



PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

GREATER NORTHWEST REGION

Newsletter

June 2014



2014
Honors Institute

Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

June 16-21, 2014

Upcoming Events:

Honors Institute

St. Louis, Missouri

June 16th-21st

\$995 May 16th-30th

Summer Conference

Moses Lake

July 19th-20th

\$75 Early Registration

Deadline is July 1, 2014

2014 Honors Institute

Often referred to as the "crown jewel" in honors programming, Phi Theta Kappa's Honors Institute is an intensive week-long exploration of Phi Theta Kappa's Honors Study Topic. Features of the event include internationally recognized speakers, small group seminars, educational field trips and experiential activities.

One element that makes attending an Honors Institute such an impactful experience is the seminar group. Each Honors Institute attendee is assigned to a small seminar group with which they meet and engage in group discussion and exploration of the topic throughout the week. This experience not only broadens the participant's understanding of the Honors Study Topic but often builds a network of resources and relationships that last well after the event concludes.

Remember -- participants are responsible for the cost of any meals, trips, tours and admission fees on Thursday's R&R Day.

For questions, you may send an email to <https://www.ptk.org/honors/institute/details> or by phone at 800-946-9995.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE HONORS INSTITUTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AS THE DEADLINE IS QUICKLY APPROACHING. ALSO, IF ANY MEMBER OF YOUR GROUP HAS ANY ALLERGIES OR ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO STATE THAT WHEN REGISTERING.

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Regional Conference Hosting Application

Is your chapter interested in hosting the
Regional Spring Conference?

If so, read pages 29 to 34 in the Greater Northwest handbook, as it contains all of the information needed for chapters to decide if your chapter wants to, should, or can host a conference.

If your chapter wants to propose, or make a bid for hosting a conference, you should prepare a 10 minute oral presentation (a single person or a group) to be presented in front of the membership the first day of the summer conference. Along with the presentation, each chapter should fill out the application that is on page 30. The deadline to file is the first day of the summer conference. Voting will take place the second day through a ballot.

The presentation should address all of the items mentioned in the handbook:

- Do you have the support of the chapter president, the advisor?
- Do you have adequate facilities?
- Do you have enough help from your membership to host the conference?

Chapters will be responsible for, but not limited to, providing facilities for meetings, meals, raffles, fellowship activities, printed programs, etc.

The chapter selected from the bid is responsible for providing all the resources required to host the conference. However, the fee charged for registration is kept by the chapter to pay for the meals and miscellaneous expenses so that the chapter does not have to come up with the monetary resources to pay. Once selected, the regional coordinator will work with the chapter to ensure they are ready to meet all the requirements so that the event is successful. Each chapter making a bid to host the Spring conference will present their proposal to the general membership at the business meeting during the first day of the Regional Summer Conference.

Honors in Action

The Honors in Action project provides opportunities to gain leadership skills while taking action based upon the new knowledge gained from the research of the themes of the Honors Study Topic.

Be sure to check out all the different ideas we came up with at the Spring Regional Conference by visiting the Honors in Action page on the Greater Northwest Region's website that can be found at www.gnrptk.org. These Ideas could possibly be used as a springboard for your chapters' own ideas.

Remember to journal throughout the whole process, and think of ways you can share any new information with your community.



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*Congratulations to Violet Toney,
recipient of the Greater Northwest Region
Honors Institute Scholarship*

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Joan Fedor Award of Distinction

The Alumni Association will award a \$100 scholarship at the Summer Conference this year. Chapters may nominate one outstanding member who has made a significant contribution to the chapter, college, and/or region. The nominee must be 1) currently enrolled in classes, 2) actively involved during the winter quarter, and 3) maintaining a 3.5 GPA.

Name of nominee: _____

Nominee Phone number: _____

Nominee Mailing Address: _____

College: _____

Chapter: _____

Advisor's Name: _____

Nominator Name: _____

_____ Yes, the nominee will be at the summer conference to receive the award if chosen.

_____ No, the nominee is unable to attend the conference and would like the award to be mailed to them.

In an essay of 500 words or less, specifically identify and explain how the nominee has demonstrated three of the four Phi Theta Kappa hallmarks. Essays should be double spaced and include 1) an overview of the nominee's contributions, 2) several supporting paragraphs citing the minimum of three specific examples, and 3) a conclusion of why this nominee is deserving of the Joan Fedor Award of Distinction.

A letter supporting the nomination by chapter advisor must also be submitted. The letter must address the contributions cited in the nomination essay.

This application, including the nominee's personal information, nomination essay, and advisor's supporting letter must be submitted together by Monday, July 7, 2014 at 4 p.m. electronically to all three reviewers. (Reviewers will not review essays from their own chapters.)

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