

CONGRATULATIONS: Six new German Inductees!

Wright State University
National German Honor Society Induction
April 15, 2016



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Krista Dona
Joel Hansen
Glenn Harman



Curtis Magee
Theodore Theopolos
Kristina Wassmann, MAT

Deutsche Ehrenverbindung



Induction Program

Welcome (Dr. Dona)
History of Society (Dr. Sturdevant)
♪ Christina Condon (Flute)

Candidates' Presentations
Joel Hansen
Theodore Theopolos
Curtis Magee
Glenn Harman
Krista Dona

Honorary Member (Dr. Sturdevant)
Kristina Wassmann, MAT

♪ German Hornpipe (Maira Levant)

Initiation Ritual
(Dr. Dona, Dr. Sturdevant, Powers)

♪ Students of Christina Condon (Flutes)
Candle Ceremony (Joe Yuppa)

Conclusion (Dr. Dona)
Violin: Maira Levant
Flutists: Piper Gillam
Ruthie Keller
Ethan Parks
Teacher: Christina Condon
Reception & Photo Opportunity



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The purpose of Delta Phi Alpha is to recognize outstanding achievement in the German language and its literatures, and to enlarge the appreciation for the cultural contributions of the German-speaking world, and to promote German cultural activities.

German and Music

On Friday, April 15, 2016, was the Induction Ceremony of the Delta Phi Alpha Chapter German Honorary Society.

Besides hearing a lot of German spoken, you could hear music. German inductee, Curtis Magee, played a piece by German Baroque composer, George Philip Telemann on his bassoon. Glenn Harman entertained us with an inspiring oboe/bassoon duet, accompanied by Chris.

Christina Condon, former German minor, brought three of her students who all played pieces by German composers Gluck, Quantz, and Händel on their flutes. Maira Levant, composer and German minor, played a German-Scottish dance on her violin.

German faculty, Dr. Sturdevant and Mrs. Powers assisted Dr. Dona, official faculty Delta Phi Alpha advisor, during the initiation process. Joe Yuppa performed the candle light ceremony.

Former inductees participated as well.

KRISTINA WASSMANN: Honorary Inductee 2016!



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Kristina Wassmann, MAT, explains her German Activism

“As a German teacher with Centerville School District for seventeen years, I have been the school's German club advisor for the duration of my tenure with the school. During the seventeen years, I have spent ten years as the GAPP exchange coordinator with Centerville's Sister City of Bad Zwischenahn, Germany. Cross-cultural connections between approximately 150 students were fostered during the three-week long exchanges between our two countries. Countless friendships between Germany and the USA blossomed and many of our participants are still in contact with each other, having attended each other's weddings or other life events. I have been an AP teacher for the entire duration of my employment with Centerville City schools and have helped countless students score high marks on the AP test, which earned them thousands in dollars of college credit for German.

Many students went on to pursue degrees with German majors and minors; with some of my students studying in Germany or Austria and some even re-locating to Germany or Austria.

My impact on the lower levels also includes having been a teacher for all levels at Centerville High School. I guided students from their humble beginnings to winning Gold medal honors at the AATG National German Exam, celebrating their success with a culminating awards ceremony to highlight their German talents but also to give all students a platform to showcase musical talents as well.

Having been president of the Association of American German teachers (AATG) from 2011-2014 afforded me the opportunity to closely work together with a college professor to craft tailor-made



SUPPORTERS OF THE EVENT

Department of Modern Languages contributed some money towards the expenses. The German faculty paid for food and decoration costs.

***Ellen Hecht**, German High School Teacher from Coldwater High School attended to support Mrs. Wassmann.

***Isaac Hampton** and **Kate** helped set up the flags and other decorations.

***Brooke Frazier**, 2015 inductee, assisted with set up and food serving.

***Alvin Helms**, 2014 Delta Phi Alpha inductee

and **Daniel Moody**, 2015 inductee, **Dr. Philip Williams**, honorary inductee of 2015, attended the event.

Thank you to **family** and **friends** who attended the Delta Phi Alpha Induction Ceremony to celebrate the outstanding German students.

German Inductees Share Why they Love German



Joel Hansen shares his interest in German.



Theodore Theopolos even brought his father's *Bier Steinkrug* with him.



Curtis Magee played a Bassoon piece by German composer Telemann.



Glenn Harman entertained us with an oboe/bassoon duet.



Krista Dona recited a poem by W. v. Goethe.

Thank you to all the parents, friends, former
Delta Phi Alpha Inductee, the Musicians,
and the Photographer Brooke Frazier.



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