ECU Student Awarded National Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship

Thomas Harriot College Sociology major Samar Singh has been chosen to receive one of Phi Kappa Phi’s 2003 National Fellowship awards for graduate study as well as the ECU chapter’s graduate fellowship award.

Born in India, Singh moved to the United States with her family when she was three. She observed first hand the hardships and hard work her parents went through to “make it,” and she has vowed to live by their example. The receipt of these scholarships marks her pursuit of her dreams and dedication to excellence.

"My father and mother have always instilled in their children the importance of values such as honesty, persistence, and passion for doing a task well."

Singh graduated with her Sociology degree in May 2003 and will enter the Brody School of Medicine this fall. A recipient of the Brody School of Medicine Early Assurance Scholarship and the Byrd Scholarship, Singh was also active in ECU’s undergraduate Honors Program and was designated an ECU Scholar.

Established in 1932, the Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship Program annually awards 52 fellowships of $8000 each toward postgraduate study at accredited institutions. As winner of the ECU graduate fellowship competition, Singh will also receive the chapter award of $1500. These awards will be used to support her first year of graduate study here at the Brody School of Medicine. Awards at both the national and local levels are highly competitive, and Singh is the first ECU student to receive a national award in the history of the ECU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

By extending its interest and eligibility for membership across the entire spectrum of subject matter of the modern university, Phi Kappa Phi calls attention to the fact that the modern world needs a breadth of understanding far beyond that of specialists who focus solely on their particular discipline and unifies diverse scholars in the academy.
The East Carolina University Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi held its spring 2003 Initiation and Awards Ceremony on April 14 at the Hendrix Theatre in the Mendenhall Student Center. Received into the society were one hundred eighteen juniors, seniors, and graduate students in addition to seven faculty members, one distinguished alumna, and one honorary member.

Chapter President Scott Snyder presided at the ceremony and Dr. Thomas Feldbush (past chapter president and current Vice Chancellor for Research, Economic Development and Community Engagement) was the speaker.

Several chapter and national level awards were made. Outstanding freshman was Christopher Smith; co-outstanding seniors were Lindsey Jeffords Caroon and Bernard Lieving III; and Samar Singh received both the chapter and the national graduate fellowships, a first for ECU (for more in-depth information on Singh, see page one of this issue).

Faculty initiates included Patrick Bizzaro, Michael Benjamin Brown, Robin Webb Corbett, Linda Rockwell High, Lynn K. Bradshaw, Garrie W. Moore, and Scott Snowden Wells; Lisa D. Benton was named distinguished alumna; and Don J. Edwards was initiated as an honorary member.

Phi Kappa Phi is East Carolina University’s most prestigious honor society open to all disciplines. Academic achievement and personal character are rigorously evaluated before invitations to join are issued.

### Juniors
- Judith N. Barber*
- Brittany Alexandra Bodart*
- Sarah Nicole Conway*
- Lisa Marie Cordileone*
- Marissa M. Dunn*
- Martha Alice Fiaschetti*
- Joseph Edward Finley, Jr.
- Amanda Jane Flynn
- Holly Leigh Haddock*
- Zachary Joel Harrison*
- Michelle Waters Hill
- Rena Elizabeth Johnson*
- Gail T. Kennedy
- Angela Grace Kenward*
- Leonard John Lanier*
- Mary Kate McDaniel
- Brandy R. Moore*
- Gloria I. Nieves*
- Joshua Eugene Outlaw
- Sharon B. Peek
- Ryan Matthew Phillips*
- Ashley Rebekah Presar*
- Meredith Lynn Richardson*
- Linda Ann Rusnak*
- J. Elizabeth Shank*
- Leslie Michelle Smith*
- Taft L. Stallings
- Katherine Colleen Stille*
- Jonathan Alan Stutzman*
- Sabra Brew Taylor

### Seniors
- Lesley Scott Ashworth*
- LeAnne White Avery
- Johanna Noëlle Brantley
- Frances Elizabeth Bridger
- Marsha Ann Burgess
- Richard B. Burnette
- Amanda Hazel Caines
- Lauren Gray Carrier
- Amy Lynn Carroll
- Michael Alan Casey
- Jessica Lee Cleaton
- Kenneth D. Cronin*
- Donna Sue Davis
- Regina Lee Deuso
- Daniel James Drake
- Katheron Charée Duffett*
- Bridgette Kristine Ennis
- Alicia Robin Fish
- Rebecca Cheryl Fleenor
- George D. Flynn
- Sue Ellen Freeman
- Jodi Galloway
- Bruce Todd Guest
- Amy Lyn H. Haddock
- Katherine D. Harris
- Steven E. Howard
- Barbara Todd Hutchins
- Cristianne Grey Hutchins
- Heather Marie Ivy*
- Sara Ashley Jones
- Jonathan Hargett Kornegay*
- Malinda Elizabeth Langley*
- William Alex Langley
- Dominic Liberatore
- Bernard H. Lieving III*
- Charles Edmondson Lott
- Dorothy Catherine McCanless
- EkuA Jameswa Mensah
- Diane Helen Miller
- Nicholas Vaugh Millner
- Christopher T. Moore
- Jennifer Britt Moretz
- James Kevin Morrow
- Kathryn Suzanne Morton
- Edward M. Nye
- Heather Elizabeth O’Neil
- Danielle Elizabeth Parrish
- Tanya Elaine Paul*
- Heather Margie Peck*
- Mark P. Randolph
- Adrienne Brook Raxter
- Adrienne Dunning Rea*
- Lindsey Michelle Reynolds
- Shannon Lee Rigling
- Kristin K. Ritterbusch
- Sarward Elizabeth Russell
- Tamara Scherer
- Christopher Michael Smith
- Nicole Christian Thomas*
- Catherine Brooks Tillman
- Mary Kathryn Vogel-Mishoe*
- Brittany Kathryn Wilkerson
- Timothy Scott Wilson
- Lisa Lynn Yates
- Michael E. Young
- Robert W. Zegarelli

### Graduate Students
- Keith T. Heinrich
- Kearstin Suzanne Howald
- Branka Hrov-Mihic
- Randall R. Lewis, Jr.
- Erin Lorraine McKee
- Hripsime Barsegghyan Messer
- Barret A. Michael
- Christina T. Miller
- Laurel Whitney Moulton
- Velvet Nelson
- Helene Elizabeth Reilly
- Regan Lee Roberts
- Christopher G. Smith
- Daniel Wayne Smith
- Lancen S. Tully
- Alethea Elva Williams-King

### Faculty
- Patrick Bizzaro
- Michael Benjamin Brown
- Robin Webb Corbett
- Linda Rockwell High
- Lynn K. Bradshaw
- Garrie W. Moore
- Scott Snowden Wells

### Distinguished Alumna
- Lisa D. Benton

### Honorary
- Don J. Edwards

---

* indicates all students enrolled in the University Honors Program
ECU’s chapter of Phi Kappa Phi continued its tradition of sponsored debates—the most recent of which was held on March 17, 2003. The subject of the debate – “The Death Penalty as a Viable Option in Today’s Society”—featured John Pritchard, Esq., Assistant District Attorney of the Second Prosecutorial District of North Carolina, and Ms. Evangelyne Redding Briley, an anti-death penalty advocate who has appeared on numerous talk shows and was married to death-row inmate James Redding Briley. Both debaters presented arguments that stimulated thought and discussion.

The state of North Carolina maintains the option of death penalty for first degree murder, which is defined as either the willful, deliberate, and premeditated killing of an individual, or killing while committing another felony. All those currently awaiting execution in North Carolina were convicted and sentenced under the state’s revised capital punishment law which became effective June 1, 1977. In 1998, death by lethal injection was made the only method of execution.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Email</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>President</td>
<td>Ronald H. Nowaczyk</td>
<td>328-9476</td>
<td><a href="mailto:nowaczykr@mail.ecu.edu">nowaczykr@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vice President/President Elect</td>
<td>Marilyn Sheerer</td>
<td>328-4260</td>
<td><a href="mailto:sheererm@mail.ecu.edu">sheererm@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Immediate Past President</td>
<td>Scott W. Snyder</td>
<td>328-4395</td>
<td><a href="mailto:snyders@mail.ecu.edu">snyders@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Treasurer</td>
<td>Thomas W. Durham</td>
<td>328-6118</td>
<td><a href="mailto:durhamt@mail.ecu.edu">durhamt@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Secretary</td>
<td>C. Eldean Pierce</td>
<td>328-4317</td>
<td><a href="mailto:piercecm@mail.ecu.edu">piercecm@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Executive Director</td>
<td>Dianna B. Lowe</td>
<td>328-6242</td>
<td><a href="mailto:lowedm@mail.ecu.edu">lowedm@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Director</td>
<td>George W. Bailey</td>
<td>328-6221</td>
<td><a href="mailto:baileyg@mail.ecu.edu">baileyg@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Director</td>
<td>Michael F. Bassman</td>
<td>328-6373</td>
<td><a href="mailto:basseamanm@mail.ecu.edu">basseamanm@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Director</td>
<td>Charles R. Ewen</td>
<td>328-1071</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ewenc@mail.ecu.edu">ewenc@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Director</td>
<td>Sylvie D. Henning</td>
<td>328-0104</td>
<td><a href="mailto:hennings@mail.ecu.edu">hennings@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Director</td>
<td>Sharon Knight</td>
<td>328-4637</td>
<td><a href="mailto:knights@mail.ecu.edu">knights@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Director</td>
<td>O. Bruce Southard</td>
<td>328-6378</td>
<td><a href="mailto:southard@mail.ecu.edu">southard@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chair, Alumni and Distinguished Merit Award Committee</td>
<td>George W. Bailey</td>
<td>328-6221</td>
<td><a href="mailto:baileyg@mail.ecu.edu">baileyg@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chair, Archives Committee</td>
<td>Don Leggett</td>
<td>328-6072</td>
<td><a href="mailto:leggettd@mail.ecu.edu">leggettd@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chair, Endowment Committee</td>
<td>James Lanier, Jr.</td>
<td>328-0611</td>
<td><a href="mailto:lanierj@mail.ecu.edu">lanierj@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chair, Faculty &amp; Staff Selection Committee</td>
<td>Henry A. Peel</td>
<td>328-6021</td>
<td><a href="mailto:peelh@mail.ecu.edu">peelh@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chair, Graduate Selection Committee</td>
<td>D. Paul Tschetter</td>
<td>328-1467</td>
<td><a href="mailto:tschetterp@mail.ecu.edu">tschetterp@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chair, Initiation &amp; Banquet Committee</td>
<td>C. Eldean Pierce</td>
<td>328-4317</td>
<td><a href="mailto:piercecm@mail.ecu.edu">piercecm@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chair, Lecture Series Committee</td>
<td>Sandra Seay</td>
<td>328-6001</td>
<td><a href="mailto:seays@mail.ecu.edu">seays@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chair, National Fellowship, Student Awards Committee</td>
<td>Holly F. Matthews</td>
<td>328-4839</td>
<td><a href="mailto:mathewsh@mail.ecu.edu">mathewsh@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chair, Nominations Committee</td>
<td>Kermit Buckner</td>
<td>328-1119</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bucknerk@mail.ecu.edu">bucknerk@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chair, Public Affairs Committee</td>
<td>Lorraine H. Robinson</td>
<td>328-1538</td>
<td><a href="mailto:robinsonlo@mail.ecu.edu">robinsonlo@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chair, Undergraduate Selection Committee</td>
<td>Dianna B. Lowe</td>
<td>328-6242</td>
<td><a href="mailto:lowedm@mail.ecu.edu">lowedm@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chair, Wall of Honor Committee</td>
<td>W. Keats Sparrow</td>
<td>328-6249</td>
<td><a href="mailto:sparowww@mail.ecu.edu">sparowww@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Web Editor</td>
<td>Joyce Joines Newman</td>
<td>328-2297</td>
<td><a href="mailto:newmanj@mail.ecu.edu">newmanj@mail.ecu.edu</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>