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COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMPLETION CORPS

What is C4?

The Community College Completion Corps was created to encourage students to complete college. There are many reasons why students drop out of college from family responsibilities to financial need. According to the C4 website (www.cccompletioncorps.org), out of the 65% of students who drop out with plans to return, only 38% end up going back to school to finish their degree. With the large number of jobs today requiring a college degree to even be considered, this leaves many jobless. C4 is here to encourage students to give themselves their best chance by committing to completing their degree, regardless of the hardships that come along.

GNR C4 Month

The Greater Northwest Region has decided to make March our C4 Month. We would like all chapters to participate by holding a C4 signing event.

What does a C4 Signing Event entail?

C4 signing events can be big or small. The main point of the event is to have students sign a pledge, committing them to complete their college degree. The act of signing a pledge to commit can be just the push a student needs to get through hard times and finish their degree. Set up a C4 signing banner in a high traffic area and encourage students passing by to sign it. If able to, give your event a boost by handing out information on how students can get help. Better yet, get your school involved by having career counselors and university representatives on hand to answer questions students may have.

Need Help with Materials?

Phi Theta Kappa will send out C4 Toolkits to chapters who fill out a form and send it in. The form can be found on the GNR website (www.gnrptk.org) under the C4 Regional 2015 tab. If your chapter needs more help with materials, contact the Regional Team as soon as possible and we will do what we can to help. The Regional Team is committed to ensuring that all chapters are able to participate in this region-wide event!

Upcoming Events:

Spring Conference

March 21, 2015

Seattle, WA

Early Registration: \$75

NerdNation

April 16-18, 2015

San Antonio, TX

Early Registration: \$307

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Spring Conference

March 21st, 2015



Spring Conference will be hosted by the Alpha Epsilon Omega chapter at North Seattle College on March 21st, 2015. The conference is expected to run from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm.

On the Agenda

Be prepared for a fun and education filled conference. Joshua Hancock will be using the Avengers to teach us about conflict resolution and teamwork. Kaitlyn Worman, last year's Division 4 Vice President, will be joining us, as well. Kaitlyn, the Regional Coordinators, and the Regional Officers will be hosting leadership training for advisors, new Chapter Officers, and new Regional Officers. Speaking of new Regional Officers, we will be voting on who will be on next year's Regional Officer Team. Last, but not least, we will be holding the GNR Hallmark Awards Ceremony. Come see who had the best projects in the Greater Northwest Region!

Registration

Register for your conference as soon as possible. The funds from the conference go to the cost of putting it on. It will greatly help the hosting chapter to know how many to expect and to be able to cover the holding costs for conference spaces and catering. Also, be sure to let your advisor know of any food allergies or special diet restrictions since advisors need to make note of them when registering.

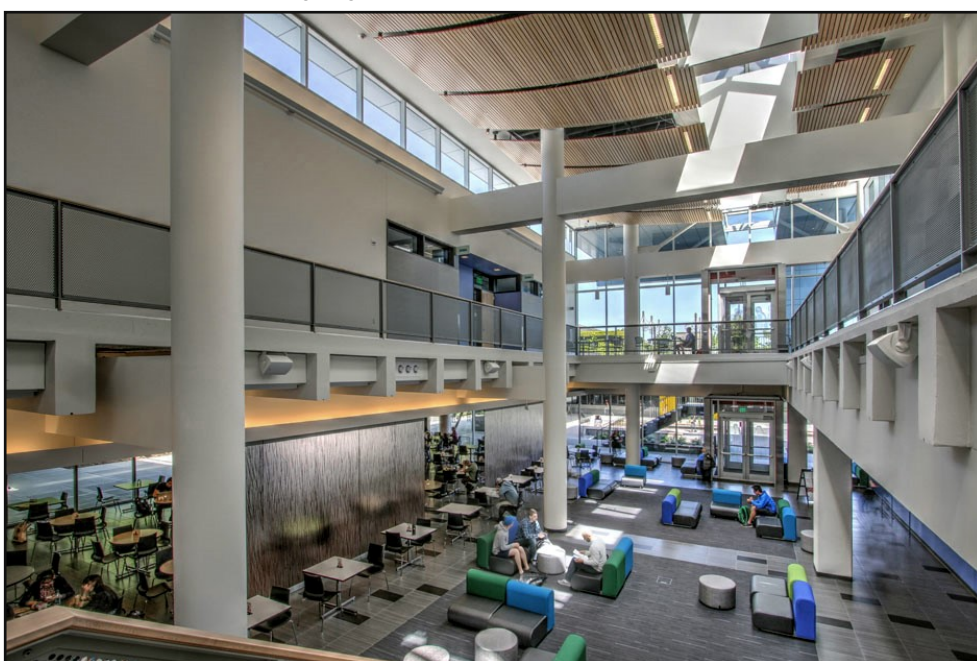
Alumni Raffle Fundraiser and Chapter Quilt

Chapters should bring something to raffle off at the conference. All proceeds will go to the alumni account. Be sure to bring one of your chapter's T-shirts for Dolores, as well. Dolores is going to make a T-shirt quilt with the chapter shirts to raffle off at a future conference.

Summer Conference

Hosting a conference is a great experience for chapter officers and members. Chapters can put forth a bid at Spring Conference. Be prepared for a short speech about why you want to host the conference. If we have multiple bids, we will vote on who gets to host. Be sure to contact Michaelann before the conference to ensure all the bases are covered.

Visit www.gnrptk.org for more information about the conference.





NerdNation will be held in San Antonio, Texas, from April 16th through April 18th. Reserve your spot at NerdNation today! Tickets will be \$307 until February 2nd. Register soon since after February 2nd tickets will begin going up in price by \$50 to \$100!

Why attend?

NerdNation is an amazing experience, full of opportunities to hear from excellent speakers, learn how to better yourself or your chapter, meet new people, and simply have fun! This year's general session speakers include Grammy Award winning musician John Legend, author Malcolm Gladwell, and theoretical physicist and author Dr. Michio Kaku.

Visit nerdnation.ptk.org for more information.

HALLMARK AWARDS

Submit your awards now!

The deadline for the College Project and Honors In Action Hallmark Award applications is this month! Your chapter should be putting the finishing touches on your write-ups and submitting them. **Submit your applications by 5:00 pm (CST) on January 28th, 2015.**



Joan Fedor Scholarship

The next round for the Joan Fedor Scholarship, funded by the Greater Northwest Region Alumni, will happen at the Spring Conference. The application can be found on the GNR website (www.gnrptk.org).

Leadership Opportunities

Regional Officer

Get involved in the Greater Northwest Region by becoming a Regional Officer! We are now accepting applications for the 2015-2016 Regional Officer Team. The Regional Officer Team is comprised of five Vice Presidents, one for each district, and one President. The new officers will get the chance to go to NerdNation and Honors Institute. The best part, however, is being able to help the region grow through newsletters, conferences, and more! The application can be found on the front page of the GNR website. The deadline for applications is March 7th, 2015. Be sure to get started on the application early!

International Officer

Want to go big and affect Phi Theta Kappans on a grander scale? Apply to be an International Officer! Find out how by typing "International Officer Campaign" in the search box at www.ptk.org and opening the first search result.

Get involved and gain leadership skills with hands-on experience!

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