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To Be Announced



**Message from the President**

I would like to introduce you to the newest members on the board for Pi Lambda Theta, Epsilon Chapter, by first thanking the previous officers for nominating me for president. I am excited and honored to represent our chapter. Helping me to serve you, are Lisa Krall, elected treasurer, Arteria Evans accepted nomination for Communication Chair, and a special thank you to Raleigh Kaminsky who will continue to be our faculty advisor. Thank you also to Gary Reimann and JoVan Birkhofer for your years of service to the Pi Lambda Theta board.

Thank you to all of the members who replied to the survey sent out in June. We took your answers and comments into consideration during our July meeting. The board met to set goals and plan our events for the upcoming year. We are excited for the changes and opportunities ahead!

There are three things that we are updating and changing for this year. The first is that we will have a fall membership drive. The second is to strengthen our networking capabilities within our chapter as well as to reach out to Phi Delta Kappa, a "sister" organization of PLT. And lastly, we will be sending newsletters electronically to all interested members instead of through the mail. Keep reading on page 3 to find out more about each of these changes.



### **SAVE THE DATE**

October 6	9:00-11AM	Burton Hall, U of M Mpls Campus
January 26	TBD	
April 20	TBD	

Programs include a networking component and attendees receive teacher CEUs.

## **Spring Program 2012 and New Member Initiation**



On April 26 we welcomed our new PLT initiates at a dinner on the University of Minnesota Saint Paul campus. Four of our 20 new members participated in the initiation ceremony. After enjoying a delicious buffet supper, the 2011 Mary Lampe Scholarship recipient, Jennifer Reinke, gave an informative presentation on her research. Jennifer is a graduate student in Family Social Science and her dissertation research is focused on online information and support for parents of children on the autism spectrum.



## **October Program 2012 University of Minnesota Burton Hall Room 227**

### **October 6, 2012, 9:00- 10AM**

At our fall meeting on October 6, Dr. Misty Sato, director of the Teacher Education Redesign Initiative in the College of Education and Human Development, and director of Education Resource Development Programs, will report on the work of this ground-breaking project that involves many colleges and school districts in the state in cooperative efforts to improve the quality of beginning teachers. Following the program we will have the fall initiation for new members.

### **WELCOME SPRING 2012 INITIATES!**

**University of Minnesota Saturday Scholars Discount for PLT Members**  
***Join the College of Education and Human Development's Alumni Society for its annual Saturday Scholars on November 10 and receive a \$5 discount off the \$25 fee (program brochures will be mailed to all PLT members in September. CEUs will be available for this day of learning with CEHD faculty on a variety of timely and interesting topics.***

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| Robert Battle           | Mohamed Sallam      |
| Samantha Berenson       | Wendy Shampine      |
| Haley Clark             | Ashley Steenvoorden |
| Chloe Cole              | Brittney Stewart    |
| Jamie Finke             | Azania Tripp        |
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| Jessica Raaen           |                     |
| Elizabeth (Lizzy) Reich |                     |



### **Mary Lampe Scholarship**

For over a decade, our Epsilon chapter has been awarding a scholarship in honor and memory of Dr. Mary Lampe, a distinguished educator from the U of M College of Education and Development, and former advisor for the chapter. The scholarship is awarded to a graduate student (master's or doctoral level) to support work on a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation. If you are interested in donating to the fund or applying for the scholarship, please contact Evelyn Belton-Kocher at 651-489-9247 or [evelyn.belton-kocher@spps.org](mailto:evelyn.belton-kocher@spps.org).

At this time, there are no applicants for this year's scholarship. So if you are a graduate student, please consider applying for this \$500 scholarship!

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The first big change for our chapter will be the fall membership drive that will begin August 15. CEHD will help support us by reaching out to potential undergraduate and graduate members. Please help us recruit students or professional members by inviting your colleagues to join Pi Lambda Theta. Candidates should register with the PLT national office by September 30 to be part of the initiation ceremony after the October 6<sup>th</sup> program.

Another opportunity for our members will be an increase in networking opportunities, especially as we build a stronger connection with Phi Delta Kappa. Since the merger of Pi Lambda Theta and Phi Delta Kappa, both organizations have discussed meeting the other and now it will be happening! We will have access to a webpage from the Phi Delta Kappa website where we will post information for our members such as officer contacts, newsletters, upcoming events and opportunities and information about our service project. Look for more information to come!

Lastly, members have requested that we send newsletters and program announcements via email. Members who do not have email accounts will still receive paper copies. If you wish to continue to receive a paper copy, please contact Raleigh Kaminsky know.



The Phi Delta Kappa International Family of Associations, of which Pi Lambda Theta is a part of, is currently updating national bylaws. Once a template has been established, our chapter will need to work on updating our bylaws. If you are interested in working on this document, please contact Melissa Turk.

### **Service Learning Project**

At publication of this newsletter, the chapter has not determined the Service Learning Project for the 2012-2013 year. If you have any suggestions, please contact Melissa Turk.