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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi announced that Kyle Eash, son of Norm and Cheryl Eash of Bloomington, has been awarded a Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship for the 2002-2003 academic school year.

Founded in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest and largest national honor society dedicated to the recognition and promotion of academic excellence in all fields of higher education. From its beginning in 1932, the Society’s Graduate Fellowship Program has become one of Phi Kappa Phi’s most visible and financially well-supported endeavors. In addition, the program has become one of the largest and most respected scholarship programs in the country, allocating annually more than $460,000 to deserving students for first-year graduate study. Currently, 52 Fellowships of $8,000 and 30 Awards of Excellence in the amount of $1,500 are awarded each year.

The selection process for the Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowships and Awards of Excellence are based on applicants’ undergraduate academic performance; leadership and service on the campus and in the community; evidence of graduate potential; personal statement of educational perspective, purpose and objectives and the evaluation reports from three individuals who are in a position to attest to the student’s performance, citizenship and character.

Headquartered on the Louisiana State University campus in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Phi Kappa Phi inducts annually approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni from 282 select colleges and universities. The society awards more than $500,000 in national and chapter scholarships each year.

Eash, a double major in biology and business has a grade-point average of 3.99 (on a 4.0 scale). In addition to being a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Eash is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa undergraduate honors organization and Beta Beta Beta national science honorary.

Earlier this spring, Eash was one of 20 students chosen to the USA Today’s 13th annual All-USA College Academic Team. The award honors college students for outstanding intellectual achievement and leadership and provides a $2,500 cash award. In November, Eash was one of 49 college students to be recognized for excellence by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois with a Lincoln Laureate Award.