



June 2026 Newsletter

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I. Announcements

You're Invited: Call to Serve Reception on Capitol Hill

Join the Society on June 25, 2026, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the to Serve reception for an inspiring evening designed to connect recent arts and sciences graduates, interns, and young professionals who are interested in public impact careers.

What to Expect:

- Thoughtful Panel Discussion: Hear how Phi Beta Kappa members launched their careers on Capitol Hill and their advice for arts and sciences graduates ready to make a policy impact.
- Networking Reception: Enjoy complimentary appetizers and opportunities to connect with fellow changemakers during Phi Beta Kappa's 250th anniversary year.

With limited capacity and strong interest, the Society will require advanced registration. [Sign up now](#) to receive a priority invitation when event registration opens in June.

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DCPBK Annual Executive Committee Elections

Events & Announcements from Our Neighboring Chapters

II. [Events](#)

III. [Book Club](#)

Our next meeting will be **Thursday May 25th at 6:30 pm**. We will meet in-person (at Teatism in Penn Quarter) and/or virtually to discuss *Paved Paradise* by Henry Grabar. [Register here!](#)

It's Voting Time! If you've attended a meeting in the last year or so, you should've gotten an email from me with a Google form to select our next series of books (July to Dec 2026). Reach out if you haven't! I'll announce the next series in the July newsletter (and probably earlier by email & What's App)

May Meeting Recap



Beloved by Toni Morrison was universally acclaimed for incredible writing and the complexity and intentionality of every aspect. We deemed it a difficult but important read (or re-read).

Kelly Williams
Book Club Chair
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IV. [Language Groups](#)

Spanish Group

Check dcpbk.org and the Spanish group's WhatsApp thread for updates on our next meeting!

French Group

Joignez-vous pour notre prochaine causerie mensuelle en ligne: **le mercredi 13 mai de 18:30 à 19:30 sur Google Meet**. [Inscrivez-vous ici](#). Pendant ces causeries, nous discuterons des sujets d'intérêt général (en français bien sûr). Toutes sont bienvenues, mais un niveau intermédiaire pour la compréhension et l'expression orale est conseillé pour bien participer.

J'ai créé un "What's App" pour notre groupe. Dites-moi si vous voulez le rejoindre.

Si vous avez des questions ou des idées pour notre groupe, n'hésitez pas à me contacter.

Kelly Williams
French Group Chair
french@dcpbk.org

V. [Young Professionals Network](#)

Sarah Uhan
Young Professionals Network Chair
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VI. [High School Awards Committee](#)

Every year our members select deserving high school seniors in the District and nearby Virginia and Maryland to recognize their scholastic achievements and community service. This Program has become the centerpiece of the Association's commitment to our community, and in recent years DCPBK has offered up to four awards to college-bound seniors of \$1,000 each. Contributions to the High School Award Program from our members and supporters are gratefully received.

In addition to having an unweighted GPA of at least 3.5, the students receiving our award must show a commitment to the values and mission of Phi Beta Kappa, including academic achievement, community involvement, and a dedication to the liberal arts and sciences. Upon selection, D.C. PBK will ask each recipient for a letter of acceptance from their chosen college or university.

We received a record-breaking 197 applications for the scholarship this year! Our scholarship winners are:

- Vivien Birch from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School who will attend Temple University.
- Chelsea Zhu from Richard Montgomery High School who will attend Stanford University.
- Oorja Munot from Richard Montgomery High School who will attend Cornell University.
- Shaanvhi Jayaram from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology who will attend Stony Brook University.

Questions about the award can be sent to awards@dcpbk.org.

VII. [Mentorship Network](#)

The DC PBK Mentorship Network program focuses on connecting DC PBK Association members to share professional advice and foster the intellectual curiosity that brings our PBK

community together at its core. Through connecting members of all ages, backgrounds, and experiences, the Mentorship Network aims to catalyze learning relationships among Association members and strengthen the personal and professional lives of individuals and their connections to the Association. We invite all members of DC PBK to get involved by: signing up to become a mentor, browsing our online Mentor Directory and initiate contact with mentors at your own convenience, apply to participate in our annual Mentor Match Program, or attend one of our quarterly MentorMix events.

Calling all current [Mentor Directory](#) participants: We are working on refreshing the Mentor Directory. For questions or assistance, or to be added to the Mentor Directory, please contact mentorship@dcpbk.org.

Christina Hughes
Mentorship Network Chair
mentorship@dcpbk.org

VIII. [Social Media](#)

Be sure to like and subscribe to our social media to keep up with the latest announcements and association updates. See you online!

- [Instagram](#) - @dc.pbk
- [Facebook](#) - DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association
- [LinkedIn](#) - DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association
- [Twitter/X](#) - @DCPhiBetaKappa

IX. [Events & Programs Committee](#)

X. [Board & Committee Vacancies](#)

Are you looking to get more involved with DCPBK? Help us take our association to the next level! Take a peek at the following opportunities to serve our members while gaining valuable leadership skills that will take you far in the professional world. To apply for any of the following vacancies, **please email your resume and a brief paragraph of interest to volunteer@dcpbk.org**. Volunteers must be members of DCPBK in good standing.

[Webmaster](#)

DCPBK is seeking to recruit a Webmaster to administer the association’s website and digital infrastructure. The Webmaster oversees the website, email, and assists with organization accounts under the purview of other volunteers as needed. Ideal for someone seeking to develop/demonstrate valued skills such as administration of Google Workspace, Cloudflare Business, Canva, and WordPress. Click here to see the [Full Position Description](#).

[Events & Programs Committee](#)



DCPBK is seeking to recruit **3-4 members** to sit on the Events & Programs Committee, co-chaired by our Vice President of Member Experience and Membership & Outreach Coordinator. Committee members will assist the VPME with planning annual events, and Membership with planning and incubating new programs for DCPBK. Click here to see the [Full Position](#)

[Description](#).

XI. [DCPBK Board & Volunteers](#)

2025-2026

Officers

President (acting): Briggs Burton (Hampden-Sydney College, 2016)

Vice President of External Relations: Milo Chang (Williams College, 2024)

Vice President of Member Experience: Briggs Burton (Hampden-Sydney College, 2016)

Treasurer: Matthew Thomas (Williams College, 2017)

Secretary: Brynn Poppe (Gettysburg College, 2019)

At-Large Executive Committee Members

Past President: Paul Lubliner (University of Oregon, 2006)

Past President: Elizabeth “Liz” Marshall Anderson (Lawrence University, 2009)

Past President: Niku Neshati (George Mason University, 2018)

Mentorship Network Chair: Christina Hughes (Rice University, 2013)

High School Awards Chair: Dan Bernstein (George Washington University, 2017)

Fundraising & Development Chair: Gracie Loeser (Loyola University Maryland, 2025)

Advisory Council

Past Vice President: Deirdre LaPin (Agnes Scott College, 1967)

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

Past President: Lindsay Parco (University of Hawai'i, 2021)

Appointed Volunteers

Newsletter Editor & Social Media Chair: Rose Burberry-Martin (Clark University, 2014)

Spanish Group Chair: Molly Rose Malaney (University of Florida, 2020)

French Group and Book Club Chair: Kelly Williams (Allegheny College, 2014)

Young Professionals Network Chair: Sarah Uhran (Georgetown University, 2024)

Membership & Outreach Chair: Samuel Reed (Occidental College, 2023)

Webmaster: VACANT

Committees

High School Awards Committee Chair: Dan Bernstein (George Washington University, 2017)

Events & Programs Committee: Ted Spear (University of Maryland, 2024)