BYUPAS: BYU Annual Spring Dinner
The 2011-2012 school year ended with a lovely dinner at the Hinckley Alumni Center. Students relived their experiences with the Sigma Journal, the Political Review, and many BYUPAS events hosted over the year. The evening was capped with an address from Sahar Qumsiyeh who discussed, “A Gospel Solution to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.”

Professor of the Year: Ray Christensen
Congratulations to Professor Ray Christensen. Students voted him the Professor of the Year. “Dr. Christensen consistently pushes himself and his students to perform at their highest level. Although this makes his classes academically challenging, it also allows his students to learn and develop in an exceptional way. Additionally, Dr. Christensen reaches out on a personal level to his students, sharing his life through his lectures and developing close relationships with his students. Dr. Christensen has a dynamic personality and teaching style, making him one of the most energetic and interesting teachers in the department. Dr Christensen is the most approachable and down to earth professor I’ve had. Great teacher, Very funny, and brilliant. Cares about students, believes in them, and wants them to succeed.”

“In another life Professor Christensen could have done very well for himself as a stand-up comedian. Luckily we at BYU are beneficiaries of both his scholarly intellect and his God-given comedic talent. Not to mention... the man is a genius.”

Matt Frei
BYUPAS Student President
2011-2012
At the conclusion of the Winter semester, I would like to thank the officers, students, alumni, and faculty that helped the Student Chapter of the Political Affairs Society have such a great year.

The whole team of officers, especially Jessica Biggs, Taylor Bambas, Jeff Nuckols, and Jordan Rogers, worked to put on five major events. David Romney, Brandall Nelson, and their staff made club history by producing the student journal Sigma in time for the Closing Banquet. Taylor Jacoby and her team at the BYU Political Review brought new life to that publication and Brian Reed organized several successful “Welch’s and Cheese” events that helped students get to know faculty and their research. Thanks to Kyrene Gibb for keeping the club finances in order and to Professor Chris Karpowitz for his role as advisor to our chapter of the Society. Finally, we owe a special thanks to Professor Darren Hawkins and the Political Science Department for their tremendous support. It has been a pleasure working with all of you.
At the BYUPAS Dinner this year the following students were inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society:

Desi Baca
Taylor Bambas
Jessica Biggs
Matt Brigham
Ethan Busby
Adam Decker
Katherine Dew
Cameron Harris
Andrew J. Howard
Taylor Jacoby
Kurt London
Bethanie Malan
Andrew Morales
Brandall Nelson
Brian Reed
Thomas Schultz
Danielle Stockton
David Sturgess