Vision

The vision of the Washington Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa is to be the leading honor society championing excellence in the liberal arts and sciences at the University of Washington.

Mission

Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious undergraduate honor society in the United States, pursuing its mission of fostering and recognizing excellence in the liberal arts and sciences since 1776.

The Washington Alpha Chapter, chartered in 1914 at the UW, is one of over 275 PBK chapters in existence at leading institutions across the nation. In support of the long and honored tradition of the national organization, our mission is to recognize and promote excellence of scholarship in the liberal arts and sciences at the University of Washington.

Core Values

The values that guide the Chapter’s mission and vision are:

- Intellectual achievement informed by curiosity, honesty, and creativity
- Respect for the diversity of ideas
- Commitment to life-long learning
- Involvement in, and promotion of, the intellectual life of the campus community

Strategic Goals

I. **PBK will enhance its status as a visible and integral part of the academic tradition of excellence in the liberal arts and sciences at the UW**

II. **PBK will expand its services to attract students as prospective members**

III. **PBK will expand sources of financial and other support for students**