Statistics Honorary Society Inducts New Student Members

The Penn State chapter of Mu Sigma Rho, the national honorary society for statistics whose purpose is the promotion and encouragement of scholarly activity and the recognition of achievement, recently named 26 new student members to its 2013 class of inductees. Emeritus Professor of Statistics Bill Harkness initiated the Penn State chapter, one of more than 30 chapters nationwide, with 21 members in the spring of 2012.

In order to qualify for membership in Mu Sigma Rho, undergraduate students must have completed at least two years of college including at least eight semester hours of statistics courses, five of which are at the junior level. In addition, their grade point average must rank in the top third of their class. Graduate students must have completed at least twelve semester hours of graduate level courses in statistics and must have at least at 3.50 grade point average in all courses. Members may come from any major as long as they meet the minimum requirements.

The 24 new undergraduate inductees are Francesca Bonaccorsi, TJ Clarke, Boya Du, Sean Duncan, Yiran Gu, Zehua He, Gabrielle Herbert, Laura Hoesly, Victoria Husband, Amber Keck, Boya Li, Yingxin Liang, Liu Lin, Boyi Lu, Tyler Martin, Brandon Middlebrook, Ketan Sharma, Tao Wu, Yue Wu, Jing Yang, Jingwen Zhang, Longdai Zhang, Tianyang Zhang, and Xikai Zhao. The two new masters of applied statistics student inductees are Yue Lu and Jun Zhao.