



# LOWCOUNTRY PHI BETA KAPPA ASSOCIATION

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Dear Friends:

Greetings from the Lowcountry Phi Beta Kappa Association! As I write this, the Covid pandemic has lingered much longer than any of us might have hoped, or indeed imagined. Yet we remain optimistic that as vaccination rates rise and safe practices continue, we shall be able to mount our usual vibrant series of events for the 2021-2022 program year. In a few weeks, you will receive notice of our first event. We will sponsor a tour and program at Holy City Brewing Co. in conjunction with the Phi Beta Kappa Society's "Key Connections" initiative on 21 October.

At the heart of Phi Beta Kappa is promoting the traditional liberal arts and sciences, and our association does this in part through our scholarship program. This past year, despite the pandemic, we presented a rising senior at the Citadel, the College of Charleston, and Charleston Southern University each a \$2,500 scholarship. As you may know, that program is possible only through the generous support of our members and through a modest income from an endowment provided by the late Cornelia Carrier. In the recap of last year's programs on the reverse side of this letter, you will find information about our awardees.

With this enthusiasm for our task as advocates for the liberal arts and sciences and with great optimism that we will be able to be together in person for our programs, I invite you to complete the form below to send with your dues for 2021-22. I also invite you also to make a generous gift to our scholarship program so we may continue to recognize outstanding achievement in the liberal arts and sciences at our local colleges and universities.

**Please fill out the form below. Persons inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in the last five years receive one year of membership free.** We are a 501(c)(3) organization; donations and dues are tax-deductible. Even if you cannot join us this year, please donate to the scholarship fund.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 843-304-0633 or [clippy43@gmail.com](mailto:clippy43@gmail.com). To refresh your memories of 2020-21, please turn this sheet over. Also please regularly visit our website for the latest information about PBK and the association: [www.pbklowcountry.org](http://www.pbklowcountry.org).

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Lippy, President  
Lowcountry Phi Beta Kappa Association

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Annual dues @ \$35 \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship donation \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to receive information by \_\_\_\_\_ US mail \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## Annual Report 2020-2021

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**October 22, 2020:** Team Trivia Night. Members and friends came together via Zoom for fun, fellowship, and a few spirited rounds of team trivia. Engineered by association secretary Dave Trautman and past president Rob Dillon, the evening saw some first-time attendees join us, and that, after all, was one of the aims of this venture into a Key Connections event.

**November 18, 2020:** Meet our 2020 Scholars! We enjoyed getting to know our 2020 awardees: Madi Methvin (CofC), Nick Fricchione (Citadel), and Ben Blauch (CSU). Each spoke briefly about their current academic work and future plans, noting how the liberal arts had influenced their lives. We also heard from Dr. Beth Meyer-Bernstein, dean of the Honors College at the College of Charleston.



**February 22, 2021:** The African-American Story of Charleston.

Ruth Miller, well-known tour guide, author, and PBK member, offered a richly illustrated talk emphasizing how vital to Charleston history the labors of persons of African descent have been. Those interested in pursuing these issues in greater depth will find Ruth's latest book, co-authored with Alec Cooley, of interest: *Slavery to Civil Rights: A Walking Tour of African-American Charleston*.



**April 12, 2021:** Spring Meeting, featuring CofC President Andrew Hsu. Dr. Hsu, whose Ph.D. is in aerospace engineering, spoke eloquently about his realization that there was a significant gap in his own background because it had neglected the liberal arts. "Just because you're studying engineering," said Dr. Hsu, "doesn't mean you're going to be innovative." He reminded all that most entrepreneurs who start small businesses are persons with backgrounds in the liberal arts.

### **Our 2021 Scholarship Recipients:**

Ms. Erin Lillicrop (CSU)  
Mr. Grayson Gasque (Citadel)  
Mr. Zach Kronsberg (CofC)

