THE HONOR SOCIETY OF

PHI KAPPA PHI

INITIATION CEREMONY

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY
CHAPTER 325

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 7, 2026
2:00 P.M.



PROGRAM

Welcome and Recognition of Officers..... Dr. Lucy Harney

Recognition of Student Award Winners..... Dr. Clay Green

Phi Kappa Phi Background..... Dylann Engle and Chloe Downey

Introduction of Special Initiate, Dr. Kathy Cooke..... Wyatt Ince

Address..... .Dr. Kathy Cooke

Initiation of Members. ..... All Officers

Student Organization..... Dylann Engle and Chloe Downey

Closing..... Dr. Lucy Harney

Reception to follow

Special Initiate



Kathy J. Cooke is the Dean of the Honors College at Texas State University. She previously served as Professor of History and chief honors administrator at California State University, the University of South Alabama, and Quinnipiac University. An active scholar, her research centers on the history of biology and eugenics and the history of American agriculture and seed policy. She is currently completing a book manuscript on the history of seed certification in the United States and has been principal or co-principal researcher on multiple funded projects, including awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Science Foundation.

As Dean, Dr. Cooke is working with members all across the Texas State University community to expand access to research and to build opportunities for all students that support intellectual curiosity and leadership, including the Stelos Scholars and Terry Scholars programs and student participation in the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates in Rome.

Fall 2026 Initiates

Undergraduate Students

Allison Brown
Jessica Bunting
Kamryn Case
Dora Anne Cooper
Samantha D'Amico
Emily Dover
Bruno Yuji Egami Oki
Blaise Garcia
Giovanna Gati Lima Neri
Ava Goemans
Alayna Gray
Gabriella Guerra
Karla Hernandez Salazar
Sergio Ibarra
Danya Keach
Sharlene Kiefer
Rowan Lavelle
Anna Lee
Dylan Lester
Emily Lopez
Avery Lozano
Daniel Lubaev
Sarvesh Maharaj
Nikola Markovic

Kelly McAfee
Brian McCutchon
Elizabeth Mitchell
Heston Montagne
Melissa Montalvo
Ella Mussell
Nahimana Nadege
Oriana Nanez Zanotti
Alex Niemyjski
Sabrina Nodler
Angelika Ochoa
Evaleigh Olenius
Clayton Overstreet
Shane Rivaya-Beale
Devin Roland
Nicole Samuels
Morgan Satterwhite
Wilson Scott
Sorelda Shaw
Makayla Shimek
Margaret Siewert
Megan Stewart Call
Aziz Tadzhibaev
Apar Timsina
Lauren Tippin
Jazlyn Torres
Aaron Tubbs
Daniela Urrutia
Kaitlyn Vecchio
Marcus Vizy
Christopher Watson
Lana Welch
Niklas Winkler
Keira Wong

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Godfred Abanfo
Arianne Adams
De-Graft Affenyi
Moriom Afiza
Nur E Afroz
Derrick Ahadzi
Fahim Ahmed
Olamide Ajala
Olagundoye Olumayowa Akinlabi
Sharmina Akter
Melissa Allbritton
April Allen
Patricia AlmaguerAuchard
Vanessa Anthony
Ragib Shahariar Ayon
Elisabeth Barnett
Amanda Barney
Tyler Beattie
Antara Biswas
Michael Boyer
Kimberly Boykin
Donna Brown
Oalani Brown
Edith Bugo
Gabriel Buras
Preetilata Burman
Amber Busboom
Priscilla Castillo-Madrigal
Swarna Chakraborty
Nazwa Chowdhury
Jordyn Cobb
Sierra Degelia
Luis Delgado
Laurence Dirkes
Antu Dutta
Sana El-Habr
Annie Emms
Lauren Fly
Citlalli Franco
Angelica Frias
Adriana Garcia
Akram Gharib
Zachary Gilbertson

William Gold
Katherine Gonzales
Cutter Gonzalez
Niamh Gray
Belen Hankins
Jaclyn Harwell
Kamrul Hasan
Kari Helgeson
Ross I'Anson
Christina Kattikatt
Daniel Keller
Lindsey Killion
Edward Kyeretwie
Salma Akter Laboni
Elise Lakatos
Leslie Langee
Jose Lara
Yolanda Lee-Garduno
Ruben Lopez
Kurt Lorenzen
Megan Matteucci
April McBride-Klimek
Kylie Meier
Taylor Meyer
Elizabeth Moore
James Moore
Mackenzie Murray
Willie Myrick
Konstance Neumann
Ruby OBrien
Kelli Olsen
Oluwafunmilayo Omolade
Racheal Omotoso
Cynthia Ortega
Sergio Ortiz
Wiwansa Pawapaiboon
Shafia Peau
Kristina Perez
Sophie Prabhakar
Fasih Raza
Hannah Roberts
Leena Saleh
Mir Imran Bin Samad
Brittny Sanchez
Prashasan Sapkota
Pritu Sarkar
Joel Sarmiento
Jayden Scarborough
Cindy Serna
Dana Servi
Prapti Sharma
Amanda Smith
Imaneh Soleimani
Christine Sorenson
Syvilay Soukkhanchaleunsay
Sara Sprinkle
Alisa Srirat
Caroline Story
Rebekah Stowe
Edna Sturgeon
Musfika Sultana
Md Ibrahim Khalil Tanim
Fatema Tarin
Michelle Thomas
Ashley Thompson
Aishwarya Tilottoma
Analysa Torres
Mark VanCleave
Jennifer Vega
Pamela Vilchez
Nathan Villalobos
Isabel Wagner
Deonte Warren
Deirdre Williams
Sarah Wingfield
Britton Woolsey
Harold Wright
Icen Yoosefdoost
Abu Zobayer
Maria Zuniga

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

PIONEER AWARDS

The Pioneer Awards recognize outstanding undergraduate Phi Kappa Phi members who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership, service, and research potential. The program is designed to support students as they continue their journey toward becoming successful scholars.Fifty awards of $1,500 each are awarded each year.

FELLOWSHIPS AND DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS

Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards forty fellowships of $8,500 each, six at $15,000 and two at $35,000 to members entering the first year of graduate or professional study. In addition, the society makes twelve awards of $10,000 to doctoral candidates completing a dissertation.

STUDY ABROAD GRANTS

Study Abroad Grants are designed to help support undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying abroad. Fifty $1,000 scholarships are awarded each year.

GRADUATE RESEARCH GRANTS

Graduate research grants provide funding to graduate students in support of career development opportunities, such as conducting or presenting research. Fifty awards of $1,500 are made annually.

LOVE OF LEARNING AWARDS

Love of Learning Awards help fund post-baccalaureate studies and/or career development for active members. Two hundred awards at $1,000 each are made annually.

LITERACY GRANTS

Literacy Grants of up to $2,500 are available to Phi Kappa Phi chapters and individual members to fund ongoing literacy projects or to create new initiatives.

SOCIETY WEBSITE: www.PhiKappaPhi.org

SEE WEBSITE FOR DEADLINES AND APPLICATIONS

2026 Awards to Texas State Students

Pioneer Award



Ifechi Diwe
Undergraduate, Mechanical Engineering

Graduate Research Grant



Anjumand Ashraf
Masters, Civil Engineering

Love of Learning Awards



Sonia Akter
Masters, Civil Engineering



Myriah Allen
Doctoral, Applied Anthropology



Shuvo Brahma
Doctoral, Materials Science, Engineering & Commercialization



Ashley Carrington
Doctoral, Education and Community Leadership



Omkar Devlekar
Doctoral, Mathematics Education



Emma Giacomello
Doctoral, Applied Anthropology

Literacy Grant

Elahe Mahmoudi
Doctoral, Developmental Education



CHAPTER NEWS

Organizational Meeting
Wednesday, November 11, 5:00 p.m.
Lampasas 407—Honors Coffee Forum
Please join us to start participating in your chapter!

2026-2027 CHAPTER OFFICERS

President/Treasurer ..... Dr. Lucy Harney
Department of World Languages & Literatures

Graduate Education Officer ..... Dr. M. Clay Green
The Graduate College

Secretary..... Wyatt Ince
Department of World Languages & Literatures

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Dr. Brian Smith
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Department of Physics

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Honors College

Student Vice Presidents..... Dylann Engle
Lecturer, Political Science
Chloe Downey
Master's Student, Psychological Research