THIRTY-SEVENTH AWARDING OF THE MYRLE M. BURK – KAPPA DELTA PI

SCIENCE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

On February 7, 2016 the thirty-sixth Myrle M. Burk - Kappa Delta Pi Science Education Scholarship will be awarded at a special ceremony on the UNI campus. From the proceeds of Dr. Burk’s generous 1982 endowment of $5,000 and funds KDP students continued to raise, the Psi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi will award $1500 to this semester’s recipient.

PURPOSE – Dr. Burk’s wish in providing the endowment is to provide financial assistance to active (current dues paid) members of the UNI Psi Chapter, which she joined and which awarded her such a scholarship in the 1920s. The award is specifically designed for KDP members who show evidence of a special interest and ability in the natural sciences. Where possible and appropriate, preference will be given to candidates with a special interest in the field of biology, most particularly in the study of botany or zoology. Evidence of demonstrated adherence the ideals of Kappa Delta Pi is required and, to a lesser extent, financial need is a criterion.

Dr. Burk, an award-winning conservationist, wrote as she made her donation:

You may remember that I mentioned my chagrin concerning the ignorance of people generally of our animals, plants, insects and other features of our environment, and how a little introduction often leads to a marked interest. I would like that this money be used for development of the presentation of this field to children and/or adults. This might also include aiding a student preparing to teach nature study.

ELIGIBILITY – Application for the Spring 2016 Myrle M. Burk-Kappa Delta Pi Science Education Scholarship is open to all active (meaning current dues paid by 01/21/16) members and Spring 2016 initiates of the Psi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi. Applicants must be planning to be full time undergraduate or graduate students in the Fall semester of the 2016-2017 academic year at UNI. Those who are Elementary majors must have a concentration or minor in science. Middle School/Jr. High majors must have a subject field in science. Secondary Education students must have a major in science, biology, chemistry, earth science, or physics.

AWARDS PROCESS – Applications will be reviewed, finalists interviewed, and a recipient selected by a scholarship selection committee composed of UNI KDP members and the KDP Faculty Counselor. The scholarship funds will be awarded during the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters. If the recipient is graduating in the fall, the funds will be awarded in the fall.

Hard copy application forms are available in the Towers IRTS Laboratory or at www.uni.edu/coe/undergraduate/coe-scholarships under Kappa Delta Pi Scholarships. The absolute deadline for submission is NOON, Thursday, January 21st, so those interested should begin the application process immediately!!! The award will be presented at a special ceremony during initiation on Sunday, February 7th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Maucker Union Ballroom. All members are urged to attend.

(Over for the Taylor – KDP Language Arts Teaching Scholarship Description)