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Pham Awarded Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship

BATON ROUGE, LA— Pham of Fairfax, VA was awarded a Fellowship worth \$5,000 by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. The son of Robert and Lan Pham, he is a Piano Performance and Music Composition (B.M.) student at James Madison University. Pham plans to pursue a Masters of Music degree in Piano Performance at Indiana University.

Pham is one of 60 recipients of the Phi Kappa Phi Fellowships. Since its creation in 1932, the Fellowship Program has become one of the Society's most visible and financially well-supported endeavors, allocating \$330,000 annually to deserving students for first-year graduate or professional study. Currently, 57 Fellowships of \$5,000 and three Fellowships of \$15,000 are awarded each year.

The selection process for the Phi Kappa Phi Fellowships is based on the applicants' 1) undergraduate academic performance; 2) leadership and service on the campus and in the community; 3) evidence of graduate potential; 4) personal statement of educational perspective, purpose and objectives; and 5) the evaluation reports from three individuals who are in a position to attest to the student's performance, citizenship and character.

More About Phi Kappa Phi

Founded in 1897 and headquartered in Baton Rouge, La., Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society. Phi Kappa Phi inducts annually more than 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni. The Society has chapters on more than 300 select colleges and universities in North America and the Philippines. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors. Faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify.

Since its founding, more than 1 million members have been initiated. Some of the organization's more notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, writer John Grisham and Netscape founder James Barksdale. The Society has awarded approximately \$13 million since the inception of its awards program in 1932. Today, more than \$700,000 is awarded annually to qualifying members and non-members through graduate fellowships, undergraduate study abroad scholarships, member and chapter awards and grants for local and national literacy initiatives. The Society's mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

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