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ECU Student Awarded National Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship

Thomas Harriot College Sociology major Samar Singh has been chosen to receive one of Phi Kappa Phi's 2003 National Fellowship awards for graduate study as well as the ECU chapter's graduate fellowship award.

Born in India, Singh moved to the United States with her family when she was three. She observed first hand the hardships and hard work her parents went through to "make it," and she has vowed to live by their example. The receipt of these scholarships marks her pursuit of her dreams and dedication to excellence.

"My father and mother have always instilled in their children the importance of values such as honesty, persistence, and passion for doing a task well."

Singh graduated with her Sociology degree in May 2003 and will enter the Brody School of Medicine this fall. A recipient of the Brody School of Medicine Early Assurance Scholarship and the Byrd Scholarship, Singh was also active in ECU's undergraduate Honors Program and was designated an ECU Scholar.

Established in 1932, the Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship Program annually awards 52 fellowships of \$8000 each toward postgraduate study at accredited institutions. As winner of the ECU graduate fellowship competition, Singh will also receive the chapter award of \$1500. These awards will be used to support her first year of graduate study here at the Brody School of Medicine. Awards at both the national and local levels are highly competitive, and Singh is the first ECU



student to receive a national award in the history of the ECU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

By extending its interest and eligibility for membership across the entire spectrum of subject matter of the modern university, Phi Kappa Phi calls attention to the fact that the modern world needs a breadth of understanding far beyond that of specialists who focus solely on their particular discipline and unifies diverse scholars in the academy. ☒



Spring 2003 Initiates

The East Carolina University Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi held its spring 2003 Initiation and Awards Ceremony on April 14 at the Hendrix Theatre in the Mendenhall Student Center. Received into the society were one hundred eighteen juniors, seniors, and graduate students in addition to seven faculty members, one distinguished alumna, and one honorary member.

Chapter President Scott Snyder presided at the ceremony and Dr. Thomas Feldbush (past chapter president and current Vice Chancellor for Research, Economic Development and Community Engagement) was the speaker.

Several chapter and national level awards were made. Outstanding freshman was Christopher Smith; co-outstanding seniors were Lindsey Jeffords Caroon and Bernard Lieving III; and Samar Singh received both the chapter and the national graduate fellowships, a first for ECU (for more in-depth information on Singh, see page one of this issue).

Faculty initiates included Patrick Bizzaro, Michael Benjamin Brown, Robin Webb Corbett, Linda Rockwell High, Lynn K. Bradshaw, Garrie W. Moore, and Scott Snowden Wells; Lisa D. Benton was named distinguished alumna; and Don J. Edwards was initiated as an honorary member.

Phi Kappa Phi is East Carolina University's most prestigious honor society open to all disciplines. Academic achievement and personal character are rigorously evaluated before invitations to join are issued.

Juniors

Judith N. Barber*
Brittany Alexandra Bodart*
Sarah Nicole Conway*
Lisa Marie Cordileone*
Marianna M. Dunn*
Martha Alice Fiaschetti*
Joseph Edward Finley, Jr.
Amanda Jane Flynn
Holly Leigh Haddock*
Zachary Joel Harrison*
Michelle Waters Hill
Rena Elizabeth Johnson*
Gail T. Kennedy
Angela Grace Kenward*
Leonard John Lanier*
Mary Kate McDaniel
Brandy R. Moore*
Gloria I. Nieves*
Joshua Eugene Outlaw
Sharon B. Peek
Ryan Matthew Phillips*
Ashley Rebekah Presar*
Meredith Lynn Richardson*
Linda Ann Rusnak*
J. Elizabeth Shank*
Leslie Michelle Smith*
Taft L. Stallings
Katherine Colleen Stille*
Jonathan Alan Stutzman*
Sabra Brew Taylor

Seniors

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LeAnne White Avery
Johnna Noëlle Brantley

Frances Elizabeth Bridger
Marsha Ann Burgess
Richard B. Burnette
Amanda Hazel Caines
Lauren Gray Carrier
Amy Lynn Carroll
Michael Alan Casey
Jessica Lee Cleaton
Kenneth D. Cronin*
Donna Sue Davis
Regina Lee Deuso
Daniel James Drake
Katheron Charée Duffett*
Bridgette Kristine Ennis
Alicia Robin Fish
Rebecca Cheryl Fleenor
George D. Flynn
Sue Ellen Freeman
Jodi Galloway
Bruce Todd Guest
AmyLynn H. Haddock
Katherine D. Harris
Steven E. Howard
Barbara Todd Hutchins
Cristianne Grey Hutchins
Heather Marie Ivy*
Sara Ashley Jones
Jonathan Hargett Kornegay*
Malinda Elizabeth Langley*
William Alex Langley
Dominic Liberatore
Bernard H. Lieving III*
Charles Edmondson Lott
Dorothy Catherine McCanless
Ekua Jameswa Mensah

Diane Helen Miller
Nicholas Vaugh Millner
Christopher T. Moore
Jennifer Britt Moretz
James Kevin Morrow
Kathryn Suzanne Morton
Edward M. Nye
Heather Elizabeth O'Neal
Danielle Elizabeth Parrish
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Heather Margie Peck*
Mark P. Randolph
Adrienne Brook Raxter
Adrienne Dunning Rea*
Lindsey Michelle Reynolds
Shannon Lee Rigling
Kristin K. Ritterbusch
Sarward Elizabeth Russell
Tamara Scherer
Christopher Michael Smith
Nicole Christian Thomas*
Catherine Brooks Tillman
Mary Kathryn Vogel-Mishoe*
Brittany Kathryn Wilkerson
Timothy Scott Wilson
Lisa Lynn Yates
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Robert W. Zegarelli
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Christina T. Miller
Laurel Whitney Moulton
Velvet Nelson
Helene Elizabeth Reilly
Regan Lee Roberts
Christopher G. Smith
Daniel Wayne Smith
Lancen S. Tully
Alethea Elva Williams-King

Faculty

Patrick Bizzaro
Michael Benjamn Brown
Robin Webb Corbett
Linda Rockwell High
Lynn K. Bradshaw
Garrie W. Moore
Scott Snowden Wells

Distinguished Alumna

Lisa D. Benton

Honorary

Don J. Edwards

* indicates all students enrolled in the University Honors Program





Nowaczyk Elected Chapter President

Dr. Ronald H. Nowaczyk has been elected as President of East Carolina University's chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Ron came to ECU from Clemson University in South Carolina having received his Ph.D. in Psychology from Miami University (Ohio) in 1977.

The Chicago native became interested in the academic track of psychology during his senior year at Northwestern University. There he worked with a National Academy of Sciences Professor in Psychology, doing laboratory work as an undergraduate.

Nowaczyk's initial interest in research and memory has developed into the applied research that led him to two sabbaticals outside of an academic setting: at AT&T Bell Laboratories in New Jersey, he studied the psychological aspects of computer use; and

he served as Visiting Scientist at the NASA Langley Research Center where he developed assessment tools for measuring success in collaborative settings. His combination of recent publications and presentations totals over seventy, reflecting his current research interests in team decision making, human-computer interaction, and field sobriety testing; and he has a strong history of grantsmanship, receiving funding from both internal and external sources. Nowaczyk has several works in progress and has provided expert testimony (on Behavioral and Field Sobriety testing and DRE protocol) from Alaska to Florida.

Nowaczyk comments that the ECU chapter has been so successful in its recent years, that he intends to build upon the past and expand the Chapter's engagement with ECU faculty who were PKP members prior to their association with ECU.

Ron has recently accepted the position of ECU's Associate Vice Chancellor for Community Engagement. His wife, Maureen, is a geographic information manager with the Greenville Utilities Commission, and the two of them live in one of their hobbies/interests: an early twentieth-century house in the historic downtown of Washington, North Carolina.

Chapter Sponsors Debate on Death Penalty

ECU's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi continued its tradition of sponsored debates—the most recent of which was held on March 17, 2003. The subject of the debate – "The Death Penalty as a Viable Option in Today's Society"—featured John Pritchard, Esq., Assistant District Attorney of the Second Prosecutorial District of North Carolina, and Ms. Evangelyne Redding Briley, an anti-death penalty advocate who has appeared on numerous talk shows and was married to death-row inmate James Redding Briley. Both debators presented arguments that stimulated thought and discussion.

The state of North Carolina maintains the option of death penalty for first degree murder, which is defined as either the willful, deliberate, and premeditated killing of an individual, or killing while committing another felony. All those currently awaiting execution in North Carolina were convicted and sentenced under the state's revised capital punishment law which became effective June 1, 1977. In 1998, death by lethal injection was made the only method of execution.

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