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Dear Fellow Members of ФБК,

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.

In response to difficult times, our chapter has increased the funding of PBK induction fee waivers for undergraduates who have financial need and has raised the PBK Graduate Fellowship amount from $7500 to $10,000 each. Our Graduate Fellowship Program is funded by you, our donors. 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.

Through your generosity last year, we made awards to four outstanding doctoral students:
—Rebecca Levitan, History of Art, “The Pasquino Group: Sculpture, Conversation, and Resistance from Classical Greece to Renaissance Italy”
—Xingzhi Wang, Chemistry, “Development of machine learning tools for the analysis of transmission electron microscopy data”
—Jacob Wolbert, Ethnomusicology, “Popular Music, Political Economy, and Corporate Philanthropy: Giving Sound to Brazil”

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To keep up with Chapter news, please visit our website (pbk.berkeley.edu) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ucberkelephibetakappa). By the way, we are excited to be making plans for some special PBK lectures to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Charter of Alpha of California. Watch our website for news during 2023.

With gratitude,

Professor Donald J. Mastronarde, President
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