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High School Awards Program: **Your Chance to be Part of It!**

Through the **DCPBK High School Awards program**, each year our members select four outstanding high school seniors in the District, and nearby Virginia and Maryland, to recognize their scholastic achievements and community service. This Program, which has become the centerpiece of the Association's commitment to our community, is made possible by generous financial contributions from our members and supporters.

Each awardee will be recognized at a spring reception at PBK Headquarters, where, in addition to their \$1,000 award, each awardee will receive a book specially chosen by the Awards Committee.

To continue this vital tradition and contribute to the High School Awards Program, you may make a current donation online or by check, payable to the DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association, with "High School Awards" in the memo field, to:

Reyna Yang
DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association
PO Box 2412
Reston, VA 20195

Questions may be directed to treasurer@dcpbk.org.

Legacy donations and endowments are also welcome. Please contact the Treasurer about crafting an expression of your future gift.

Spring News and Events

We are sorry to report that, after some trouble finding a venue for the **Spring Fling**, the Board has voted to reallocate the Spring Fling funds to the **Phi Beta Kappa's 110th Anniversary Celebration**, which will take place later this year. More information about the Celebration will be sent to members in the fall.

Recent and Upcoming Events

Coffee & Conversation with Mary Kadera

Wednesday, March 29, 6:00 PM via Zoom (new date)

We're eagerly looking forward to an evening with **Mary Kadera**, director of TED Courses at TED, and member of the Arlington County School Board. Mary will speak about the team she led at TED that recently designed and launched TED Courses, four-week virtual social learning experiences that bring together TED speakers and classmates from around the world, and about her prior leadership roles across several educational organizations, including as Vice President of Education at PBS, Interim Executive Director for the Center for Inspired Teaching, the National Commission for Teaching and America's Future, and the Consortium for School Networking, among others.

After her talk, there will be Q&A opportunities, as usual.

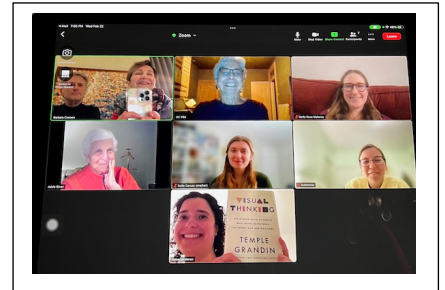
To RSVP, please email Dan Rosenberg (dberg8@gmail.com) and Niku Neshati (nikuneshati@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Book Club News and Reviews

February Meeting Recap

Led by our guest facilitator, our discussion of Temple Grandin's *Visual Thinking* ranged over a variety of topics based on each person's reaction to the content. It was considered a book about providing information on: neurodiversity (including how different brains work); how education can be changed to accommodate different ways of learning; and discovering why we view and solve problems differently. As usual, tangential issues became part of the discussion. Two participants are book binders, and we bibliophiles saw some unusual techniques.



The details for our March meetings are also on the website:

<https://dcpbk.org/events/#!event/2023/3/30/march-2023-dc-pbk-book-club-signs-preceding-the-end-of-the-world-by-yuri-herrera>

Selections for the remainder of our Spring 2023 Series are listed below:

- **March: Thursday, March 30 at 6:30 PM, *Signs Preceding the End of the World* by Yuri Herrera, International (Mexico), 114 pages**
- **April: *Babel, Or the Necessity of Violence: An Arcane History of the Oxford Translators' Revolution* by R.F. Kuang, International (China, Britain), 545 pages**
- **Mid-May Bonus: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde, Classic, 254 pages**
- **May: *The Cartographers* by Peng Shepherd, Fiction, 392 pages**
- **June: *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean, Nonfiction, 317 pages**

All DCPBK members and guests are invited to attend, and you can find a full description on our website, dcpbk.org, including a registration link.

Members who RSVP Yes on the website will receive the meeting link and login information in their registration confirmation email. We all start together, and break into smaller group chats, as needed, after introductions. Feel free to grab food and drink for the meeting, as we normally would. I hope to see many of you there!

Happy reading,
Kate Smith
Book Club Coordinator

Young Professionals (YP) Network

Veteran Day of Service with the YP Network

Over the weekend, the YP Network joined The George Washington University for Veteran Day of Service, a special community engagement event. We volunteered at the Armed Forces Retirement Home and had the opportunity to serve those who have given so much to our nation and elevate communities across the DC Metro region. Thank you to all who volunteered to support our nation's heroes.

Billy Goat Trail Hike with the YP Network

Saturday, April 15, 10:00 AM, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Towpath, Potomac, MD

Come join us for a spring hike at the Billy Goat Trail! Spend a Saturday morning with the YP Network to connect with nature, get a great workout, and see some of the best views of the Potomac River. We'll be meeting at the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park on April 15 and hit the trails at 10:00 AM. After the hike, we'll stop by Old Angler's Inn and grab lunch.

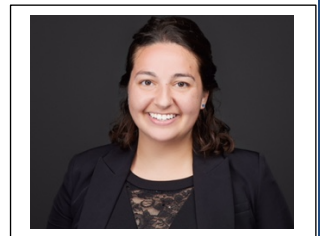
Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes for the hike, and bring plenty of water. Guests (and pets!) are welcome to join! **To Register:**

<https://dcpbk.org/events/#!event/register/2023/4/15/billy-goat-trail-hike-with-the-yp-network>

Announcements

Correction:

Please note that our new Membership and Outreach Coordinator, **Niku Neshati**, is actually a graduate of George Mason University (not George Washington), as noted on page 6. Again, we're delighted to have her on board.



Opportunity from the Baltimore PBK Association

We didn't quite get a chance to respond to this invitation from the **PBK Alumni Association of Greater Baltimore**, but we're delighted to be invited to join their speakers program (something like our Coffee & Conversation series). We'll keep in touch with them through President Pam Malester, and you can learn more at contact@pbkbaltimore.org. It's always fun and refreshing to share the events of other associations; hope we can join them soon.

Mentorship Network News

Please consider becoming a mentor through the **DCPBK Mentor Directory**, which is a low-time commitment. Mentors and mentees, once connected, can meet together on their own terms—virtually, in-person, once a week, once every two months, whatever they decide! To join the Mentor Directory, simply log into your account on dcpbk.org, click on "Profile," and select "Check below if you would like to be a mentor." Answer a few questions, click "save," and you're all set!

If you're searching for a mentor, please visit the Mentor Directory and reach out to any mentor that looks like a match for your needs. If you need assistance in drafting outreach, don't hesitate to drop me a note.

To learn more about the Mentorship Network, please visit <https://dcpbk.org/programs/mentorship>.

Elena Helmers-Wegman
DCPBK Mentorship Network Coordinator

DCPBK Winter Board Meeting

Our quarterly board meetings are open to any DCPBK member in good standing. The Spring Board Meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 22 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**. Look for more details in the April newsletter.

DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association Board

2022-2023 Officers

PRESIDENT: Lindsay Osborne (University of Hawaii, 2021)
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VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBER EXPERIENCE: Lindsay Osborne (University of Hawaii, 2021)
SECRETARY: Daisy Yu (University of Maryland, College Park, 2022)
TREASURER: Reyna Yang (George Washington University, 2022)

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Kate H. Smith (Boston University, 2010)—Book Club Coordinator
Niku Neshati (George Mason University, 2018)— Membership and Outreach Coordinator

Advisory Council

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Christel G. McDonald (George Washington University, 1986)—Past President

Additional Volunteers

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COORDINATOR: Reyna Yang (George Washington U., 2022)
HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS COORDINATOR: Sameer Jaywant (New York University, 2014)
MENTORSHIP NETWORK COORDINATOR: Elena Helmers-Wegman (Wofford College, 2019)



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