



PHI BETA KAPPA SOCIETY



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BOWDOIN COLLEGE

May 22, 2020

Dear Nominees for Membership in Phi Beta Kappa:

Congratulations on the impressive honor you have earned through your hard work. Your academic record at Bowdoin is among the finest in the nation, and your membership in Phi Beta Kappa will forever demonstrate to others that high level of achievement. In joining Phi Beta Kappa, you will take your place among a long history of luminaries, who include transformative figures in a broad range of disciplines, from sports to entertainment to law to business.

Above all, Phi Beta Kappa celebrates the life of the mind. In recent months, we have all been reminded of how easily what we take for granted can be forever altered. As the world changes, new challenges arise, and new opportunities present themselves. We know that you have the talent, the diligence, and the enthusiasm to make a difference in all the activities in which you engage and the causes to which you dedicate yourself. The unique point of view that you have cultivated through your commitment to your studies will prove a remarkable resource for you. Nurture it!

As members of the Class of 2020, you are already experiencing traditions transformed. Let this be an invitation to continue to think in new ways and to reexamine inherited wisdom. In so doing, remember all you and your classmates have done to serve the Common Good, including helping to ensure the welfare of those around you in recent weeks. We thank you for your compassion and hope it will always guide your choices.

Please enjoy the following booklet, which will provide you with a record of our first-ever online nomination ceremony and an overview of how Phi Beta Kappa has played an important role in the history of Bowdoin College since 1825.

Welcome to Phi Beta Kappa!

Sincerely,



Anne Collins Goodyear
President, Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Maine
Co-Director, Bowdoin College Museum of Art



Janet M. Martin
Vice President, Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Maine
Professor of Government, Bowdoin College



Karl Maria Fattig
Secretary/Treasurer, Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Maine and Systems /
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Phi Beta Kappa Nominees

Alpha of Maine Chapter

May 2020

On May 20, 2020, the following twenty-three students were nominated for membership in Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Maine, based on their academic records through the conclusion of their senior year:

KATHERINE BROWNELL BACALL	ZACHARY C. LeBLANC
ANNA PATTERSON BARNES	KATHLEEN LOUISE MORRISON
NATHAN OSIASON BLUM	AUDREY JEAN MUSCATO
CARMEN E. CATERINA	PHOEBE REED NICHOLS
EMILY ANN COHEN	JOHN PATRICK O'CONNOR
IDA FRANCES CORTEZ	ELEANOR JYOTI SAPAT
WILLIAM HOWARD DeBRUYNKOPS	JULIANNE EMMA SCHOLES
OLIVIA KATHERINE GILES	CAROLINE CLARKE SHIPLEY
STEPHEN J. GREEN	ABIGAIL WHITE SILSBY
RIENA SUZANNE HARKER	SARAH K. WALKER
JACKSON NIALL HARROWER	FELICIA FEIXIA WANG
MARINA CLAIRE HENKE	

They join the following twelve students nominated on March 3, 2020:

HUMA AYAZ DADACHANJI	ANNA ELISE McDERMOTT MARTENS
CAROLINE LOUISA DAIGLE	ACADIA ELIZABETH MEZZOFANTI
DOUGLAS DANIEL DUBOSKY	EMILY REBECCA OLEISKY
CAROLINE BROWN FARBER	BENNETT HENRY SNEATH
JESSICA ELAINE FRIEDMAN	IAN TIDRICK WARD
THEODORA KRISTEN HURLEY	SILAS WUERTH

In addition to these twelve students nominated in October 7, 2019:

REBECCA LEAH TOBACHNIK BERMAN	IZZY GRACE HALLE
GRACE LOUISE CAWDREY	SAMUEL AUDEN HARDER
TORI JEAN CLARKE	ALANNA JOY HASLAM
GRACE ANN FENWICK	LAURA HAZEL CHRISTINA HOWELLS
LUCIA WETHERBEE GAGLIARDONE	TESSA TRUE PETERSON
CHARLOTTE MARIE HALL	PAULINE MARIE UNIETIS

**Alpha of Maine
Annual Meeting
Studzinski Recital Hall
Via Zoom
May 22, 2020
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. (EDT)**

AGENDA

Call to Order

PBK President Anne Collins Goodyear

Greetings from the College

President Clayton Rose

Election and Initiation of New Members

Secretary/Treasurer Karl Maria Fattig and PBK President Anne Collins Goodyear

Greetings from Phi Beta Kappa

Carol O'Donnell, Senator, New England District

A Brief History of Phi Beta Kappa

Secretary/Treasurer Karl Maria Fattig

Election of Officers

Nominations Committee Chair, Elizabeth Davis

Adjournment

PBK President Anne Collins Goodyear

Minutes
Annual Spring Meeting
Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Maine
May 24, 2019

The annual spring meeting of Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Maine was held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 24, 2019, in Kanbar Auditorium of the Studzinski Recital Hall, with President Katherine Dauge-Roth presiding. About 220 people were present. A breakfast reception in the lobby preceded the meeting.

The minutes of the May 25, 2018, annual meeting were read by the secretary.

The treasurer then gave the treasurer's report: at the time of the meeting, the chapter had no bank account—the chapter charged no local dues. He also noted that the dean of academic affairs of the College has for some time paid the initiation fees for all new members as a tangible “Phi Beta Kappa Prize” in recognition of the significant academic achievement of being elected, and also supported the chapter by funding the reception prior to the annual meeting.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following students for membership:

MARK E. BEHAR	SAMUEL JEREMY LEWIS	MARINA BLAIR STAM
EVELYN ROSE VICTORIA BELIVEAU	CATHERINE LIU	DAVID WALLACE STEINER
NATASHA ANN BELSKY	GIDEON SLOCUM MOORE	YIJIE SUN
SYDNEY ISABELLA BENJAMIN	BRANDON SCOTT MORANDE	SYDNEY V. TO
MATHIEU HUDSON BIALOSKY	KACIE JEAN NELSON	KATHARINE REBECCA TORREY
ZIHAO CHEN	JESSICA ELAINE PIPER	DANIEL WALTER VIELLIEU
IVY STELLA ELGARTEN	KYLE MARIUS POLSON	EVAN ALDEN WALTERS
JULIAN ROBB GARRISON	HANNAH EVE PUCKER	JOHN ROBINSON WARD
ALEXA GRAY	BENJAMIN ALEXANDER RATNER	ISAIAH SMELTZER WEST
DAKOTA ROE GRIFFIN	AMALIA ROTH	DANA MILLER WILLIAMS
CATHERINE KENNEDY HANSON	NOAH SAYER ROTHMAN	ERIK WURMAN
EDWARD HUGO SLOAN HENTOFF	SOPHIE ANNE SADOVNIKOFF	MONICA XING
COLBY TIGHE JONCAS	DEREK MARTIN SEDERMAN	DEREK JONATHAN YAU
MIKAYLA STARBIRD KIFER	ZOE ELANA SHAMIS	JAE MIN YOO
SUSANNAH CLAIRE LAWHORN	ALEKSIA MIRA SILVERMAN	VICTORIA ESTELLE YU
HYUNGYU LEE	SIERRA ELIZABETH SOGHKIAN	PHOEBE BOURGET ZIPPER

All were duly elected, and all presented themselves for initiation into the Society, and were duly initiated and recorded as such, having signed the register.

Carol O'Donnell, Chair, Phi Beta Kappa New England District welcomed the new members into the Society.

The secretary then read a brief history of Phi Beta Kappa.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for the **2019–2020** academic year:

President: Anne Collins Goodyear
Vice-President: Janet M. Martin
Secretary-Treasurer: Karl Maria Fattig

There were no other nominations, and the three were elected to their respective offices.

The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

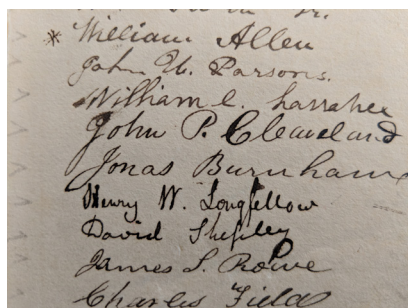
Karl Maria E. Fattig
Secretary-Treasurer

A Brief History of Phi Beta Kappa and Its Role at Bowdoin College ¹

Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious undergraduate honors organization, was founded on December 5, 1776, at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. It was the first society to have a Greek letter name, and in its initial period at William and Mary it introduced the essential characteristics of such societies: a badge, mottoes in Latin and Greek, a code of laws, an elaborate form of initiation, and an oath of secrecy.

In the early years at William and Mary, regular meetings were held for literary exercises, especially composition and debating. Fraternal sentiments were fostered, occasional meetings were held for social purposes, and anniversaries were celebrated in the Apollo Room of the Raleigh Tavern. Incidentally, the College of William and Mary has recreated the Apollo Room in the Phi Beta Kappa Hall on the Williamsburg campus.

The original Phi Beta Kappa Society had an active life of only four years, ending when the approach of the British army under Cornwallis forced William and Mary to close its doors. But the faith of those youthful scholars in the permanence and future greatness of their Society is shown by their preparation of charters for branches in other colleges. The two charters voted upon and granted during that period went to Harvard on December 4, 1779, and to Yale, four days later. The charters were delivered to groups in New Haven and Cambridge the following year, and subsequently the Alpha of Connecticut was established at Yale in November 1780, and the Alpha of Massachusetts came into being at Harvard in September 1781.



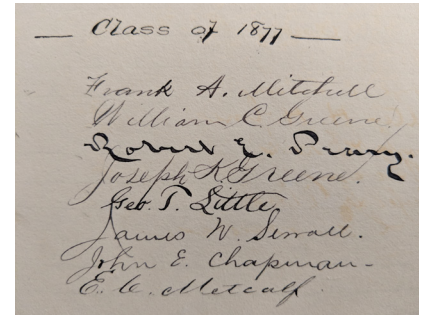
These two chapters largely determined the permanent character of Phi Beta Kappa and shaped its policy in the establishment of other new chapters. They preserved the essential qualities of the William and Mary chapter, but they adopted some changes in procedure to suit local conditions. Shortly before the close of the college year, the members selected from the junior class a small group of leading students who in the following year constituted what they called the “immediate society.” The continuing custom of annual anniversary celebrations led to many significant contributions to American prose and poetry. Ralph Waldo

Emerson delivered an oration at Harvard’s 1837 celebration titled “The American Scholar.” His title was later adopted as the name of Phi Beta Kappa’s quarterly journal.

Phi Beta Kappa spread slowly. Fifty years after the Society’s extension into New England, only four additional chapters had been founded: Alpha of New Hampshire at Dartmouth in 1787; Alpha of New York at Union in 1817; Alpha of Maine at Bowdoin in 1825—making Bowdoin’s the sixth oldest chapter—and Alpha of Rhode Island at Brown in 1830. In each case, the new charters were granted by the concurrent action of the Alphas already chartered.

Incidentally, all of the people who have been initiated into Alpha of Maine have signed the membership book into which the names of our new members will be entered (and which you can make arrangements to sign when you are back on campus). That membership book is carefully kept in the George J. Mitchell Department of Special Collections & Archives in the Hawthorne-Longfellow Library, and it includes the signatures of Henry

Wadsworth Longfellow, Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, Robert Edwin Peary Sr., Cynthia McFadden, many Bowdoin professors and at least one of Bowdoin's presidents, and perhaps the signatures of some relatives of those who are being initiated today. A typed copy of the "declaration" in the front of that book is included in this electronic booklet.



Three important changes marked the first century of Phi Beta Kappa's history. First, the oath of secrecy was discarded in 1831, as the society sought to make itself more transparent. A second change in Phi Beta Kappa was even more fundamental. Originally, Phi Beta Kappa had been a society of congenial spirits, similar in its basis of membership to a present-day fraternity, and in the character of its meetings to a debating or literary club. As time passed, it tended more and more to become an "honor" society, existing to recognize and to foster excellence in liberal learning at the undergraduate level.

This transition from fraternal organization cum literary and philosophical society is in some ways related to Bowdoin's own Alpha of Maine chapter. For, you see, at Bowdoin, membership in Phi Beta Kappa was restricted to graduates from the beginning. As Richard Nelson Current states in his seminal work, *Phi Beta Kappa in American Life*:

At Bowdoin the election procedure was quite different from the very onset. According to the chapter's original bylaws of 1825, there would have to be a unanimous vote, but it would be a vote of graduates, not undergraduates. "No undergraduate shall become a member of this Society." Students would be elected at the end of their senior rather than their junior year, and they would not be initiated until the day after their graduation. This meant, in effect, that the ΦBK men on the faculty would do the electing. Here was a model that other branches were later to imitate.

The reason for this practice was simply that the College already had two very well-established and organized philosophical and literary societies, the Athenaeum Society and the Peucinian Society. There was an intense rivalry between the groups, and in some sense, the Phi Beta Kappa Society sought to bring the bright stars from both groups together in one postgraduate constellation. It also speaks to the bond between faculty and students that has always been a hallmark of the liberal arts colleges in general, and Bowdoin in particular.

A third development was the admission of women in Phi Beta Kappa. The first women were admitted in 1875 at the University of Vermont and in 1876 at Wesleyan University in Connecticut. A few years later, when a general constitution and bylaws were adopted, the right of women to membership was accepted without question. At Bowdoin, we will soon be celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of women students. And now, both Bowdoin and Phi Beta Kappa proudly admit individuals inclusive of all gender identities.

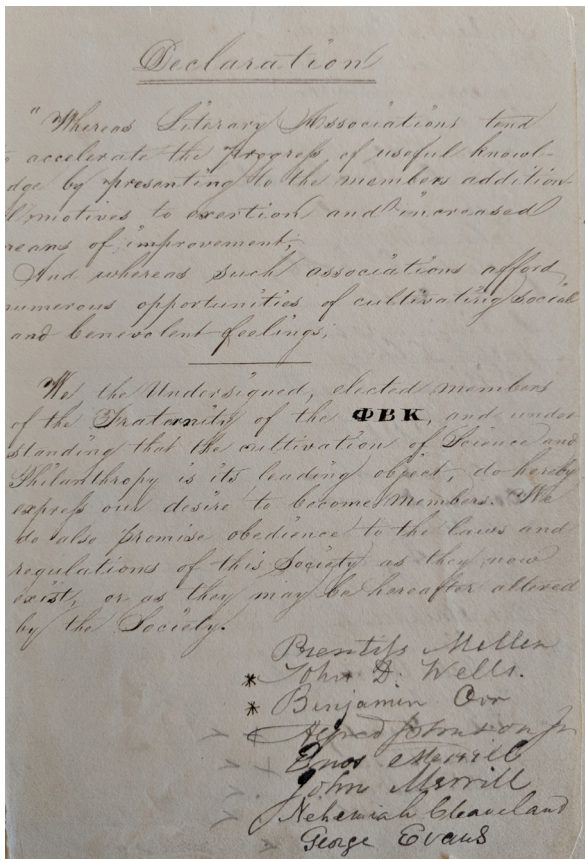
So, Phi Beta Kappa started in Virginia and spread first in New England, but today it has acquired a truly national character. There are 286 campus-based chapters like ours, and in addition there are more than fifty active off-campus Phi Beta Kappa associations that have been formed to foster the Society's educational mission. Over a hundred years ago, in 1910, the living membership of Phi Beta Kappa was barely 10,000. Today it is more than half a million, and now, here at Bowdoin College, we add a superb new cohort to that roster of exceptional people.

¹A history of the organization can also be found on the Phi Beta Kappa website at: pbk.org/History.

PHI BETA KAPPA DECLARATION

WHEREAS LITERARY ASSOCIATIONS TEND TO ACCELERATE THE PROGRESS
OF USEFUL KNOWLEDGE BY PRESENTING TO THE MEMBERS THE
ADDITIONAL MOTIVES TO EXERTION AND
INCREASED MEANS OF IMPROVEMENT,

AND WHEREAS SUCH ASSOCIATIONS AFFORD NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES
OF CULTIVATING SOCIAL AND BENEVOLENT FEELINGS,
WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE FRATERNITY OF THE
ΦBK, AND UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CULTIVATION OF SCIENCE AND
PHILANTHROPY IS ITS LEADING OBJECT, DO HEREBY EXPRESS OUR DESIRE
TO BECOME MEMBERS. WE DO ALSO PROMISE OBEDIENCE TO THE LAWS
AND REGULATIONS OF THIS SOCIETY AS THEY NOW EXIST, OR AS THEY
MAY BE HEREAFTER ALTERED BY THE SOCIETY.



THE STATEMENT
ON THE FRONT END-PAPER OF
THE MEMBERSHIP BOOK
SIGNED SINCE 1825
BY ALL INITIATES INTO
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