

SCHOLARSHIPS AND ENRICHMENT GRANTS MAKE PA HISTORY

AND

CREATE GLOBAL FLAMES IN EDUCATION AND TRAVEL PASSIONS

by Janet Lee Hay, Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Chairman

The Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Committee made PA HISTORY this year when it received 27 applications – the most ever! The State Scholarship Committee reviewed, studied, and critiqued each application. After much deliberation, the committee decided to award 20 women educators scholarships and enrichment grants to CREATE GLOBAL FLAMES IN EDUCATION AND TRAVEL PASSIONS at the 74th State Convention at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, June 12, 2011.

Scholarships were presented to two outstanding Alpha Alpha State women educators who are pursuing higher educational study for professional enrichment.

Jamie S. Bieleckie-Quinn, Alpha Sigma, is working on her Ph.D in Educational Psychology at Capella University. She received the Blanche Foster Award and was awarded the Dr. Evelyn L. Milam International Scholarship. Jamie lives in Apollo.

Sharon Ferringer, Alpha Iota, is pursuing a Post Master's K-12 Principal Certificate at Edinboro University. Sharon, from the Erie area, received the Dr. Irene M. Murphy Award.

The Marion Spitzer Roebbling Scholarship was awarded to Karen L. Matis from New Castle and Alpha Sigma Chapter. She received \$999.47 to help defray expenses this summer at IUP to work on a D. Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction.

Seventeen Enrichment Grants were presented to help ignite global flames of travel passions to women who will grow personally and professionally this year...

Patricia H. Brenner from Alpha Beta Chapter in Bedford will travel to Alaska in August.

Gayle A. Field, Tafton, and Sharon Herzog, Honesdale, are members of Phi Chapter. They will be traveling together in late August/early September on a 12 night cruise to Scandinavia, the Netherlands, Germany, Estonia, and Russia.

Louise L. Garverick, our 2001-2003 Past State President from Beta Kappa Chapter in the Gettysburg area, will be taking a 3 day visit to Barcelona, Spain, and a 12 day cruise in the Mediterranean which will include 7 ports of call.

Barbara Giuffrida, a member of Beta Pi, lives in Wayne. She will be doing a Homestay travel program in Spain and Italy in September. This is through the Center for Cultural Interchange.

Elizabeth Johnson is from Strasburg and Chi Chapter. She is taking an architectural research tour of the Palatine area of Germany in late July. This will aid in her retirement project of restoring her 1787 Catherine Barge House museum in Strasburg.

Margo A. Keefer and Amy L. Miehl both live in the Erie area and are members of Gamma Chapter. They will attend the Costa Rica Natural Paradise Tour from July 8-18. This experience will enrich their teaching of the Rainforest to their third graders.

Jane L. Long and Marion Young will be taking a trip to the People's Republic of China from October 7-21. They will be completing 2 travel sites on their "Bucket List" – the Great Wall of China and the Terra Cotta Warriors. Jane and Marion are members of the Beta Delta Chapter in York.

Sandra K. Millin resides in Confluence, PA, which is in America's County – Somerset County - and is a member of Alpha Delta. Dr. Millin has traveled to 49 states – now with the help of enrichment grant money, she will travel to her 50th state, Alaska, in late June/early July.

Ann Elizabeth Nowaskie, Sigma Chapter, lives in Coal Township. In mid/late July, she will complete a travel/study of Vietnam and Cambodia.

Janet R. O'Banion was a former group leader of the People to People Student Ambassador Program to Italy. Now in late September, she plans her first autumn adventure to Italy. Janet is a member of Alpha Mu Chapter and lives in New Hope.

Linda E. Raschiatore, a member of Upsilon Chapter in Vandergrift, plans to travel to the Galapagos during the winter of 2011-2012. She is a former Pearl Buck scholarship recipient that allowed her to tour Kenya, Africa.

Linda M. Seifried will be taking an archaeological walking tour of Hadrian's Wall in England to pursue Roman Army studies. She is from Doylestown and Alpha Nu Chapter.

Karen Snyder is a member of Beta Gamma Chapter in the Red Lion/York area. She will be pursuing an educational opportunity to tour Ecuador with her students in August.

Diane Whitaker from Beech Creek in Clinton County and Omicron Chapter will visit 2 Indian tribes and study the flora and fauna in the state of Alaska.

Barbara Andrews, Chi Chapter, received the M. Margaret Strob International Scholarship. She was unable to accept the International money because she completed all her doctoral work sooner than expected... Congratulations Dr. Barbara Andrews!

Congratulations to all the recipients for following their passion to travel the world and set their minds and passion for education on fire!

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SPECIAL THANKS to Peggy Critchfield, Alpha Delta, for making the beautiful scholarship certificates and donating the certificate disc to the state.

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Chairman the last 8 years. I served with Margee Wolf for 4 years in the 70's/80's... Margee was truly my mentor... THANKS MARGEE... V. Gwynne Fetsko and I served as co-chairs for 4 years and then I chaired for 2 more years, so I have lived DKG Alpha Alpha State Scholarship for 18 years of my wonderful life. I have enjoyed every challenging minute!!! Best of Luck to Lois Brown and the 2011-2013 State Scholarship Committee!