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Turlington and Wong Receive 2012-2013 Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 22CP Shirley C. Sorensen Academic Excellence Award

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College Park, Md. – Katherine (Kate) Turlington, a junior neurobiology and physiology major in the College of Computer, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, and Jason Chun Yu Wong a senior pursuing degrees in Environmental Science and Policy, and German, are this year's recipients of the Shirley C. Sorensen Academic Excellence Award, from Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 22CP. These \$1,000 scholarships honor long-time executive secretary of Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 22, Shirley C. Sorensen. Professor Sorensen was a member of the University's mathematics faculty.

The Scholarship committee observed that both Turlington and Wong's applications reflected in-depth research experience, peer teaching, a global perspective to their scholastic interests and studies, and a passion for advancing new knowledge. Kate, a member of the Honors College, has studied abroad both in Argentina and Costa Rica. She has made presentations at the National Institute of Aging and the National Institute on Health. Kate hopes to attend the University of Maryland School of Medicine, following with a residency in pediatrics specializing in neurology. Wong, a 2011 recipient of a College Park Scholars citation in Science and Global Change, is currently studying at Leuphana University in Lueneburg, Germany. A 2012 recipient of the Morris and Stewart Udall Undergraduate Scholarship, Jason plans to be an environmental economist, focusing his research on climate change. Kate is a 2009 graduate of the Notre Dame Preparatory School in Towson, Md, and is the daughter of James and Susanne Turlington of Cockeysville, Md. Jason came to the University of Maryland from Shanghai, China; he is the son of Pit Wong and Amie Cheng.

The Sorensen Award was established in 2009. Undergraduate students who are active Phi Kappa Phi members are eligible to apply. Past recipients of the Sorensen Award have been Emily Sze (2009), Lauren Woolsey (2010), and Matthew Marcus (2011).

Chartered at College Park in 1920, Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest honor society at Maryland, recognizing academic excellence across all disciplines. The University of Maryland College Park Chapter invites juniors and seniors in the top 10 percent of their class, and graduate students with a 4.0 grade point average, for induction. Faculty members, alumni, and administrators are also invited on the basis of outstanding achievement.