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Recent grad earns honor society Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship

Fresno State alumna Audra Iness received a \$5,000 fellowship grant from The Honor Society of [Phi Kappa Phi](#), the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society.

Iness, of Fresno, graduated with a bachelor's degree in [Biology](#) in May and will continue her studies at the Virginia Commonwealth School of Medicine this fall.

She is among 57 students nationwide to receive a Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship. The program allocates about \$345,000 annually to deserving students for first-year graduate or professional study.

Winners are selected based on their academic achievement, service and leadership experience, letters of recommendation, career goals and acceptance at an approved graduate school or professional program.

Founded in 1897 and headquartered in Baton Rouge, La., Phi Kappa Phi includes chapters at more than 300 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.

In 1953, Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 62 was installed at Fresno State, and has since initiated more than 7,500 individuals. The Fresno State chapter initiated [136 new student members](#) in April and awarded three scholarships. More than 800 students, faculty and staff are current members of the chapter.

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