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Pearlman Wins Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Award

BATON ROUGE, LA— Aaron B. Pearlman of Baltimore, MD was presented with a Love of Learning Award worth \$500 by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. This honor counts Pearlman among 80 members nationwide receiving the Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Award to help fund post-baccalaureate studies and career development.

Pearlman was initiated at University of Maryland, Baltimore County, where he studied Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science, and Astronomy. He also received a certificate from the Honors College at UMBC. Pearlman is currently a Graduate Astrophysics Researcher at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and plans to earn his Ph.D. in Physics.

Aaron B. Pearlman graduated magna cum laude with departmental honors, earning separate degrees in Physics and Mathematics. He was also a member of the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa honor society and president of the Society of Physics Students, Sigma Pi Sigma, Mathematics Council of Majors, and Pi Mu Epsilon. He was the winner of the Donald N. Langenberg Undergraduate Research Award and Outstanding Graduating Senior in Physics Award.

The selection process for the Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Award is based on 1) the impact on the applicant's career or educational goals; 2) academic achievement; 3) leadership and service on the campus and in the community; and 4) a personal statement of educational perspective, purpose and objectives.

More About Phi Kappa Phi

Founded in 1897 and headquartered in Baton Rouge, La., Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society. Phi Kappa Phi inducts annually more than 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni. The Society has chapters on more than 300 select colleges and universities in North America and the Philippines. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors. Faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify.

Since its founding, more than 1 million members have been initiated. Some of the organization's more notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, writer John Grisham and Netscape founder James Barksdale. The Society has awarded approximately \$13 million since the inception of its awards program in 1932. Today, more than \$700,000 is awarded annually to qualifying members and non-members through graduate fellowships, undergraduate study abroad scholarships, member and chapter awards and grants for local and national literacy initiatives. The Society's mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

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