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Chapter inducts 160 New Members; Receives Endowment

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College Park, Md. – Chapter 22cp of Phi Kappa Phi inducted 160 new members on Sunday afternoon, October 7, 2012 in Memorial Chapel. In addition to student and alumni initiates, Professor Cheng-i Wei, Dean for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Ramsey Jabaji, Coordinator for International and Leadership Programs in the James A. Clark School of Engineering, were also welcomed as members of the chapter. The Chapter initiates juniors in the top 7.5 percent of their class, seniors in the top 10 percent of their class, and the top 10 percent of graduating post-baccalaureate, degree-seeking students.

Professor Donna Hamilton, Associate Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Studies, provided campus greetings to attending initiates and guests. She also shared that this year, 22CP was recognized as a Chapter of Merit. Also in attendance was Marilyn Demorest, Trustee and Treasurer of The Maryland Phi Kappa Phi Foundation, and Professor Emeritus of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Since 1980, the Foundation has welcomed contributions from members of Chapter 22 to support its scholarship and fellowship efforts. Given the division of Chapter 22 into three campus-distinct chapters (UMUC, UMBC and UMCP) in 2010, the Foundation decided to disperse its resources accordingly. Consequently, on behalf of the Foundation, Professor Demorest presented a check for \$114,000 to the College Park Chapter, received by Dean Hamilton. Proceeds from these funds will support the College Park Chapter's scholarship and awards efforts.

Senior Aerospace Major [Matthew Marcus](#) was present to be publicly acknowledged for winning the 2011 Shirley C. Sorensen Outstanding Undergraduate Award. [The deadline to apply for the 2012 Sorensen Award is October 31, 2012.](#)

Established in 1920, the University Maryland College Park Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi recognizes and promotes the superior scholarship of students. Each year Phi Kappa Phi/National awards over \$450,000 in scholarships and fellowships.

The Chapter's next meeting will take place in November. Details will be forthcoming, encouraging past and present members to attend.

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