

UNCG's Epsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa has been named the most outstanding chapter at a public university by the national honor society. Every three years the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the oldest and most revered honor society in the United States, presents this award. The University of North Carolina joins two other award winners in other categories: New York University and Elmira College. UNCG was selected from 270 chapters across the country.

In his letter of notification to the Chapter, the National Phi Beta Kappa Secretary, John Churchill, noted a number of Epsilon Chapter's initiatives for special praise: "Establishing a list-serve for communication within the chapter, creating an informational exhibit in the library, offering the Hege Award (for graduate study) for outstanding student initiates, and working with the College of Arts and Sciences to fund speakers." He applauded Phi Beta Kappa members here at the university for doing so much to "integrate (the Chapter) into the life of the greater academic community at UNCG."

Professor Alice Haddy (Biology), the Corresponding Secretary, will attend the national Phi Beta Kappa convention in Atlanta in October to receive the award on behalf of the Chapter. She will also host a discussion group at the conference for other chapter representatives on things they might do to enhance their work on their own campuses.

The Epsilon Chapter was founded in 1934. It is one of 6 chapters in the state of North Carolina. The others are at Davidson College, Duke University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University, and Wake Forest University.