



Phi Beta Kappa
Induction Ceremony

The College of Wooster
Saturday, May 11, 2024

Kappa of Ohio

Founded 1926

2024 OFFICERS

Emily Armour	<i>President</i>
Missy Schen	<i>Vice President</i>
Zachary Sharrow	<i>Secretary</i>
Jon Breitenbucher	<i>Treasurer</i>

FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS OF PHI BETA KAPPA

Beatrice Adams	<i>History</i>
Emily Armour	<i>Educational Technology</i>
Paul Bonvallet	<i>Chemistry</i>
Jennifer Bowen	<i>Mathematics</i>
Jon Breitenbucher	<i>Educational Technology</i>
Laura Burch	<i>French & Francophone Studies</i>
Susan Clayton	<i>Psychology</i>
Tracy Cosgriff	<i>Art History</i>
Claire Eager	<i>English</i>
Jennifer Faust	<i>Chemistry</i>
Heather Fitz Gibbon	<i>Sociology and Anthropology</i>
Marian Frazier	<i>Statistical & Data Sciences</i>
Mark Graham	<i>Religious Studies</i>
Manon Grugel-Watson	<i>Physics</i>
Kate Gullatta	<i>APEX</i>
Misty Hostetler	<i>Student Affairs</i>
Kent Kille	<i>Political Science</i>
Matthew Krain	<i>Political Science</i>
Colby Long	<i>Mathematics</i>
Sharon Lynn	<i>Biology</i>
Matthew Mariola	<i>Environmental Studies</i>
Anne Nurse	<i>Sociology</i>
Anne Ober	<i>Wellness Center</i>
Lisa Panepento	<i>Admissions</i>
Lisa Perfetti	<i>French and Francophone Studies</i>
Missy Schen	<i>Educational Assessment</i>
Elizabeth Schiltz	<i>Philosophy</i>
Paul Seling	<i>APEX</i>
Zachary Sharrow	<i>Libraries</i>
Gregory Shaya	<i>History</i>
John Siewert	<i>Art History</i>
Sarah Sobeck	<i>Chemistry</i>
Christina Welsch	<i>History</i>
Mark Wilson	<i>Earth Sciences</i>

EMERITUS FACULTY MEMBERS AND AFFILIATED SCHOLARS OF PHI BETA KAPPA

Daniel Bourne	Linda Hults	Elena Sokol
Richard Figge	Charles Kammer	Claudia Thompson
John Gabriele	Marilyn Loveless	Andrew Weaver
David Gedalecia	David McConnell	Mark Weaver
R. Stanton Hales	Eric Moskowitz	
Charles Hampton	David Powell	

CEREMONY

<i>Presiding</i>	Emily Armour
<i>History of Society</i>	Jon Breitenbucher Zachary Sharrow
<i>Charge to Initiates</i>	Emily Armour
<i>Presentation of Initiates</i>	Beatrice Adams Jennifer Bowen Mark Graham Missy Schen Paul Seling Sarah Sobeck

STUDENT INDUCTEES

Class of 2024 Inducted as Juniors

Tobin Francis Chin	Audrey Helmreich	Gabriel Thomas
Colin Curnow	Kelsey Anne McEwen	Tyara Thompson
Max Forhan	Katherine Olson	Ainsley Wiesner
Trinity Harmon	Eddie Papp	

Class of 2024 Inductees

Alona Abufarha	Elizabeth Eve Jha	Athena Marie Tharenos
Abigail Elizabeth Aitken	Ritwik Mukesh Jha	Diana Frances Tobin
Keeyeon Choi*	Yubin Kim	Ann Virginia Venditti
Fritz Clingroth*	Julie Anne Larick	Liam Adrian Walker
Emma Elizabeth Connors	Laurel Anne Lasch	Anna Simone Walsh
Vincent Andrew DiLeo	Henry Norvell McMahan	Eleanor Weiker
Jack Martin Donahue	Eve Alicia Painter	Taemour Shoaib Zaidi
Rachael Nicole Dudziak	Willow Harper Reddish	*indicates a student inducted in absentia
Kiki Giles	Jason Robert Stewart	*indicates a student who will be inducted next year
Emily Ann Greenland	James Jett Tang*	

Class of 2025 Inductees

Shahad Al-jarah	Alexis Leigh Sarne	*indicates a student who will be inducted as a senior
James Edwin Howrey	Azjargal Sosorsuren	
Frances Zoe Readshaw	Spencer Marshall West-Hest†	

Brief History of Phi Beta Kappa

Founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest academic honor society. New England branches were founded at Yale in 1780 and Harvard in 1781. During the next 50 years, four more chapters were founded. By 1875, the society extended the privilege of membership to women. By 1883, 25 local chapters existed, and the need for closer unity and greater uniformity of practices led to the organization of the national body: the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa. Today, Phi Beta Kappa has chapters at 286 of the foremost institutions of higher learning across the country, with a membership exceeding 500,000.

The society's name is formed by using the first letters of the phrase *Philosophia Biou Kybernetes*, "Love of wisdom, the guide of life." One cannot apply for membership in Phi Beta Kappa. Members are elected by the chapters from the junior class and from senior degree candidates in the liberal arts and sciences, all of whom are in the top 10% of the graduating class.



The Phi Beta Kappa Key

Originally designed in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa's small gold key has become one of the nation's most celebrated emblems, a mark of distinction recognized by members and nonmembers alike. For over two hundred years, the letters SP on the back have stood for *Societas Philosophiae*, while the three stars represent what the founders believed were the ambitions of all young scholars: friendship, morality, and literature (learning).



PBK Prize Winner 2024

Gabriel Thomas is a philosophy major and biology minor from Columbus, Ohio. His Independent Study, titled "In Balance with This Life, This Death: An Analysis of the Evil of the Death and the Ways in Which Death Leads to Meaning," argued for the importance of confrontations with mortality in leading to a meaningful life. He has been a four-year member of the men's soccer team, an editor for the arts & entertainment section of *The Wooster Voice*, the treasurer and an editor for the student-run philosophy journal *Sapere Aude*, and the student liaison to the Philosophy Department. He has also worked as a professional writing consultant for the Writing Center and served as the teaching apprentice for the classes *On the Meaning of Life* and *Logic & Philosophy*. Thomas has been elected to the philosophy honor society, Phi Sigma Tau, in which he served as the vice president, and he has been awarded the Ronald E. Hustwit Prize in Philosophy and the John F. Miller Prize in Philosophy on top of being selected for the Dean's List and the NCAC Academic Honor Roll. Upon graduating, Thomas plans to spend a year traveling and getting some living done before enrolling in either a Ph.D. program in philosophy, where he would pursue teaching upon completion of the degree, or law school.

