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Fall 2013 Undergraduate Candidates Inducted

Chapter 316 conducted its undergraduate student induction ceremony on Monday, November 4 in the Galaxy Rooms of the Student Union. PKP chapter members attended the event in full regalia as per tradition. Sixty-one juniors and 55 seniors were inducted into the Society.

Dr. Andrew Blanchard, Dean of Undergraduate Education, Professor of Electrical Engineering and PKP president-elect, gave the keynote address at the event. Other speakers included chapter president Rafael Martín, past-president Dr. Denise Paquette-Boots and PKP student vice-president Blair Flicker. Dr. Edward Harpham, chapter treasurer, announced each candidate by school while Mr. Martín and Dr. Wildenthal presented each inductee with their certificate, honor cord and pin.

The Chapter honored Dr. Cy Cantrell, who recently passed away, by renaming the chapter's travel grant the Cyrus D. Cantrell III Academic Travel Grant. UTD Provost and PKP member Dr. Hobson Wildenthal provided the closing remarks.

UTD Students Win Love of Learning Awards

Two UTD students, Melissa Schapero and Sachin Shah, have recently won Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning awards.

Melissa Schapero graduated with bachelor's degrees in psychology and child learning and development with minors in music and physics in 2007. She graduated with a Master's in Applied Cognition and Neuroscience in 2008. She was a member of the McDermott Scholars class of 2003. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Psychology at St. Andrews University in Scotland.

Sachin Shah graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in biology in spring 2013. He is a member of the McDermott Scholars class of 2009 and a repeat Dean's List honoree. Over the past two summers, he has taken classes in a castle in Italy, studied at Oxford University, and volunteered in New Zealand. After graduation, he plans to enter UT Southwestern, where he will pursue his medical degree.

Love of Learning awards help fund post-baccalaureate studies and/or career development for active Phi Kappa Phi members and include (but are limited to): graduate or professional studies, doctoral dissertations, continuing education, career development and travel related to teaching/studies. One hundred forty-seven awards, at \$500 each, are distributed each year.

Cyrus D. Cantrell III Academic Travel Grant Winners

Five students were awarded the Cyrus D. Cantrell III Academic Travel Grant for Autumn 2013. The PKP at UT Dallas Academic Travel Grant is designed to help supplement travel expenses incurred for academic research or participation at academic conferences and meetings. Each \$500 grant can be used to offset expenses of air travel, food and lodging, car rental and gas, and/or conference fees. In alphabetical order, this semesters five recipients were: Maria Burbano-Salazar, Benjamin Farnia, Katherine Huston, Michael Lau, and Katelyn McWilliams.

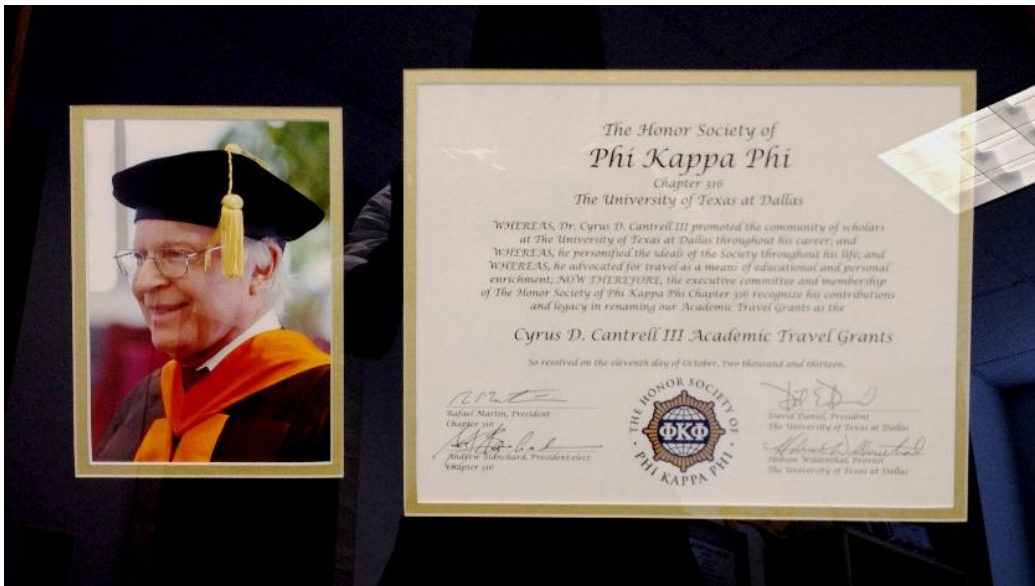
In Memorium: Dr. Cyrus D. Cantrell



Dr. Cyrus “Cy” Duncan Cantrell III, a longtime professor of electrical engineering and physics who helped establish and then expand the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science, died June 19 from complications of cancer. He was 72. Memorial services for Cantrell were held on June 26 at Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery, 13005 Greenville Avenue in Dallas. Another memorial service was later held at UT Dallas.

Dr. Cyrus “Cy” Duncan Cantrell III joined UT Dallas in 1980 to start an applied physics program. He became a professor of electrical engineering when the Jonsson School was founded in 1986. Cantrell, who served as senior associate dean for academic affairs for the Jonsson School, will be remembered by the university community for his steadfast devotion to building the Jonsson School and for his mentorship of faculty, students and staff. Cantrell’s service to the university also includes nearly three decades on the Faculty Senate, where he was known for upholding university ideals and demanding integrity in academic work. His roles over the years included serving as speaker of the faculty and leading the committee on educational policy.

At its last executive committee meeting, the UT Dallas chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi voted to name the student travel awards in honor of Dr. Cyrus Cantrell. Dr. Cantrell was serving as president-elect of the chapter at the time of his passing. The change was first announced during Dr. Cantrell’s memorial ceremony that was held in the Engineering building, then later at the fall initiation ceremony.



Phi Kappa Phi Hosts Special Event

Chapter 316 will host its first special event on November 18 at 11:45 a.m. in the Student Union. The event is a luncheon featuring UT Dallas President David Daniel who will speak about his experience as a member of the National Academy of Engineering committee charged with investigating the Deepwater Horizon drilling platform disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. This luncheon is a reservation-required event.

