

GREATER NORTHWEST REGION



NEW Regional Officer Elections! Apply Now!

Are you awesome, interested in self-development, excited about taking on an important regional role, and committed to contributing to Greater Northwest Region's success? Become a Regional President or Vice President!

New officer elections will be held during the upcoming Summer Conference. Application forms can be found on our website, <http://greater-northwest-region.ptk.org/default.aspx> and must be submitted through email to both the Regional Coordinator and Associate Coordinator at tramos@tacomacc.edu and trramos@tacomacc.edu. The deadline is Friday, July 14th, 2017 at 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

This is an exciting opportunity to become involved, acquire leadership skills, and travel regionally and throughout the U.S. while interacting meaningfully with the Phi Theta Kappa family. Join us!

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Headquarters Announces...

2016-17 Hallmark Awards!

Congratulations, chapters of the Greater Northwest Region! Your efforts in developing the four Hallmarks within your college and community have been recognized. Thank you to all who submitted entries, and continue to keep up the amazing work! We look forward to presenting chapters their awards at Catalyst 2017!

Distinguished Chapter Officer Team Award

1st place Tacoma C.C. and Prince William Sound C.C. [This was a tie]
2nd place Grays Harbor C.C.

Distinguished Chapter Officer Award

1st place An Le Tacoma C.C.
2nd place Emillie Ficek
3rd place Spencer Neumiller

Distinguished Chapter Advisor Team

1st place Tacoma C.C. [Theresa Ramos, Christine Young, Emily White]

Continued Excellence Award for Advisors

1st place Tacoma C.C. [Tomas Ramos]
2nd place Big Bend C.C. [Barbara Whitney]

Paragon Award for New Advisors

1st place Tacoma C.C. [Theresa Ramos]
2nd place Big Bend C.C. [Brinn Harberts]

Distinguished College Project Award

1st place Tacoma C.C. [Resources Fair for Veterans on-campus]
2nd place Flathead Valley C.C. [Connecting Students with Faculty Advisors]
3rd place North Seattle College [I Can't Eat That – Healthier Food Choices for North Seattle College]

Honors in Action Project Award

1st place Seattle Central College [Myth and Reality]
2nd place North Seattle College [Natural and Engineered]

Honors in Action Project Award (cont'd)

3rd place Tacoma C.C. [Individualism & Collectivism]

Distinguished Chapter Award

1st place Seattle Central College
2nd place Tacoma C.C.
3rd place North Seattle College

Distinguished Member Chapter Award

1st place Seattle Central College Katherine Ramos-Beale
2nd place Tacoma C.C. Jessica Ulery

Distinguished Theme Award Honors in Action

Theme 1 Myth and Reality
1st place Seattle Central College

Theme 2 Individualism and Collectivism

1st place Tacoma C.C.
2nd place Grays Harbor College

Theme 3 Rights and Responsibilities

1st place Clark College
2nd place Flathead Valley C.C.
3rd Place Centralia College

Theme 5 Beauty and Vulgarly

1st place Bellevue College

Theme 6 Natural and Engineered

1st place North Seattle College
2nd place Big Bend C.C.

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Phi Theta Kappa's literary anthology is accepting entries! *The submission deadline is April 28th, 2017.* For more information, visit <https://www.ptk.org/Default.aspx?TabID=3599>



Due to inclement weather, the Spring Regional Conference 2017 was canceled. We apologize for any inconveniences and we were truly looking forward to seeing you all! Chapters who registered to attend can claim their attendance for the purpose of meeting 5-Star chapter development status.

Due to the Spring Conference cancellation, the upcoming Regional Summer Conference will be hosted by Big Bend Community College on Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23, 2017.

Register now for Honors Institute, June 5-10th 2017! Held at the distinguished Loyola University of Chicago, Illinois, it's an opportunity to delve into the community and hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa. The 50th Honors Institute is an event that will offer soft skills development (for example, critical thinking) while exploring the Honors Study topic with almost 500 fellow members and advisors. Scholarships may be available—contact Regional Coordinator Dr. Ramos as soon as possible at tramos@tacomacc.edu regarding eligibility!

PTK catalyst 2017

Transform your chapter.

Transform yourself.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
APRIL 6-8, 2017



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Guru



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Phi Theta Kappa President
& CEO

Come join us for Phi Theta Kappa's awesome annual International Convention! Register today for PTK Catalyst 2017, held in Nashville, Tennessee from April 6-8th.

Be certain to attend the Greater Northwest Regional meeting on Thursday, April 6th from 6:30—7:30 in Ryman Studio AB.

See you there!

Apply for Spring and Oberndorf Scholarships!

Due May 2nd, at 5:00 pm CT.

Spring Scholarships (awards of up to \$1,000 each) and the Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarship will help you complete your Associate degree!

<https://www.ptk.org/scholarships/associatedegreescholarships.aspx>

All-Washington Academic Ceremony

The 2017 All-Washington Academic Ceremony took place at the South Puget Sound Community College's beautifully scenic campus in Olympia, Washington. Each community and technical college has the opportunity to nominate two students who have demonstrated outstanding academic rigor and dedication to community service. Although many are proud Phi Theta Kappa members, any student is welcome to apply for nomination and numerous other scholarships through the Fall Common Scholarship.



Photo, left to right: President Warren Brown, Tiffany Carpenter

Tiffany Carpenter, a North Seattle College student, was nominated for the 2017 All-Washington Academic Team. The \$250 scholarship will offset textbook costs, and nominees are eligible for more funding within participating Washington universities. Heidi Valles was also named fellow North nominee; however, she did not attend. The ceremony was an opportunity to be recognized for academic success alongside nominees from more than 30 Washington community and technical colleges. A presentation of commemorative medallions was followed by a luncheon with educators, legislators, and a Supreme Court Justice. North Seattle College's president, Dr. Warren Brown, also serves on the Phi Theta Kappa Presidential Advisory Board.

Tiffany credits advisor Michaelann Allen for encouraging her to apply: "Michaelann's caring guidance and warm-hearted generosity have been immensely inspirational in developing as a leader." In addition to serving as President of Alpha Epsilon Omega chapter and Regional Vice President of District 1, she does community service work with her family's medical non-profit while maintaining a 3.8 GPA. Tiffany declares, "It's truly an honor to represent North Seattle College, which has been a second home to me. It was a surprise to be nominated, and I highly encourage applying."