

**NC STATE UNIVERSITY**

# **The Phi Beta Kappa Society**



## **Zeta of North Carolina Chapter at North Carolina State University**

### **Initiation of New Members**

**Duke Energy Hall, James B. Hunt, Jr. Library  
North Carolina State University  
24 April 2016  
4:00 P.M.**

# Order of Exercises

## Initiation of Members in Course

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| Call to Order and Greeting .....                                   | <b>Dr. Dean J. Lee</b><br><i>President, Zeta of North Carolina<br/>Professor of Physics</i>   |
| Recognition of College Representatives .....                       | <b>President Lee</b>  |
| The History .....  | <b>Mr. Michael J. Helms</b><br><i>Student Member of the Zeta of North Carolina Chapter</i>  |
| The Ideals .....   | <b>Ms. Meagan E. Briley</b><br><i>Student Member of the Zeta of North Carolina Chapter</i>  |
| Presentation of New Members .....                                  | <b>Dr. Richard L. Blanton</b><br><i>Chair, Committee on Members-in-Course<br/>Past-President, Zeta of North Carolina<br/>Professor of Plant Biology</i>   |
| Conferring of Certificates & Keys .....                            | <b>President Lee</b><br><b>Dr. Thomas L. Wentworth</b><br><i>Secretary, Zeta of North Carolina<br/>Alumni Distinguished Professor of Plant Biology</i><br><b>Mr. Alexander M. Kearney</b><br><b>Mr. Benjamin L. Pierson</b><br><i>Student Members of the Zeta of North Carolina Chapter</i> |
| Greetings from the<br>NC State Alumni Association .....            | <b>Mr. Marcus L. Belvin</b><br><i>President, Board of Directors<br/>NC State Alumni Association</i>   |
| Greetings from the Wake County<br>Phi Beta Kappa Association ..... | <b>Ms. Dana Lindquist</b><br><i>Incoming President<br/>Wake County Phi Beta Kappa Association</i>   |
| The Charge and Recognitions .....                                  | <b>President Lee</b>  |
| Closing .....  | <b>Dr. Blanton</b>  |

**Following the Ceremony:  
A Reception in Honor of the New Members  
(hosted by the College of Sciences)**

## Spring 2016 Initiates

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Anita Michelle Adams      | English; Psychology                                   |
| Jacob Daniel Alfieri*     | English; Statistics                                   |
| Genevieve Ellen Bachmann  | Psychology; Sociology                                 |
| Jean-Luc Thomas Banks     | Biological Sciences; Microbiology                     |
| Kyle Samuel Bingham       | Biochemistry; Biological Sciences;<br>Chemistry       |
| Michael Anderson Brackett | Meteorology   |
| Carolei Terrvera Bryan    | Biological Sciences                                   |
| Glenn Burrell             | Social Work   |
| Amanda Jane Cannon        | Communication; Business<br>Administration             |
| Timothy Gerard Capstaff   | Communication; Interdisciplinary<br>Studies (Russian) |
| Emma Marie Cathell        | Social Work; Spanish Language &<br>Literature         |
| Nikita Chintalapudi       | Biological Sciences                                   |
| Kayla Ann Christianson    | Chemistry; Marine Sciences                            |
| Jessica Leigh Craft       | International Studies; Business<br>Administration     |
| Liam Dalton               | Biological Sciences; Chemistry                        |
| Brian Hudson Darst        | Biochemistry; Biological Sciences                     |
| Destiny Dawn Davis        | Biological Sciences                                   |
| Samantha Lynn Develli     | Psychology  |
| Sabriya Ahnishka Dobbins  | Animal Science; Social Work                           |
| Cassie Jo Doster          | Biological Sciences                                   |
| Marcus Shaun Fath         | Computer Science; Statistics                          |
| Madeline Julia Finnegan   | English; Economics                                    |
| Lauren Isabel Frey        | Women's & Gender Studies;<br>Environmental Sciences   |
| Kaitlin Margaret Fritz    | English; Design Studies                               |
| Meaghan Brittany Gandolph | International Studies                                 |
| Taylor Jacob Garnowski    | Mathematics; Physics                                  |
| Trevor Gasdaska           | Computer Science; Applied Mathematics                 |
| Betelhme Temesgen Gebre   | Biological Sciences                                   |
| Kaitlyn Nicole Godfrey    | Communication; Psychology                             |
| Erika Skye Grandstaff*    | English; Psychology                                   |
| Justin Webb Harker        | Marine Sciences                                       |
| Daniel Quinn Harper       | Mathematics; Economics                                |
| Sawyer Alan Harris        | Electrical Engineering; Physics                       |
| Jessica Michelle Hatcher  | English   |
| Shi He                    | Chemistry   |
| Susan Carol Helmer        | Social Work   |
| Meredith Ellen Hemphill   | Plant Biology; Genetics                               |

## Spring 2016 Initiates, cont'd

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| Samantha Eileen Henke        | Biological Sciences                              |
| Maria Jahja                  | Statistics; Economics                            |
| Lorrinda Kaye Janik          | Social Work                                      |
| Gareth Johnson               | Computer Science; Mathematics                    |
| Lela Johnston                | Political Science                                |
| Laila Knio                   | Psychology                                       |
| Kevin Kristensen             | Chemistry; Mathematics                           |
| Julia Katharine LaFond       | Geology  |
| Christina Grace LaMaire*     | Chemistry; Genetics                              |
| Tessa Rose Loazer            | Political Science                                |
| Alexandria Marie Lofflin     | Natural Resources                                |
| Richard Scott Luetgenau      | Social Work                                      |
| Tyler Evan Maltba            | Mathematics                                      |
| William Marshall Maness      | History  |
| Ahmed Abdulbari Mashal       | Chemistry  |
| Kimberly Myrick May          | Biological Sciences                              |
| Lee J. McAvoy                | Business Administration; Economics               |
| Katherine Nicole McCallister | Social Work                                      |
| Jonathan Joseph McKenzie     | Biological Sciences                              |
| Kelsey Rachael McKinney      | English  |
| Joseph James Meyers          | Mechanical Engineering; Applied<br>Mathematics   |
| Neelam Jignesh Modi*         | Biomedical Engineering; Economics                |
| Catherine Anne Montgomery    | Economics  |
| Karli Addele Moore           | Agricultural Business Management;<br>Chemistry   |
| Sarah Ellen Moore            | Economics  |
| Mitchell Smith Moravec       | Psychology; Materials Science &<br>Engineering   |
| Katherine Hitchcock Myers    | Biochemistry; Marine Sciences                    |
| Gautam Ramakrishnan Nagaraj  | Mathematics; Physics                             |
| Katherine Ashleigh Owens     | Biological Sciences                              |
| Sarah Elizabeth Penry        | Psychology                                       |
| Angela Rose Petrongelli      | Social Work                                      |
| Matthew Steffen Powell       | Chemistry; Physics                               |
| Kiera Ann Quinn              | Biological Sciences                              |
| Vishwas Narasinga Rao        | Biochemistry; Chemistry                          |
| Brinkley Hamilton Raynor     | Animal Science; Science, Technology &<br>Society |
| Grace Michelle Riley         | Sociology; Social Work                           |
| Dana Lyn Saad                | Social Work                                      |
| Carrie Ellen Schroeder       | Biological Sciences                              |

## Spring 2016 Initiates, cont'd

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|-------------------------------|---|
| Kathryn Nicole Scruggs        | Nutrition Science; Women's & Gender Studies |
| Randy Schreiber Shine         | International Studies                       |
| Brandon Patrick Summers*      | Applied Mathematics                         |
| Lauren Taylor Sustar          | Biological Sciences                         |
| Jimmy Tabet*                  | Civil Engineering; Economics                |
| Emma C. Thompson              | Biochemistry                                |
| Whitney Marie Tobin           | Biological Sciences                         |
| Samuel Owen Webster           | Mechanical Engineering; Economics           |
| Stephanie Danielle Wenclawski | Marine Sciences                             |
| Ellyson Diane Williams        | English                                     |
| Emmary Diane Williams         | Psychology                                  |
| Olivia Anne Williams*         | Biological Sciences                         |
| Jackson Daniel Wood           | Psychology                                  |
| Somia Mohamed Youssef         | Political Science                           |
| Lingxiao Zheng                | Computer Engineering; Mathematics           |

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\*Designates those students being inducted as juniors.

## **About Phi Beta Kappa and the Zeta of North Carolina Chapter**

The Zeta of North Carolina Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa was chartered on 17 April 1995, reflecting national recognition of the outstanding quality of the students, programs, and resources for undergraduate education in the liberal arts and sciences at North Carolina State University.

The purpose of the Phi Beta Kappa Society is to recognize and encourage scholarship, friendship, and cultural interests, and to support excellence and integrity in the pursuit of the liberal arts and sciences.

Election to Phi Beta Kappa recognizes intellectual capacities well-employed, especially in acquiring an education in the liberal arts and sciences. Phi Beta Kappa honors and supports an educational process that exalts openness to divergent views, the interplay of ideas, inquiry, and integrity, and the accomplishments of the human mind and spirit.

The objectives of humane learning encouraged by Phi Beta Kappa include the acquisition of knowledge and the cultivation of understanding, support for intellectual honesty and tolerance, and the development of breadth in the range of intellectual interests.

The Phi Beta Kappa Society was founded at the College of William and Mary in 1776. Chapters were established at Harvard, Yale, and Dartmouth before the end of the 18th century, setting a pattern for slow expansion that has continued to the present. Only 280 institutions of higher learning in the United States shelter chapters of Phi Beta Kappa.

There are seven chapters of Phi Beta Kappa sheltered at colleges and universities in North Carolina: the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Alpha, 1904), Duke University (Beta, 1920), Davidson College (Gamma, 1923), Wake Forest University (Delta, 1941), the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (Epsilon, 1956; but originally chartered as a section of the Alpha chapter in 1934), North Carolina State University (Zeta, 1995), and Elon University (Eta, 2010).

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