



Phi Beta Kappa
Alpha of Louisiana
Tulane University of Louisiana

For a number of years, students have asked the same questions: Why should I join Phi Beta Kappa? What makes Phi Beta Kappa different and distinct among the numerous honors societies to which a student has been nominated?

Phi Beta Kappa is much more than the “oldest and most prestigious undergraduate honor's society in the United States”. The society is made up of thousands of scholars from around the nation who work in concert to foster learning and research in liberal arts and sciences. Phi Beta Kappa enables the teacher and the scholar to pursue the liberal arts in several ways:

- Phi Beta Kappa grants charters to colleges and universities only after they have demonstrated a commitment to liberal arts and sciences, observing numerous areas of instruction and scholarship from courses of study to library holdings.
- Phi Beta Kappa supports student and faculty scholarship by raising and distributing over \$1,000,000 per year in lectureships, book and essay awards, summer institutes for teachers, and funds for visiting scholars.
- Phi Beta Kappa publishes *The American Scholar*, a quarterly journal that focuses on literary, artistic, and scientific subjects. *The American Scholar* has fostered the revival of the essay and has earned several awards in this genre.

Phi Beta Kappa also follows a student into life outside the college or university. With the publication, the *Key Reporter*, a member of Phi Beta Kappa remains in contact with the national organization and with issues important to former students of the liberal arts and sciences, including politics, history, science, and technology.

Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious undergraduate honor's society in the United States, but is it much more. We invite you to find out more at our web site:

<http://www.tulane.edu/~pbk>