

Thomas Arkle Clark

\$10,000 Graduate Scholar-Leader

Dean Clark, dean of men at the University of Illinois and Senator of Phi Beta Kappa, was one of the three founders of Phi Eta Sigma and our first National President, serving from 1927 until 1933.

2023-2024 Scholar-Leader

Preston McGee

Preston McGee is the eighteenth recipient of the Thomas Arkle Clark Graduate Scholar-Leader of the Year Award. Preston was inducted into the University of Alabama chapter of Phi Eta Sigma in Spring of 2020. He graduated from Alabama in May of 2023 with degrees in Management & Political Science and minors in Entrepreneurship & Civic Engagement and Leadership. He is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree with concentrations in Problem Identification, Evaluation, and Solutions from the University of Alabama.

The experiences Preston had as an undergraduate student helped shape him into who he is today. He served Phi Eta Sigma diligently at the local and national levels. Preston served the Alabama chapter as Outreach Chair and Vice President of Social. At the national level, Preston served on the National Board of Directors and was instrumental in the success of our 2022 National Convention in Birmingham. He served as the hospitality chair and helped lead breakout sessions. He also earned Member of Distinction status as a member of the inaugural class.

Outside of Phi Eta Sigma, Preston was heavily involved on the University of Alabama's campus. He earned a spot on the President's List and Dean's List. He was also a member of numerous honor societies, including the Jason's Senior Men's Honorary, Cardinal Key, Omicron Delta Kappa, Mortar Board, and Blue Key honor societies. He served as President of Capstone Men & Women, a member of the Student Government Association, and also held an internship in Washington D.C. with Senator Tommy Tuberville's office.

When asked what advice he would give his freshman self, Preston said: "I would tell my freshman self to be kinder to himself. I have always been the hardest on myself and sometimes, rather than picking myself up after a failure and learning how to get better, I would



dwel in the feeling that I was not good enough for whatever it was. Ultimately, I learned that failures are what make us better, and there is always something to learn in every experience, good or bad." Upon completion of his MBA degree, Preston plans to take the LSAT to pursue the next step in his academic journey of attending law school. $\phi\eta\sigma$

What is your favorite book and who is the author?

My 'favorite book' changes from time to time, but currently Matthew McConaughey's *Greenlights* is at the top of my list. This text tells of the famous actor's progression and growth as he dealt with being told no, but focusing on the greenlights in life. This is something that I continue to work on in my personal life as I look for the work of God in my life and try to find where He wants to lead me.

What is your favorite quote and who is it from?

My favorite quote is by Oscar Wilde, "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken". I love this quote and regularly use it as a reminder that the best person I can be, is myself. In a world where we are constantly comparing and being compared, it always helps to realign yourself with your true value and set your eyes on goals that are best for you. This quote is closely followed by an anonymous one, "Be the energy you want to attract". I often think of these two quotes together because people are happiest when they are true to themselves and by doing that, you attract happiness around you.



What is your favorite memory from Phi Eta Sigma?

There are so many fond memories to choose from and many more to make, but if I had to choose a favorite, it would be last year's convention in Birmingham, Alabama. For me, this was such a special moment because it was the first in-person convention I was able to attend and it was phenomenal to see students from all across the country come to my own home state to kick off our centennial celebration. I will never forget all of the laughs we shared and memories made from the human knots in the convention center to the injectable donuts at TopGolf.

What is one piece of advice you would give to yourself when you were first starting your college career as a freshman?

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Centennial Scholar-Leader of the Year Award

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The Centennial Scholarship will be awarded for the first time in 2023 in the amount of \$10,000 to either an undergraduate or graduate student. This scholarship was created in honor of Sydney Helgeson, Lindsay Jackson, and Preston McGee, who served on the National Board of Directors from 2020-22. It also commemorates the Society's 100th anniversary and honors all students who have served in national leadership roles during our first 100 years.

2023-2024 Scholar-Leader Lindsey Jorgensen Jackson

Lindsey Jorgensen Jackson is the first recipient of the Centennial Scholar-Leader of the Year Award. Lindsey was inducted into the Brigham Young University chapter of Phi Eta Sigma in April 2019. She graduated from BYU in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and a minor in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) K-12. She is currently pursuing a Master of Education degree in School Leadership, also from Brigham Young University.

Lindsey has served Phi Eta Sigma extensively at both the national and local levels. During her time in undergrad, she served the Brigham Young chapter as President. She also served as the leadership committee coordinator and as the social media manager for the chapter. At the national level, Lindsey has served on the National Board of Directors and played a key role in planning the centennial celebration for the organization. She was a member of the Constitution committee and Nominations committee. Lindsey is also a member of the inaugural Member of Distinction class.

Outside of Phi Eta Sigma, Lindsey graduated from BYU magna cum laude and was on the Dean's List. She was selected by faculty recommendations to represent the entire education department as a Convocation Speaker at Graduation. She served as BYU Church Activities Committee Chair and as a BYU Women's Relief Society First Counselor. Lindsey also volunteered in the local community through United Way Utah, and as a Timpanogos Elementary Reading Buddy.

If she could give one piece of advice to her freshman year self, Lindsey said "You get out of it what you put into it. The same is true in college. Putting effort



into getting involved will bring you more friendships, opportunities, and memories. You will get the most out of this experience by going all in!"

Upon finishing her Masters degree, and after a first few years of teaching, Lindsey is interested in

becoming an innovative learning coach to help support teachers and teams in different focuses like math, reading, or implementing technology. She knows that a career in education leadership is also in her future, serving in a role as a principal. Looking long term, her ultimate goal would be to run a non-profit that hosts community wide fundraisers that directly support local schools with their specific needs. $\Phi\eta\Sigma$

What is your favorite book and who is the author?

Redeeming Love, Francine Rivers

What is your favorite quote and who said it?

“Believe in yourself so strongly that the world can’t help but to believe in you too.” - Alicia Sisk Morris

What is one piece of advice you would give to yourself when you were first starting your college career as a freshman?

I would tell my freshman self not to hold herself back. It can be nerve-wracking to be in a new place with new people, but it's so important to put yourself out there, get involved, and try everything!

What is your favorite memory from Phi Eta Sigma?

My favorite memory from Phi Eta Sigma is attending the 2022 National Convention in Birmingham, AL. This experience was even more rewarding after spending time planning this event as a member of the National Board of Directors. I loved the opportunity to meet like-minded students from all across the country.



James E. Foy- John W. Sagabiel \$10,000 Undergraduate Scholar-Leader

Dean Foy served as chapter adviser at Alabama and Auburn for twenty years. His Executive Committee leadership from 1948 to 1992 as National Editor, National Secretary, and National Secretary-Treasurer-Editor of Phi Eta Sigma and as president of ACHS is legendary. He was student affairs dean from 1952 to 1975 at Auburn University. Dr. Sagabiel was the charter adviser to the Western Kentucky University chapter for sixteen years, elected to the Executive Committee in 1975, served as National President from 1986 to 1992, was National Secretary-Treasurer from 1992 to 2012, and continues to serve on the Executive Committee as National President Emeritus.

Foy-Sagabiel Student-Leader Harikeshav “Hari” Narayan

Harikeshav “Hari” Narayan from the Indiana University-Bloomington chapter of Phi Eta Sigma was selected as the recipient of the fourth annual James E. Foy - John W. Sagabiel Undergraduate Scholar-Leader of the Year award. Hari is currently a senior majoring in Finance with a minor in Economics. He was inducted into Phi Eta Sigma in August of 2021 and has been actively involved at both the national and local levels.

Hari has served the Indiana University-Bloomington chapter as the Executive President. In this role, he has been instrumental in rebuilding the chapter’s leadership structure, including serving on the Executive Board Selection committee, creating ways to stay more connected, and leading professional development events for chapter members. At the National level, Hari has been extensively involved in Phi Eta Sigma. He attended the 2022 National Convention in Birmingham, Alabama, and participated in numerous national events like webinars and the 5K for \$10K Run for reading, which allowed him to earn Member of Distinction status. He is also serving as one of our regional directors for the midwest area as a director of chapter expansion.

Outside of Phi Eta Sigma, Hari serves as the Director of Bylaws and Legal Affairs for Kubate at Kelley, an Entrepreneurial Club at IU’s Kelley School of Business that is focused on professional development and networking with recognized entrepreneurs. He is also a member of the Banking and Trading Association. Hari was recognized on the Dean’s List as a Founder’s Scholar for academic excellence across 3 years of schooling and maintaining a GPA above 3.8.



Looking back on his time as an undergraduate student at IU, one piece of advice Hari would have given

his freshman self is: “You will undoubtedly experience moments that are physically and emotionally overwhelming during the next four years. Remember, things will continue to change, but always find time to take a moment to breathe. This too shall pass.”

Upon graduating in December 2023, Hari plans to pursue a career in healthcare finance. He has accepted an internship offer with Stryker Corporation, where he will have the opportunity to gain valuable experience and contribute to the company’s success. He would ultimately like to continue his academic pursuits by pursuing a JD/ MBA degree after gaining necessary work experience. $\phi H\Sigma$

What is your favorite book and who is the author?

My favorite book is “Murder on the Orient Express” by Agatha Christie. I’m a huge fan of detective novels, and Agatha Christie’s works have always captivated my imagination.

What is your favorite quote and who said it?

Favorite Quote: “When you are at your lowest point, you are open to the greatest change.”

What is one piece of advice you would give to yourself when you were first starting your college career as a freshman?

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What is your favorite memory from Phi Eta Sigma?

My most cherished memory from Phi Eta Sigma was the IU Chapter Spring 2023 Induction Ceremony. It was a remarkable event where we inducted the largest group of freshmen in that year. I had the opportunity to connect with many new inductees and reflect on the successful journey of rebuilding the Phi Eta Sigma chapter.