Dear Student Scholar:

Congratulations! You have been elected by faculty in your school for membership in Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most prestigious national academic honor society. This is the most exclusive honor society for undergraduates in the United States and you should be very proud of your selection.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide additional information. A formal congratulatory letter will be mailed to your home address.

Phi Beta Kappa recognizes outstanding academic achievement in the liberal arts and sciences. Each year no more than five percent of graduating seniors and one percent of juniors are invited to join the UCI Chapter. For employers and graduate/professional schools, PBK membership defines excellence in one's undergraduate education, and a commitment to the lifelong pursuit of intellectual distinction in all walks of life.

Phi Beta Kappa was founded at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1776, as a society to preserve academic freedom and liberal arts education. The Greek initials stand for the motto *Philosophia Biou Kybernetes*: Love of wisdom (is) the (helmsman) guide of life. Only ten percent of America's leading colleges and universities have earned the right to have Phi Beta Kappa chapters. Thus, members are truly the best of the best.

Seventeen U.S. Presidents, 38 U.S. Supreme Court Justices, and 136 Nobel laureates (including two from UCI) can be counted among the ranks of Phi Beta Kappa members. Here are some names you might recognize:

- U.S. Presidents: John Quincy Adams, Woodrow Wilson, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and Jimmy Carter. George W. Bush and Barack Obama are the sons of PBK members.
- Leaders in other professions: Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon.com; Francis Ford Coppola, film director; Rita Dove, former U.S. Poet Laureate; Peyton Manning, NFL quarterback; Condoleezza Rice, 66th Secretary of State.

UCI’s Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, called Mu of California, was founded in 1974. Five of UCI’s buildings have been named after Phi Beta Kappa members, including Robert Cohen, Murray Krieger, James McGaugh, Fredrick Reines, and F. Sherwood Rowland. Both Professors Reines and Rowland won Nobel Prizes in 1995.

Other outstanding UCI faculty members who are Phi Beta Kappa members include:

- UCI Distinguished Professors: Elizabeth Loftus, Penelope Maddy, David Malament, J. Hillis Miller
- UCI Chancellor’s Professors: Catherine Fisk, Carrie Menkel-Meadow, Brook Thomas
- Deans and Administrators: Howard Gillman, Chancellor; Albert Bennett, former dean, School of Biological Sciences; Ken Janda, dean, School of Physical Sciences; William Schonfeld, former dean, School of Social Sciences; Ronald Stern, former dean, Physical Sciences; and Lyman Porter, former dean, Graduate School of Management.
Although you may be asked to join other academic honor societies, Phi Beta Kappa is the most exclusive and highly coveted:

**Phi Beta Kappa...**
- Is the oldest, best-known, and most prestigious of all undergraduate academic honor societies.
- Is an honor extended only to students with an outstanding and broad record of achievement.
- Is more selective than Latin Honors at graduation - at UCI no more than five percent of graduating seniors and one percent of juniors are elected, by their faculty, to membership.
- Is widely recognized as a mark of academic excellence by graduate and professional schools, and future employers.
- Is known in the United States as an exclusive mark of academic distinction.

Students who become members of Phi Beta Kappa by accepting membership and paying a one-time membership fee will receive the following:

- The right to list your membership on your academic résumé.
- The right to wear the Phi Beta Kappa key, a highly recognized symbol of academic achievement.
- Recognition at the annual Phi Beta Kappa Initiation Ceremony, UCI's only campuswide academic honors event.
- Official registration as a Member of Phi Beta Kappa and recorded by the national Phi Beta Kappa Society.
- Lifetime membership in the national Phi Beta Kappa Society (there are no annual dues).
- Lifetime subscription to the Key Reporter, the newsletter of the national Phi Beta Kappa Society. It reports on Phi Beta Kappa members in the news and contains intellectually provocative reviews of new books.
- Alumni membership in UCI's Phi Beta Kappa Chapter, Mu of California.
- The right to join Phi Beta Kappa alumni associations, such as the Alumni Chapter of Southern California, which holds events for alumni.
- Membership in the Phi Beta Kappa Chapter of any college or university if employed as a faculty member or staff.

Students who do not choose to join Phi Beta Kappa when they are nominated often regret it later on. Every year we get calls from students months, even years, after they were selected, when they finally realize what an important distinction Phi Beta Kappa is. Now is the time to join!

For additional information, please see the following websites: UCI's Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa (http://www.phibetakappa.uci.edu) and Phi Beta Kappa Society (http://www.pbk.org/).

Sincerely,

Robert Cohen
Chapter President of Phi Beta Kappa
Important Information for New Members

How do I become a member?

1. Respond to the email invitation indicating your intention to join, or contact Alise Adams by email at alisea@uci.edu or by phone at (949)824-9882.

2. Pay for your membership no later than May 31, 2016, by one of the following methods:
   - Online at www.pbk.org/membership (instructions below).
   - In person by bringing $85.00 in cash or check made out to "UC Irvine PBK" to the Phi Beta Kappa office, located in the Writing Center on the 1st floor of the Ayala Science Library 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Closed 12:00-12:30.
   - By mail with a check made out to "UC Irvine PBK" and sent to Alise Adams, Phi Beta Kappa, 193 Ayala Science Library, Irvine, CA 92697-5695.
   - Thanks to the generosity of our Phi Beta Kappa members, there are a small number of fee waivers available for students with severe financial need. Please contact Ms. Adams for additional information.

When and where is the Initiation Ceremony?

- The Initiation Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2016 from 2:00-3:00 PM in the Pacific Ballroom at the Student Center. The Ceremony will be followed by a short reception where you can meet and greet faculty and staff who are members of Phi Beta Kappa. Please invite your family and friends to the Ceremony so they can celebrate with you.

- This year’s speaker will be Elizabeth F. Loftus, a Distinguished Professor at UCI. Elizabeth Loftus is Distinguished Professor at the University of California, Irvine. She holds faculty positions in the Department of Psychology & Social Behavior; the Department of Criminology, Law & Society; and the School of Law. She received her Ph.D. in Psychology from Stanford University. Since then, she has published 22 books and over 500 scientific articles. Loftus’s research has focused on the malleability of human memory. She has been recognized for her research with seven honorary doctorates and election to numerous prestigious societies, including the National Academy of Sciences. She is past president of the Association for Psychological Science, the Western Psychological Association, and the American Psychology-Law Society.

- Student check-in will begin at 1:00PM. Please arrive early to avoid long lines. At check-in you will receive your seating card, Phi Beta Kappa Handbook, and the Key Collection order form. You will have the opportunity to purchase the Phi Beta Kappa Cord for $12.00 (cash only).

- On the day of the ceremony, new members should take their seats no later than 1:30PM. At the ceremony, you will be asked to walk up to the stage and have your name announced. As you cross the stage, shake hands with the Chapter President. After you cross the stage, you will pick up your Phi Beta Kappa Certificate of Membership and sign the Roll Book. We ask that new members wear appropriate "business casual" attire for the event. Professional photographs will be taken at this event and will be available for purchase.

Do I get an honors cord to wear at graduation?

- Yes, you may purchase a Phi Beta Kappa honors cord to wear at graduation ceremonies. The cost of the cord is $12.00, cash. They will be available for purchase when you check in for the Ceremony. You may also purchase the cord in person by cash in 193 Ayala Science Library (The Writing Center) between 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday until June 8th.
How do I purchase a Phi Beta Kappa pin?

- The Phi Beta Kappa pin, pictured at the top of this page, is a well-known and lasting symbol of your outstanding academic achievement in the liberal arts and sciences.
- Details regarding purchasing a pin will be provided to you when you check in for the Ceremony, or you can purchase it directly from www.pbkkey.com. Since delivery of pins usually takes about three weeks, the sooner you pay your fee, the sooner you will have your pin.

What happens after I become a member?

- You are officially a life-time member of Phi Beta Kappa and have all the rights and privileges associated with membership, including the right to list your membership on your résumé.
- You will receive a certificate of membership suitable for framing, and a lifetime subscription to the Key Reporter, the official newsletter of the national Phi Beta Kappa Society. The subscription will be mailed to your permanent address on file with the Society.
- You also receive a free one-year membership in the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Chapter of Southern California, which holds events throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

What if I have additional questions?

- Please contact Alise Adams by email at alisea@uci.edu, or by telephone at (949)824-9882.

Online Member Registration Instructions for New Phi Beta Kappa Members

- Go to http://www.pbk.org/membership and click to register.
- Enter the passcode provided by your chapter – ucipbk
- Complete the blanks with your information. Make sure to select the proper chapter (school) of induction, and give the best email address to reach you.
- Click Preview to view your information. If you need to make any changes, click Back.
- Choose Next to go on to the next step.
- Now you may choose to either pay your membership fee online, or pay your chapter office in person. Please keep in mind you are not considered an official member until dues have been paid.
- If you choose Yes to pay your fee with a credit card, fill in your information and click OK. There will be a confirmation and receipt to verify your payment.
- Once online registration is complete, you will receive an email confirming that you have paid or indicating the amount owed. You will not be an official member until the chapter officer has validated your membership registration.

If you have any questions about membership, please contact your chapter officer.

For technical questions, contact the Director of Information Technology and Membership Services at itdirector@pbk.org or phone (202)745-3273.
Graduate School Scholarship Application 2016-2017

Sponsored by the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association in Southern California (Alpha Association), thanks to the donations of its members, this scholarship is awarded to one graduating UCI Phi Beta Kappa member who will be attending graduate school in the 2016-2017 academic year. The amount of the award is $2,000. The successful applicant must demonstrate both merit and financial need. Strong preference will be given to students who enroll in graduate programs in the liberal arts, social sciences, and sciences.

The recipient of the Phi Beta Kappa Graduate School Scholarship will be notified via email by June 3, 2016 and will be recognized during the UCI Phi Beta Kappa Initiation Ceremony on June 09, 2016.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 3:00PM ON FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016 TO:
THE PBK OFFICE, 193 AYALA SCIENCE LIBRARY, IN THE WRITING CENTER

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY

Name (Last, First): ____________________________

Student ID Number: ____________________________ E-mail: ____________________________

Current Address: ____________________________

City, State, Zip: ____________________________

Current Phone: ____________________________ Alternate Phone: ____________________________

Permanent Address: ____________________________

City, State, Zip: ____________________________

Permanent Phone: ____________________________

Graduate School: ____________________________ Field of Study: ____________________________ Degree: ____________________________

DOCUMENTS TO ATTACH TO YOUR APPLICATION

☐ Unofficial copy of your UCI Undergraduate Transcript.

☐ Evidence of admission to graduate school for 2016-2017 (Copy of Admissions Letter)

☐ Letter of support from a UCI faculty member who can comment on your potential as a scholar or scientist

If you have any questions about the application, please contact Alise Adams at (949)824-9882 or via email at alisea@uci.edu.

Please type your response to the questions below or use a separate sheet. Responses are not to exceed 1 page.
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Dear New Phi Bete:

Congratulations on your election to Phi Beta Kappa! You are hereby invited to receive a complimentary membership to Phi Beta Kappa Alumni in Southern California, Alpha Association. Please complete the attached membership form and send it to the address at the bottom of the form: the annual dues of $35.00 will be waived for the first year following your initiation - July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017. Alpha Association presents a wide range of programs in such fields as music, art, history, literature, science, medicine, film, and astronomy and aims to serve as a focal point for the local Phi Bete community beyond campus life. Alpha Association programs will give you the opportunity to meet other Phi Betes from industry, the arts, the professions, and academia.

Through dues and donations from our members, Alpha Association also provides scholarships to outstanding students with demonstrated needs. In 2015-16, Alpha Association awarded over $40,000 to graduate students and international scholars studying at Southern California college campuses with active Phi Beta Kappa chapters as well as to deserving high school students in order to help defray the cost of applying to college.

We look forward to meeting you and to your participation in Alpha Association through this complimentary membership. Again congratulations on becoming a Phi Bete. We welcome you to Alpha Association. Remember to notify us if you change your e-mail or mailing address.

Get off to a good start by getting involved!

Sincerely,

Stefan Kirchanski
President
Phi Beta Kappa Alumni in Southern California
Alpha Association
Name: ________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________________
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Telephone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

School: ______________________________________________________________________________

Date of PBK initiation: ________________________________________________________
Year                       Month or Session (e.g. “May” or “Spring”)

Standing Committees that you would be interested in serving on

☐ Program Committee
☐ Development
☐ Newsletter
☐ Audit
☐ Membership
☐ New Phi Betes
☐ Graduate Scholarships
☐ International Scholarships
☐ High School Awards
☐ Website

WHEN COMPLETED PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO:
Phi Beta Kappa Alumni in Southern California
 c/o Robert Templeton
 3233 Federal Avenue
 Los Angeles, CA 90066

or
ATTACH IN AN E-MAIL TO:
info@pbksocalalumni.com
Please type “free 2016 Initiate Membership” in the Subject (“re”) line of the e-mail.