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The PBKAAGA Newsletter

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Key Notes, the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of Greater Austin newsletter highlights Association news, recent and upcoming events, and developments in the Association's continued evolution. Additional details about this newsletter and the organization can be found on the Association website: <http://pbkaaga.wildapricot.org/>

Congratulations to our 2019 Teaching Excellence Award Winner!



We are pleased to announce the Teaching Excellence Award for 2019 will be awarded to Kelly Wroblewski of Austin High School, who was nominated by her Principal, Amy Taylor.

Austin's Mayor Steve Adler will present the award to Ms. Wroblewski on November 10th, at the fall meeting of the Association. The award includes a cash prize of \$2,500 to the winner, and in addition Austin High School receives an additional \$500 to be spent for a project at the direction of Ms. Wroblewski.

The PBKAAGA Teaching Excellence Award was created to recognize Austin area high school teachers who have demonstrated instructional expertise, classroom innovation, and the ability to cultivate students' ability to think critically; who expand their own knowledge in the liberal arts and sciences; and who share their own classroom success for the benefit of their colleagues.

See details about the November PBKAAGA meeting below.

2020 Scholarship Program to Collaborate with Breakthrough Central Texas



Breakthrough Central Texas is an education nonprofit with a vision that all Central Texas children have the opportunity to realize their potential through the life-changing power of a college degree. Central Texas has the lowest college graduation rates of any region in the state for middle school students from under-resourced communities. To combat this inequity, Breakthrough makes a 12-year commitment to create a path to and through college, beginning in middle school, for students who will be the first in their families to earn a college degree. Through a combination of extended out-of-school learning, comprehensive advising and mentoring, and leadership experiences, Breakthrough helps students from under-resourced communities prepare for, enroll in, and ultimately graduate from college at seven times the rate of their peers.

In 2020, PBKAAGA will collaborate with Breakthrough Central Texas to select recipients of our high school scholarship awards. You can learn more about our plans and about Breakthrough at the upcoming member meeting in November.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 10, 2019, 3-5 p.m. – Fall General Meeting and presentation of Teaching Excellence Award.

Antone's, 305 East 5th Street, Austin, TX 78701.

Speaker: Dr. William Schleuse, PBKAAGA member, retired psychiatrist & psychoanalyst, and photography maven



The Relationship Between Photography and Art over 180 Years

The introduction of photography in 1839 didn't mark the end of art, as one contemporary had it, but it did initiate an interactive relationship which continues today. Dr. Schleuse will discuss

this relationship and some of the people and images which have been key parts of it.



See you there!

Sunday, May 3, 2020, 3-5 p.m. – Spring General Meeting and scholarship award presentations. Join us at the Neill Cochran House Museum at 2310 San Gabriel St, Austin, TX 78705

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A Final Word: Please renew your membership for this year, and consider a little extra donation for our scholarship and teacher awards. PBKAAGA - the start of these initials might remind you of PB&J, the basic sandwich that takes us back to a time of simplicity. We each earned our PBK designation, and like PB&J, we probably don't take ourselves all that seriously. But there is one thing we all do take seriously: the value of academic excellence and promoting PBKAAGA. That means supporting the main endeavor of this organization – giving scholarships to worthy applicants and recognizing Teaching Excellence. With your help, we are able to make a difference in the lives of even more students and teachers. Like PB&J – we're asking for a simple donation.

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