dimitriy Anichkov and Marina Zalevskaya, who currently reside in Seattle, is one of the three winners of the 2008–09 Joseph Yedlicka competition, sponsored by Pi Delta Phi, the National French Honor Society. This summer Ms. Anichkova will spend six weeks in Avignon, France studying French language, literature, and civilization at the Institute for American Universities.

Darya Anichkova is a junior at Rice University, Houston, Texas, where she is majoring in Economics and French. She plans on graduating with a BA in May 2010, and is confident that her study abroad in Avignon, which will increase her international experience, will better prepare her for a career with an international focus. Having been born

in St. Petersburg to Russian parents, Ms. Anichkova has had the opportunity to learn and experience firsthand the challenges and rewards of learning English and American ways, which she began at age nine, when she left Russia for the United States. While in France, she hopes to perfect her command of French and come to know concretely and more deeply the French experience. She admits, also, to enjoying travel and cuisine, which she can easily indulge in France. The Yedlicka scholarship will make possible this enrichment, which would otherwise be beyond Ms. Anichkova's reach at this point in her academic program.

Dr. Deborah Nelson-Campbell, Professor of French Studies and Moderator of the Theta chapter, at Rice University, nominated Darya Anichkova for the Pi Delta Phi award, with supporting letters from Dr. Deborah Platter, Associate Professor of French Studies, and Ms. Aurélie Van de Wiele, instructor in French Studies.

Humberto Salgado

Paris



Caption: Pi Delta Phi Summer 2009 Scholarship winner Mr. Umberto Salgado will study in Paris.

Humberto Salgado, son of Jorge and Maria Piedad Salgado, from upstate New York, is one of the three winners of the 2008–09 Joseph Yedlicka competition, sponsored by Pi Delta Phi, the National French Honor Society. This summer Mr. Salgado will spend seven weeks in Paris, studying French language, literature, and civilization at the American University in Paris.

A junior at SUNY Albany, Humberto Salgado is a double major in French and Spanish with a minor in mathematics. He has been interested in languages for most of his life, having lived extensively in Colombia and settled down in the United States with a commitment to studying foreign languages --English, French, Portuguese (his native language

is Spanish)—and linguistics and mathematics, which dates from his high school years. He is currently the president of le Cercle Français at SUNY Albany. In addition to his academic pursuits Humberto Salgado makes time to practice his athletic skills: gymnastics, swimming, and soccer, and to coach as well. Furthermore, he has impressed his professors not only with his command of French, but also his interests in primitive art and the art history of the twentieth century as well as his thespian talents. Such a well-rounded student should delight in Paris and its cultural attractions and possibilities, which intellectuals and artists have enjoyed for centuries.

Dr. Mary Beth Winn, Professor of French Studies and Moderator of the ZETA GAMMA chapter, at SUNY Albany, nominated Umberto Salgado for the Pi Delta Phi award, with supporting letters from Dr. Eloise Brière, Associate Professor of French and Francophone Studies, and Professor Véronique Martin.

Juana Lopez

Avignon



Juana Lopez, daughter of Pedro and Catalina Alcocer, from Garden Grove, California, is one of the three winners of the 2008–09 Joseph Yedlicka competition, sponsored by Pi Delta Phi, the National French Honor Society. This summer Ms. Lopez, will spend six weeks in Avignon, France studying French language, literature, and civilization at the Institute for American Universities.

Caption: Pi Delta Phi Summer 2009 Scholarship winner Ms. Juana Lopez will study in Avignon.

In her senior year at California State University at Long Beach, Juana Lopez is majoring in French, and planning on receiving her BA in 2010. The Yedlicka scholarship has just made possible for Ms. Lopez the chance to study in France, which would have been otherwise impossible. On the Deans's List at Cal State Long Beach for the past two semesters, she is eager to put the same commitment and performance that earned her this recognition towards studying in Avignon and discovering, for the first time, the new impressions and perspectives that come from living abroad in another society with a different language and history. Ms. Lopez will be able to indulge her passion for things French: literature, art, and joie de vivre, the knowledge and lasting impressions of which she will carry over with her into the classroom, since her professional goal is teaching. Dr. Aparna Nayak-Guercio, Co-Director of the French program and Moderator of the Zeta Theta chapter, at California State University at Long Beach, nominated Juana Lopez for the Pi Delta Phi award, with supporting letters from Dr. Stephen H. Fleck, Professor of French, and Dr. Najib Redouane, Assistant Professor of French and Arabic.

Pi Delta Phi Facebook Group Created

Please help to spread the word about Pi Delta Phi's new Facebook group to your students. The group is primarily for students and alums, but faculty moderators are also welcome to join. A free Facebook account is needed; 145 individuals are currently members of the group.

Félicitations!

We join in congratulating Dr. John J. Janc, Vice President for the North-Central Region, for recently being elected a member of l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques.

Donations to Pi Delta Phi

Please remember that Pi Delta Phi is a nonprofit organization that allows many qualified students in French to benefit immensely from its generous yearly Summer Scholarship programs to selected francophone universities abroad. We know you value what Pi Delta Phi awards these students, and we ask you for any financial support you can provide our French honor society. We all acknowledge the fact that giving makes a difference.

*Grand' Merci from the Newsletter Editor
Each year I again wholeheartedly thank each and every contributor to the PI DELTA PHI Newsletter, for without you there would be no news: the Summer Scholarship recipients whose unique personalized thank you letters recreate their unforgettable summers in francophone areas and encourage others to persevere in their studies of French; the individual chapters themselves, each constantly adding new members and lending their time and efforts to promoting French and francophone studies; the diligent and dedicated chapter moderators, some of whom have served the organization for over twenty years; the student chapter officers with their enthusiastic reports of field trips to films, concerts, and all things francophone; and those without whom you would not receive these pages: my departmental assistant Jessica Weaver, the layout staff in the university's graphics services, the printers in their publications department; and the bulk mailers with whom final arrangements are made for labeling and mailing to each chapter moderator a set of more than three hundred newsletter copies. Ultimately, the PI DELTA PHI Newsletter that you receive is the result of the combined efforts of individuals like you. I personally am indebted to all contributors, and ask that you continue to send newsworthy material to us to make the Newsletter even better. Merci infiniment.*

Karen Renick
Newsletter Editor

Spring 2009 Chapter News

Editor's Note

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ZETA CHI chapter at California Lutheran University [CLU] in Thousand Oaks, CA in combination with the CLU French Club and the Study Abroad Program held an extremely well-attended crêpe party with over 60 attendees enjoying crêpes au fromage et au jambon, with jam and piles of chantilly, and of course, who could forget the Nutella. They very recently enjoyed a pot-luck francophone dinner with couscous and mint tea, quiche, onion soup, truffes au chocolat, and many other delicacies. The Zeta Chi initiation was held during the CLU Festival of Scholars on the evening of Monday, April 27 in the Scandinavian House, a private home adjacent to the CLU campus. Three new regular members were initiated, each of whom introduced and read a francophone literary work: Christina Aamodt (“Le Dormeur du val” by Arthur Rimbaud), Jeremy Swenson (a selection from Eugène Ionesco’s “La Cantatrice chauve”) and Jessica Weaver (“Il Pleut,” from Guillaume Apollinaire’s Calligrammes). The three new Honorary members are Dr. Rainer Diriwaechter, Mme Halyna Kornuta and Mlle Khoa Nguyen.

At this initiation, we had the honor of using our new replacement banner as well as our new table wrap. (Cf. photos.)



Zeta Chi new members from left to right: Dr. Rainer Diriwaechter, Mme Halyna Kornuta, Jeremy Swenson, Jessica Weaver, Khoa Nguyen and Christina Aamodt



Zeta Chi's new table wrap making its debut at the Spring 2009 initiation on Monday, April 27.



Several Zeta Chi members at its April 27 initiation. From left to right in second row: Dr. Russell Stockard, Dr. Rainer Diriwachter, Mme Halyna Kornuta, Jeremy Swenson, Jessica Weaver and Khoa Nguyen. From left to right in front row: Tingting Xiao, Mme Lisa Loberg, Vicky Delmas, Melissa Leman-Coco, Christina Aamodt and Dr. Richard Derderian.

New Chapter Installed March 2

Please welcome chapter XI THETA to Pi Delta Phi. Xi Theta was installed at Texas Christian University on March 2 by Interim West Vice-President Dr. Mary Gutermuth. The Faculty Moderator is Dr. Marie Schein.

Mu Iota Holds Initiation Ceremony

The Mu Iota Chapter, State University of New York at Geneseo, inducted thirteen undergraduate students and one honorary member on April 22, 2009: Elizabeth Barber, Andrew Buttram, Margaret Fogg, Linda Hildenbrand, Alaina Iacobucci, Kathleen Jones, Alex Kovalovsky, Christiana Martin, Lindsey Martin, Julia McDaniel, Stephanie Murdock, Kyle Rodrigues, Breana Sullivan, and Dr. Edward R. Van Vliet. Chapter President Sarah Dziekonski and Chapter Moderator Dr. Beverly J. Evans officiated.

Also in attendance were faculty members Ms. Baer, Drs. Bernard, Delgado, Klima, McEwen, Mme Rosette Ptak, and Ms. Jasmine Tang, as well as parents of inductees.



Mu Iota chapter initiation at SUNY at Geneseo

Nu Rho Chapter Holds Initiation Ceremony

The **NU RHO** chapter held its annual initiation ceremony on February 17, 2009, at Washington College. The ceremony celebrated the achievements of four new members: Mary DiAngelo, Nadeline Fleischer, Shaina Garrison, and Maura McLoughlin.



The members of Washington College's chapter of Pi Delta Phi (from left to right):(back row) Nadeline Fleischer, Ryan Coulson, Delores Richards, Maura McLoughlin (middle row) Katie Poore (vice-president), Mindy Rosso (president), Kristine Komorowski (treasurer), Mary DiAngelo (seated) Shaina Garrison, Elizabeth Batemen (secretary)

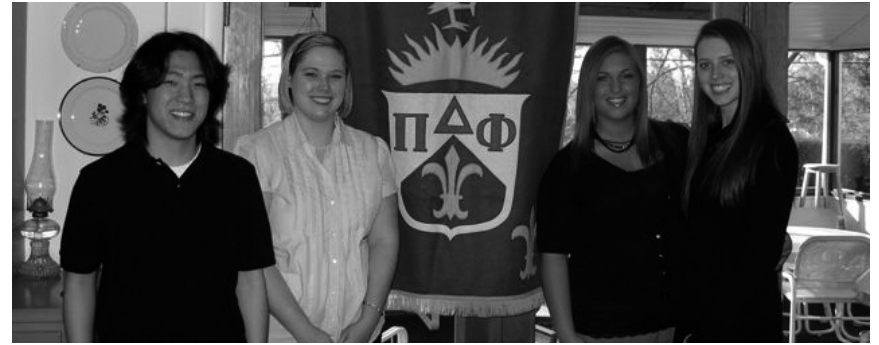
Two New Chapters to be Installed in April of 2009

XI IOTA chapter at Linfield College, McMinnville, OR, and XI KAPPA chapter at University Of Oklahoma in Norman, OK plan their installation ceremonies in 2009. More news on these chapters will be posted in the fall edition of the Pi Delta Phi Newsletter 2009.

Iota Mu Chapter Holds Annual Initiation Ceremony

The Albright College Pi Delta Phi chapter Iota Mu held its annual initiation ceremony at the home of Professor Ann Myers on April 5, 2009. The following four students were initiated: Kara Lucas, Nora Hassan, Ryan Mattice and Amanda Reed.

Other student members and faculty attending the ceremony and a chapter dinner were Tyler Arcara, Margot Collins, Jennifer Conway, Susan Cwalina, Simon Foster, Stephanie Franchetti and Colleen O'Donnell and Professors Judith Geiser, Adam John and Julien Vick.



Iota Mu Spring 2009 Initiates Kara Lucas, Nora Hassan, Ryan Mattice and Amanda Reed.



Iota Mu chapter members gather for a photo at the Spring 2009 initiation ceremony on April 5, 2009.

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