

Report on Founding Induction

Eta Omicron Chapter of Phi Beta Delta

SUNY Oswego

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On October 24, 2011, the State University of New York at Oswego held the founding ceremony for the Eta Omicron Chapter of Phi Beta Delta. It was a lovely fall evening as people gathered for a celebratory dinner and induction. Our room in the Campus Center was decorated with flags from many countries, multicolored saris draped across the windows, and lanterns from the Middle East as centerpieces on the tables. At the front of the room the Phi Beta Delta banner decorated the table holding the medallions and certificates.

The evening began with welcoming remarks from the Director of the SUNY Oswego Institute for Global Engagement, Susan Coultrap-McQuin. President Deborah F. Stanley offered words of congratulations to the candidates. She was recognized, along with Interim Provost Lorrie Clemo, as an Honorary Member of the Society. Distinguished Teaching Professor Geraldine Forbes provided reflections on the meaning of global engagement for students and faculty today.

After a tasty dinner, we held the induction ceremony. Joshua McKeown, who had been inducted as a student and is now Oswego's Director of International Education and Programs, led the ceremony by informing new members about the Society, its symbols, and its aspirations. New inductees were individually introduced and shook hands with Cora Brumley, continuing member and Assistant Director of Intercollegiate Athletics; Kerry Dorsey, Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations; and Joshua McKeown. Each new member signed his/ her name in the Phi Beta Delta membership book.

The Founding Members included 11 students, 23 faculty and staff members, 2 continuing members, and 2 honorary members. They had each been nominated and approved for membership by the Coordinating Board of the Institute for Global Engagement. Each was recognized for outstanding accomplishments related to expanding global engagement and world awareness through the curriculum, study and scholarly work abroad, international service, residence hall programming, and/ or cultural events planning. At the end of the evening we gathered for a picture of the group. It was a memorable event.