



LOWCOUNTRY PHI BETA KAPPA ASSOCIATION

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Dear Friends:

Greetings from the Lowcountry Phi Beta Kappa Association! We would like to share some big news with you. **The College of Charleston now has a PBK chapter approved by the national PBK Society.** Meanwhile, LPBK is happily planning our 2024-25 program season. In a few weeks, you will receive notice of our first event, part of the National Office “Key Connections” initiative. We will gather on October 14th at Gage Hall on Archdale Street for happy hour (pizza and one drink per person) before heading to Old City Jail for a “Ghost Tour” conducted on the first floor. In addition, we also plan to host our traditional holiday party, our regular winter meeting with a speaker, and a scholarship dinner in the spring. As always, you are welcome to bring guests to any of our functions.

At the heart of Phi Beta Kappa is promoting the traditional liberal arts and sciences, and our association does this in part through our scholarship program. This past year, we presented a \$2,500 scholarship to 3 rising seniors at the Citadel, the College of Charleston, and Charleston Southern University, and 1 graduating senior at the American College of the Building Arts. Our program is only possible through the generous support of our members and a modest income from an endowment provided by the late Cornelia Carrier. In the recap of last year’s programs on the reverse side of this letter, you will find information about our awardees.

With enthusiasm for our task as advocates for the liberal arts and sciences, I invite you to complete the form below or on our website to submit your dues for 2024-25. I also invite you also to make a generous gift to our scholarship program so we may continue to recognize outstanding achievement in the liberal arts and sciences at our local colleges and universities.

Persons inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in the last five years receive one year of membership free; for others, dues are just \$40. We are a 501(c)(3) organization; donations and dues are tax-deductible. Even if you cannot join us this year, please consider donating to the scholarship fund.

To renew your membership and pay your 2024-25 dues electronically, visit our website: <https://www.pbklowcountry.org/join-with-paypal-form>. If you would prefer to pay via check, detach the form at the bottom of this page and mail it in with your dues payment.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 843-225-3224 or hillary.hutchinson@gmail.com. Our Annual Report appears on the second page. In addition, we invite you to visit our [website](http://www.pbklowcountry.org) for the latest information about PBK events and the association: www.pbklowcountry.org.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Hutchinson, President
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Name _____ Elected at _____ Year _____

Address _____ City/ZIP _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____

Annual dues @ \$40 _____ Scholarship donation _____ Total _____

I prefer to receive notifications by _____ email _____ US mail.

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On October 12th, members met at Ritual Rooftop Restaurant and Lounge for happy hour before heading to The Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art for a guided tour of the museum with Director & Chief Curator Katie Hirsch (on the right).



The traditional elegant Holiday Party was held at Gage Hall, Unitarian Church, December 11th, 2023, with piano accompaniment by Tom Bailey.



On February 12th, 2024, members and friends gathered for a reception and program at the American College of the Building Arts. The featured speaker was Gibbs Knotts, formerly Professor of Political Science and Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, and as of July 1, 2024 Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Coastal Carolina University on the upcoming South Carolina primaries.

The association's program year closed with a banquet on April 24th at Ms. Rose's honoring four outstanding students who each received a \$2500 award marking their achievement in the liberal arts and sciences, pictured on the left with President Hillary Hutchinson.

- ACBA: Carolyne Chardac, Plaster (Faculty Sponsor: Angela Caban)
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