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Dear Fellow Members of ΦBK,

Greetings from Cal. As you know, Phi Beta Kappa champions freedom of inquiry and expression, breadth of intellectual perspective, the cultivation of skills of deliberation and ethical reflection, the pursuit of wisdom, and the application of the fruits of scholarship and research in practical life. We are inspired by the hope that a world influenced by these values will be more just and peaceful. All of our members have two things in common: the pursuit of excellence and the spirit of giving to society. Our Alpha of California Chapter is no exception.

Thanks to you, we have made a significant contribution to student life here at Cal with our Graduate Fellowship Program, which has consistently been able to fund two or three \$7500 awards per year to PBK members enrolled in Berkeley graduate programs. While these awards are far from covering the entire expense of a year of graduate study, they do offer vital supplementary support allowing students working on their dissertation to undertake essential research travel or to devote full time to research and writing without the need for distracting employment.

Through your generosity last year, we made awards to three outstanding doctoral students: Carmen Brick, David Delano and Juliana Friend. Carmen is pursuing a Ph.D. in Sociology. Her dissertation is on “Explaining Earned Income Tax Credits: What Accounts for State Level Variation in Adoption and Distribution?” David is pursuing a Ph.D. in History. His dissertation is entitled “Psychology’s Laboratory: The Sciences of the Animal Mind and the Idea of Intelligence, 1882-1918.” Juliana’s Ph.D. studies are in Anthropology. Her dissertation is titled “Don’t Click Here! Porn, eHealth and Radical Ethics of Care in Senegal.” Carmen is grateful for the fellowship and reports “The PBK fellowship has allowed me to spend the summer and early fall in the drafting of my core dissertation chapters.” Juliana explains that “By alleviating the financial challenges of graduate study amid a pandemic, PBK provides me the opportunity to write, create, and sharpen my thinking.”

Please join us this year in making a contribution to continue this outstanding tradition of philanthropy. What better investment in our future can we make than to support our graduate students and fellow Phi Betes?

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With gratitude,

Professor Donald J. Mastronarde, President
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