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Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area News

PBKACA Awards 2009 Scholarships

For the first time, our PBKACA Scholarship Committee has chosen to honor two outstanding seniors with our PBKACA Scholarship for 2009. The first recipient is Derrius Quarles who is completing his senior year at Kenwood Academy and will be attending Morehouse College in the fall.



Derrius has a "laser-like" focus on high achievement and is passionate about his education, planning to major in biomedicine and psychology for a career

as a pediatrician. He is the only senior at Kenwood to earn straight A's over the first semester. He also won the Most Academically Talented Science student in 2007-08, a very prestigious award to receive as a sophomore. His courses include nine honors classes and seven AP classes. His chemistry AP teacher and principal commented not only on his "powerful" academic record, but his impressive array of leadership skills, from Student Council president to tutoring K-2nd grade students in math.

Derrius has used his many life challenges and personal obstacles (including being in the foster care system for 12 years) to inspire him to greatness. He told us that he had almost failing grades in the 8th grade when one teacher told him he had great academic potential and mentored him through high school to this day. The teacher calls his cell phone daily "just to see how he is doing."

His poise and maturity and intense interest in learning as well as helping foster children with community outreach programs in the future was one of the many reasons we have chosen Derrius for this honor



Our second honoree is Alexander Langendorf of Lincoln Park High School. Alexander is a thoughtful, creative and aware student who considers "education to

be the ultimate democratic equalizer: the means of social mobility and the root of economic opportunity." He views education as not just a privilege, but also as an opportunity to become a contributing member of the communities to which he belongs. He eagerly accepts the "responsibility of being well rounded and well-read; intellectually grounded with a level head." For this, he believes, "is both the price and promise of citizenship."

Besides his near perfect grades, ACT and SAT scores, Alexander plays tennis, is co-captain of the team and is a member of the Ecology Club. His volunteer interests include the Nature Center and the Howard Area Community Center and his principal also notes that he "reads voraciously and enjoys provocative and richly layered works of fiction which explores the frailties of human existence."

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Living Treasure Award: Abner Mikva



A distinguished PBK key holder, Abner Mikva (pictured at left with Emelda Estell and Judi

Strauss-Lipkin), was the recipient of this year's Living Treasure Award. Mikva received the award at a reception at the Union League Club on Sunday, May 17. Mikva has displayed the ideals of PBK through his many achievements as a U.S. Representative, federal judge, White House legal counsel, and most recently, an informal advisor to Barack Obama's presidential campaign.

After receiving the Living Treasure Award, Mikva gave a thought-provoking speech entitled, "Presidents who are Lawyers: What a Difference it Makes." Mikva argued that lawyers have many qualities that make them well-suited for the presidency, such as training to consider the nuances and variations of a given issue. Lawyers also understand that progress is made through leadership and negotiations. Mikva said, "I don't necessarily think that all presidents should be lawyers. But I think that being a lawyer ought to be an advantage, and it ought to be something that a candidate for president should be able to brag about."

During a lively question-and-answer period, Mikva commented on a variety of subjects, such as the Supreme Court vacancy and the problems with electing judges. Mikva said he recently wrote to President Obama regarding the Supreme Court appointment and urged him to select someone with political experience in order to broaden the range of experiences among the justices. Mikva observed, "I always noted how much narrower my point of view was...when I was a judge as compared to when I was a congressman."

Save the Date - Annual Meeting and Open House

Our Annual PBKACA Business Meeting and Membership Open House meeting will be held on Saturday, September 26 from 10 am-1 pm at the CliffDwellers Club, 220 S. Michigan — with a fabulous balcony and view of Millennium Park. Meet Association board members and Phi Beta Kappa alumni from colleges nationwide and learn about the Association's intellectual, service, and social activities and initiatives. Watch your e-mails for our special speaker!

Key Events and Programs

Join fellow Phi Betes and guests at our wide array of programs and events. Visit www.pbkaca.org for the latest event information and for additional event and service opportunities. You can pay for all events at the Association's website (via PayPal) or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 64-2622, Chicago, IL 60664-2622. You can also use the website to join or renew your membership, to contribute online to the Scholarship Initiative, or send us your news for publishing on the website and in the newsletter. Want the latest news about PBKACA events and initiatives delivered to your e-mail? Just e-mail us at info@pbkaca.org.

Book Discussion Group

One Sunday a Month, 1:30 p.m.



Nix Restaurant at the Knickerbocker Hotel, 163 East Walton Place, Chicago

Upcoming dates and book titles are listed below. Make plans to join us for our discussions! *RSVP to Roslyn Hoffman at rbhoffman@sbcglobal.net.*

July 12: *Alias Grace* by Margaret Atwood

September 13: *Sacco and Vanzetti: The Men, the Murders and the Judgment of Mankind* by Bruce Watson

Spring Cooking Class

Saturday, June 20
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

La Madia, 59 W. Grand Ave., Chicago

Join other PBKACA members and Chef Jonathan Fox as we learn how to cook seasonal spring and summer dishes at La Madia. Chef Fox will demonstrate modern and classic Italian cooking techniques to the group while providing everyone with recipes, samples and wine pairings. Whether you are an aspiring chef or a dedicated "foodie," Chef Fox's class caters to anyone with an interest in delicious Italian summer cuisine. The cost is \$30 per person. To reserve a spot, contact La Madia at (312) 329-0400. After reserving your spot in the class, *RSVP to Sarah Whittemore at sjwhitt22@gmail.com to meet up with other Phi Betes at the event.*

Pay for events through PayPal at www.pbkaca.org or by mailing a check to Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area, P.O. Box 64-2622, Chicago, IL 60664-2622.

For additional PBKACA news and events, sign up for our e-mail list. If you are not receiving our e-mails or if you would like to sign up using a different e-mail address, contact Christopher Kopacz at chris.kopacz@yahoo.com.

Young Professionals Happy Hour

Tuesday, June 30, 6:30 p.m.

Citizen Bar, 364 W. Erie St., Chicago

Come meet and mingle with other PBKACA young professionals at this River North hot spot. Citizen Bar is located in the heart of downtown Chicago and features a rooftop deck and side patio for alfresco drinks and dining. Come relax after work and enjoy the sensational Chicago skyline views while taking in a little summer sun and conversation. *RSVP by*

June 23 to Sarah

Whittemore at

sjwhitt22@gmail.com.



Theater on the Lake

Saturday, July 11, 6 p.m.

Theater on the Lake, Fullerton Ave. at Cannon Dr., Chicago

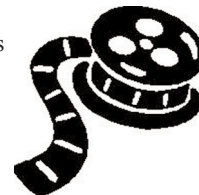
Join us for a PBKACA summer tradition: picnic and theater on Chicago's magnificent lakefront. We will have a picnic on the lawn at 6 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., the Theo Ubique Theatre Company will perform Jacques Brel's Lonesome Loser of the Night. This music revue, directed by Fred Anzevino, premiered to popular acclaim and played to sold out audiences for five months. Through Brel's magical lyrics, this story of love, loss, and hope follows the trials of two sailors at port in a bar in Amsterdam and reveals how relationships bloom and wilt. The *Chicago Sun-Times* called it a "sensational" and "a genuine hit." Cost \$22. *RSVP by July 8 to Judi Strauss-Lipkin at (312) 409-1937 or jstrausslipkin@gmail.com, and pay online or send a check to the PO Box. We will get back in touch to coordinate event details.*

Film Group: Public Enemies

Tuesday, July 21, 6 p.m.

Location TBD

The PBK Film Group series returns with a thrilling and true story, much of which was filmed right here in Chicago. Public Enemies stars Johnny Depp and Christian Bale and chronicles the FBI's hunt for Depression-era gangsters John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, and Pretty Boy Floyd. As usual, we will hold the post-film discussion at a nearby venue. Among the topics for discussion will be the crime sprees of the 1930s, the birth of the FBI, and Chicago's notorious gangster-filled history. Specific details will follow as the event approaches. *RSVP by July 19 to John Ashton at jcashton.il@netzero.net.*



Summer Concert in the Park

Saturday, Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Jay Pritzker Pavilion, 55 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago

Pack a picnic dinner and join fellow PBKACA'ers in Millennium Park to hear the music of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, op. 125. The concert will be performed by the Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus; conductor Carlos Kalmar, soprano Amber Wagner, mezzo soprano Kathryn Leemhuis, and bass Jason Grant. Come early to reserve our space on the lawn and picnic. *RSVP to Judi Strauss-Lipkin at (312) 409-1937 or strausslipkin@gmail.com, and we will get back in touch to coordinate event details.*

IDEAS FOR EVENTS?

Do you have suggestions for future PBKACA activities? Would you like to host or sponsor an event? Whether it's cultural, social, or service-oriented, PBKACA welcomes your event ideas. Contact our programming committee members, John Ashton at jcashton.il@netzero.net, or Sarah Whittemore at sjwhitt22@gmail.com.

PBKACA Member Profile: Sarah Whitemore

Sarah Whitemore joined the PBKACA executive board in early 2009. Only 22 years old, she is the youngest and one of the most active board members. She is an integral part of the Programming Committee, and she has helped plan many recent activities, such as the Young Professionals Happy Hour and the Living Treasure Award reception for Abner Mikva.

Originally from Massachusetts, Sarah graduated summa cum laude from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where she majored in English and double minored in Art History and Sociology.



Sarah came to Chicago to work at Northwestern University's Office of Alumni Relations and Development as a Program Assistant for Major Gifts. Sarah's ultimate career goal involves merging her current professional field of higher education with educational psychology. She plans to earn a Master's degree in education and eventually become a high school guidance counselor.

Sarah says her passion for education can be traced to her parents, who have

dedicated their lives to educating high school students. "It is through their example that I came to value education and 'pursuits of the mind' - a cornerstone of PBKACA's mission and purpose," she explains.

To that end, Sarah joined PBKACA as soon as she moved to Chicago. "I saw it as an opportunity to explore all that the city has to offer with people of a similarly intellectually curious nature. As someone new to the area and in the beginning of my career, PBKACA has provided me with an opportunity to meet and learn from interesting and experienced fellow Phi Betes."

Outside of PBKACA, Sarah volunteers with other groups, including the Chicago Alumnae Association of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Chicago Cares. Her hobbies include art - both classical and modern - as well as traveling and cooking.

If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting Sarah, come to one of the many upcoming PBKACA events, where you'll be more than likely to find her.

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Alexander's plans as he enters Carleton College with a possible double major in mathematics ("enjoying the pursuit of mathematical puzzle solving") and English ("resonating to the ineffable splendor of written language") are to become a teacher and ultimately write a book - "even if not one to be published."

The PBKACA Scholarship Committee, chaired by Emelda Estell and Michael Silverstein, worked closely with Danielle Cox-Jones, Scholarship Program Manager of the Office of High School Programs and the Chicago Public Schools in distributing and collecting information and applications to each Chicago public high school. Award recipients are selected based on academic achievements, leadership ability, extracurricular activities as well as financial need. If they have other scholarship support, PBKACA will consider

that in making our awards (maximum of \$5000 for all recipients per year) or defer the award to future years when less financial aid is available for our winners.

Your donations to our Scholarship Operating Fund and our Scholarship Endowment Fund in the past (and as we continue raising additional funds for current and future winners this year) are invaluable. You can donate now by sending your check to our PO Box or donate online at www.pbkaca.org. All your donations are fully tax-deductible, and 100 percent of the donations go directly to scholarships.

PBKACA also continues to support our College and University based chapters of Phi Beta Kappa. Members of our Executive Board attended the induction ceremonies at Lake Forest, Loyola and Rockford College; in addition, chapters receiving our \$500 awards included Lake Forest and Rockford.

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A Dues Reminder

Your membership dues cover the costs of running your PBK Association - as well as give us a presence in the Chicagoland educational community. We offer free memberships to new graduates from 2008 and 2009 and are working to build an active Young Professionals community for career and social networking. You can pay your dues online at www.pbkaca.org or call us at (312) 409-1937 and we will send you the membership form.

Triennial Council

Phi Beta Kappa's 42nd Triennial Council (meeting of all Chapters, Associations and the National Society) will be held in Austin, Texas on October 1-3, 2009. This year delegates will vote on the creation of four new chapters, the election of Senators, and proposed constitutional changes. Our Association will be represented by President Judi Strauss-Lipkin and Executive Committee member Christopher Kopacz.

On October 1, the local chapters and associations will host the opening reception at the Texas Alumni Center on the University of Texas at Austin campus. After the reception participants will have the option to visit the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library and Museum or the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center. On October 2, there will be an evening reception at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. The museum's exhibits will remain open for the attendees. Thomas Bender, professor of humanities and history at New York University, will speak on "American History in a Global Perspective," on the morning of October 3.

The Council will conclude Saturday evening with a banquet and the presentation of its two most prestigious awards. John E. Seery, professor of politics at Pomona College, will receive the Sydney Hook Memorial Award and Douglas Greenberg, executive dean of the School of Arts & Sciences at Rutgers University, will receive the Award for Distinguished Service to the Humanities.

Have you renewed your annual membership in the PBK Chicago Area Association? Renew now at www.pbkaca.org.

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Member News

Sara Su Jones will perform solo works on the violin at a recital at Roosevelt University's Ganz Hall on Wednesday, June 10. She will be accompanied by award-winning pianist Tatyana Stepanova. Sara Su, a keyholder from Harvard University, is the concertmaster of the Chicago Bar Association Symphony Orchestra and has been a top prizewinner in music competitions throughout the United States and England.

Judy Thornber has joined the Executive Board as our Treasurer. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year at University of Chicago (1962) and is currently Commercial Asset Manager, Invsco Group, Ltd. An attorney who has always been involved in the real estate field, Judy (along with her mom, who passed away recently) has been a fixture at our PBKACA holiday get-togethers at the Devlins.

Judith Krug, former PBKACA President and the current Vice President of the PBK Society died on April 11. Judy was a Director of the Chicago-based American Library Association and a founder of its Banned Books Week.

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