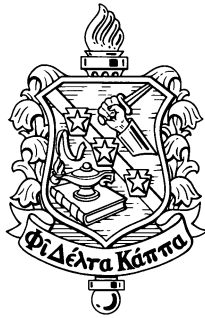
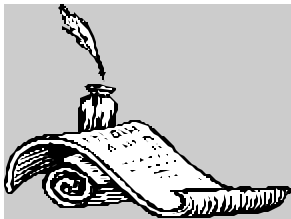


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Dear PDK Members,

We are happy and honored to welcome eight new initiates to Phi Delta Kappa Chapter 26. By nominating worthy colleagues for membership to PDK, you help continue and bolster our service initiatives and legacy. Our next initiation ceremony will occur in the spring. Consider nominating educational figures for membership in our fine organization. When you sponsor someone for membership in this prestigious organization, you, they and education receive vast benefits.

A current service project being implemented by Phi Delta Kappa Chapter 26 involves speaking to high school students and their parents about the higher education admissions process. This presentation has been well-received and greatly appreciated. In addition, a number of our members are serving as tutors in various schools in our area. Should you wish to be involved in such service through PDK, or if you have a project proposal, contact me for more information. Dedication to and participation in service opportunities enriches you as a professional while providing an enormous amount of educational assistance and outreach.

I hope to see you soon at one of our events. To stay updated on what is going in your PDK chapter, visit our website at <http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/centers/pdk/>. Also, remember to nominate worthy educators for awards that will be presented at our Spring Banquet.

All the best,
Robyn Dietter



The following individuals were initiated into the University of Virginia Chapter 0026 of Phi Delta Kappa on Sunday, October 19, 2003:

Kirsten Ballentine
Wayne Barry
Kim Doan
Greg Naylor
Margaret Peak
Brandi Piccirilli
Danny Steeper
Christian Steinmetz

Phi Delta Kappa travel desk...

Destinations for 2004:

Alaska Cruise & Land Tour

South America: Brazil, Argentina, & Chile

Italy: Tuscany and the Riviera

Detailed itineraries for the 2004 international seminars will be posted on www.pdkintl.org in November!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Agnor-Hurt Elementary School is looking for volunteers/tutors for their new Book Buddies Reading Program. Volunteers will work one-on-one with a student in first or second grade. The two sessions each week will last approximately 45 minutes in length, preferable on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12:30—2:15 p.m. Other times can be arranged, however, if these times are inconvenient for the volunteer, Tutor training and lesson plans will be developed by a reading specialist and coordinated by an on-site volunteer coordinator. If you have 2 hours a week to make a difference in a child's life, please contact Jeannette Orrock at Agnor-Hurt School (orrock@albermarle.org). *This is a great service opportunity for fellow Kappans!*

Our Mission...

The mission of Phi Delta Kappa International shall be to promote quality education, with particular emphasis on publicly supported education, as essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life.

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October 30, 2003

Fellow Kappan:

Our chapter's support of the Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation has been **strong** and we want to make that support even **stronger**. The foundation provides scholarships, publishes books, sponsors seminars and institutes, and supports other significant activities in the name of public education.

This year, our goal is to achieve 40/40 Club status. To reach this goal, 40 percent of the membership must contribute to the 2004 Annual Fund Campaign – all it takes is \$5 from each member! Achieving such a rate of giving will make our chapter eligible for over \$15,000 in additional scholarship and programming funds. We need your help in achieving this goal and becoming a chapter that strongly supports the good work of the Foundation.

Your 2002-2003 pledge card is enclosed. Please return it today with your gift. The card offers three options: (1) a permanent pledge to be paid in conjunction with your membership dues, (2) a pledge for next year and a gift for this year, and (3) a gift for this year only. Select one of these options today and return the card along with your payment (made payable to the *Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation*) to the address at the bottom of this page.

I am asking you to join me in our collective efforts to support the PDK Educational Foundation. Please use this opportunity to send a positive, strong and supportive message for public education. The Educational Foundation is dependent upon voluntary contributions such as yours to sustain its work.

Remember, all it takes is \$5 to help us achieve our goal of 40/40 Club status. I hope you will help your chapter in achieving this goal. If you have any questions regarding the Annual Fund, additional contributions to our local chapter's scholarship fund, or general inquiries about Phi Delta Kappa, please feel free to contact me at wolcott@virginia.edu.

Best regards,

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