

***IT'S ALL ABOUT US!:* CHAPTER REPORTS**

Please welcome these new chapters awarded since the last issue:

Chi Eta Chapter #273, State University of New York Brockport, Brockport NY

Chi Kappa Chapter #274, Gonzaga University, Spokane WA

Chi Mu Chapter #275, George Mason University, Fairfax VA

Phi Theta Chapter #26, William Jewell College, Liberty MO



Eta Alpha Chapter #142, San Francisco State University, San Francisco CA

San Francisco State University conducted their annual initiation ceremony on April 29, 2016.



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Beta Theta Chapter #188, Capital University, Columbus OH

Capital University Phi Sigma Iota Induction Ceremony, 2017. From left to right: Aurelia McMahon, Aubrey Searcy, Marlee McCloud, Emese Chmielewski, Mainelys Castaneda-Ceballos, Miguel Davalos, Celia M. Kelly, Jenna Zuberi and DaCota C. Hollar



Beta Tau Chapter #197, California State University Chico, Chico CA

Beta Tau adviser, Dr. Char Prieto organized the Phi Sigma Iota Induction Ceremony, held in April, 2017. Thirty new members from eight languages were inducted. Grant donor and alumnus Memo Keswick attended the ceremony to present the Study Abroad Award to PSI member Samuel Cremo. Dean Emeritus Walter Masuda was the invited speaker. His talk was entitled “The Social and Cognitive Effects of Learning International Languages.”



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Beta Omega Chapter #202, Binghamton University, Binghamton NY



Gamma Xi Chapter #215, Cabrini College, Radnor PA

On Friday evening, April 21, 2017, the Gamma Xi Chapter at Cabrini University inducted nine new members into the honor society (Darian Caputo, Courtney Curcio, Shannon Donnelly, Emely Gutierrez, Melissa Matsanka, MaryKate Sapata, Jessica Tennett, Samantha Torres, and Todd Walker). Student officers and members prepared and directed the initiation by lighting the ceremonial candles as they read the contributions of world languages to universal culture. The keynote speaker for the evening was alumna Brittany Giampola, 2010, and member of the Cabrini Phi Sigma Iota Chapter. In closing the ceremony, the current President, Sarah Davis, shared with the group her personal journey with the study of Spanish. In celebration of such a momentous occasion, the evening concluded with a delicious light dinner shared by parents, students and faculty.



Gamma Sigma Chapter #219, Mercyhurst University, Erie PA

The Gamma Sigma chapter at Mercyhurst University held its induction on May 3, 2017. Inductees included: Morgan Wangler (French), Susan Baltes (Spanish), Michaela Gerace (Spanish), Cole Lowe

(Spanish), Aleiqué Allen (Chinese) and (not pictured) Kayley Morrison (Russian Studies) and Caitlin Nalipa (Spanish).

The guest speaker was Mercyhurst alum Sarah Keene (French and Russian Studies '08), who spoke about her two years with the Peace Corps in Cameroon and her



present work with the Peace Corps' national office in Washington, DC. She is pictured here with Dr. Douglas Boudreau, chair of the Department of World Languages and Cultures.



Epsilon Beta Chapter #227, University of Evansville, Evansville IN

The Epsilon Beta chapter of Phi Sigma Iota at the University of Evansville held its annual initiation ceremony on Sunday afternoon, March 19th in the Ridgway University Center. Two students were inducted into membership. New members include Tatiana Czajkowski and Caitlin Kaleri. At this year's ceremony, Russian and Classical Languages were highlighted. Faculty advisor Ann Baker gave the opening remarks and welcomed the new members. PSI president Megan King conducted the ceremony along with officers Amanda Alexander and Clarissa Eckert. A dessert reception for members, initiates, faculty and friends followed the ceremony. The Epsilon Beta chapter has initiated 176 members since it was installed in April 2000.



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Zeta Alpha Chapter #241, Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond LA

On Wednesday, November 15 the Department of Languages and Communication inducted a new group of students into Zeta Alpha Chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, International Foreign Language Honor Society. This is the eighth time when the Department recognizes the outstanding ability of its students. This year inductees are students who major or minor in Spanish, French, and Italian: Kerry Taylor, Victoria Brigalia, Cassandra Schweibert, Daniel Berroa, Jennifer Spivey, Simone Bringhamti.

After the initiation ceremony faculty and students enjoyed a dinner together.

The initiation ceremony took place in the restaurant Michabelle and was presided by Dr. Lucia Harrison, Head of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures and Dr. Agnieszka Gutthy, PSI faculty advisor



Zeta Epsilon Chapter #248 Spring Hill College, Mobile AL



Iota Chi Chapter #258, Chicago State University, Chicago IL

On April 14, 2017 the Iota Chi Chapter #258 at Chicago State University inducted four new members to the Society in the academic programs of English Technical Writing and Bilingual Education with Minor in French and Spanish respectively. The memorable ceremony started with a warm welcome and brief history of the Society by the Chapter Advisor, Dr. Virginia Shen. The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. LeRoy Jones II, was first invited to deliver words of encouragement to students, followed by a remark by Dr. Kelly Ellis, Chair of the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Literatures, and Interdisciplinary Programs. After being introduced to the aims and ideals of Phi Sigma Iota and agreeing to uphold the beliefs and the objectives of the Society, new members were inducted. The ceremony concluded with the lighting of new members' candles by faculty members to symbolize the passing on of friendship, research, and languages to the next generation. Elections for 2017-2018 chapter officers were held. The following are the new officers: President-Norma Sanchez, Vice-President-Jazmine Ochoa, Secretary/Treasurer-Ylda Rodarte. The Initiation Ceremony was well attended by more than thirty-five PSI-CSU members, families, faculty, administrators, and staff, and concluded with a reception.



Chi Epsilon Chapter #271, Lee University, Cleveland TN

