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The University of Texas at Arlington Recognized as Phi Kappa Phi Chapter of Excellence

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA — The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi recently recognized the campus chapter at The University of Texas at Arlington as a Chapter of Excellence. The award, presented at the organization's national biennial convention last month in Kansas City, Mo., is given to chapters that excel in recognizing and promoting academic excellence in all fields of higher education and engaging the community of scholars in service to others.

“Those chapters that have earned Chapter of Excellence status are led by committed officers who give generously of their time and talent to honor outstanding students,” said Perry A. Snyder, the Society's executive director. He added, “Officers of award-winning chapters live out their personal commitment to honor and excellence through Phi Kappa Phi.”

By receiving the Chapter of Excellence distinction, The University of Texas at Arlington's chapter is being recognized as a thriving organization that meets frequently, holds annual initiations and applies frequently for Phi Kappa Phi's select scholarships, grants, and fellowships. The Chapter of Excellence Award includes:

- a citation from the Society president
- a commendation letter sent to chapter officers and campus administration
- special recognition on Society Web site, publications and at Phi Kappa Phi's National Convention
- specially designed logo for use in chapter communications
- \$500 award

More About Phi Kappa Phi

Founded in 1897 and headquartered in Baton Rouge, La., Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society. Phi Kappa Phi inducts annually approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni. The Society has chapters on more than 300 select colleges and universities in North America and the Philippines. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors. Faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify.

Since its founding, more than 1 million members have been initiated. Some of the organization's more notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, NASA Astronaut Wendy Lawrence, writer John Grisham, opera singer Renee Fleming, journalist and broadcaster Deborah Norville and Netscape founder James Barksdale.

The Society has awarded approximately \$13 million since the inception of its awards program in 1932. Today, more than \$700,000 is awarded annually to qualifying members and non-members through graduate fellowships, undergraduate study abroad scholarships, member and chapter awards and grants for local and national literacy initiatives. The Society's mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

For more information on Phi Kappa Phi, please call 1-800-804-9880 or visit www.PhiKappaPhi.org.