

GREATER NORTHWEST REGION



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Spring Conference

The Spring Conference will be hosted by Tacoma Community College but will be held at Pacific Lutheran University campus at the Regency Room in the University Center. The dates are March 19th and 20th. Register at www.gnrptk.org. **The deadline for registration is Thursday, March 3rd at 5 pm Pacific Time, and after that, the registration price goes up!** If alumni register by the deadline, their registration is free. If they register after the deadline, they must pay the regular registration fee. **Chapters need to register as soon as possible!** Payments should be made payable and mailed to:

Alumni PTK Northwest

ATTN: Dr. Tomas Ramos

Tacoma Community College

6501 S. 19th Street

Tacoma, WA 98466

Alumni are looking for prizes and gift baskets that can be raffled. The proceeds will go to the PTK Northwest Alumni Association. This is how the Joan Fedor scholarship is funded.

The Spring Conference includes:

- *Guest Speakers
- *Induction of New Regional Officers
- *Training on New Honors Study Topic "How the World Works"
- *Chapter Development Workshop (fundraising training)
- *Awards Ceremony
- *Business Meeting with State of the Region Report

Chapters interested in submitting a bid for Summer Conference can do so during the Spring Conference. Contact Dr. Ramos or Michaelann for information regarding bid materials.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Holiday Inn Express, 11751 Pacific Highway, Lakewood, WA 98499

\$110/night plus tax, double occupancy, use code EG1

March 18th & 19th only

Cut off day is February 26, 2016, so make your reservation now!!

Call (888) 465-4329 to make your reservation and mention PTK/EG1

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW REGIONAL PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS!!

Johnathon Hendren is the new Regional President for the Greater Northwest Region. Johnathon served as the Regional Vice President for District III. He is a part time student at Yakima Valley Community College and serves as the Treasurer of the Alpha Omega Phi Chapter. Johnathon plans to major in Early Childhood Education.

Hoang (Henry) Vu is the newly elected Regional Vice President for District I. Henry is from Vietnam and is on his academic journey to complete an AA Degree. He plans to pursue a major in elementary education. Henry became a member of the Alpha Epsilon Rho Chapter of PTK at the Bellevue College in 2015 and is currently serving as Vice President of Service at that chapter. He was selected as a nominee to the 2016 All USA Community College Academic Team for Bellevue College.

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Rebecca Denton (Becca) is our new Regional Vice President for District II. She hails from the Beta Upsilon Omicron Chapter at Bates Technical College. She is currently in the Licensed Practical Nursing Program and ultimately wants to become a nurse educator. After earning her Associate Degree in Nursing, Becca wants to earn her graduate degree.

Junaid Khan is the newly elected Regional Vice President for District IV. He is an international student at Prince William Sound College in Valdez, Alaska. He is pursuing his AAS in Industrial Technology. Junaid is the Student Association President and Vice President of his local PTK chapter, Alpha Psi Gamma. He is pursuing a BA in Mechanical Engineering. Junaid.k1994@yahoo.com

NerdNation 2016

April 7-9, 2016 in Washington DC



NerdNation will be held at the Gaylord Convention Center & Hotel in Washington DC. It begins on April 7th and will finish on April 9th. The rooms at the Gaylord Hotel are very expensive this year due to taxes and fees added to the price. The total for each room is \$282.02 PER ROOM PER NIGHT!

Make sure to place your registrations ASAP! Please be aware that you need a credit card to secure the rooms, though you can cancel up to 72 hours in advance. The hotel will hold the equivalent of the cost of one-night stay when the reservation is made. The card will not be charged, but the money will be on hold. Therefore, is almost similar to charging the cost of one night. The money is refundable if the reservation is cancelled at least 72 hours in advance! We recommend you cancel one full week ahead if you must cancel to ensure you will not be charged. Credit cards are charged for one

night if you cancel too late. If your chapter is looking for roommates (sharing a room up to 3 per room/same gender), CONTACT DR. RAMOS AND COPY MICHAELANN. Their email information is in this newsletter.

The registration for NerdNation is available now, so be sure to register early to avoid the late fees. The registration fee of \$319.00 is good until February 1st. From February 2nd until March 14th, registration will be \$369.00. Beginning March 15th, the price will go up to \$419.00.

More information about NerdNation is on the Phi Theta Kappa website. Make sure to check it out as we keep getting closer to the conference. NerdNation is a great experience for all Phi Theta Kappa members. You will learn many new things, meet amazing new people from all around, and grow closer with your team! We hope you consider attending this year's NerdNation conference!

Please email Dr. Ramos and Michaelann ASAP regarding registration for NerdNation! They need to know who is attending and if anyone needs a shared room.

Honors Institute

Honors Institute 2016 will be held at Wake Forest University in North Carolina. It begins on June 20th and goes through until June 25th. 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 Honor Study Topic. Features of the event include internationally recognized speakers, small group seminars, educational field trips, and experiential activities. Established in 1968 and hosted each June on a four-year college campus. The event annually draws an attendance of approximately 500 members and advisors from across the globe.



2016
Honors Institute

Wake Forest University
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

June 20-25, 2016

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THE NEW 5 STAR COMPETITIVE EDGE IS UP AND RUNNING! THE PURPOSE OF COMPETITIVE EDGE IS A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO ENHANCE YOUR MARKETABLE SKILLS TO MAKE YOU MORE COMPETITIVE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, TRANSFERRING, AND CAREERS. ALL MEMBERS WHO COMPLETE BY THE END OF JANUARY 2016 WILL RECEIVE THE FIVE STAR PIN AT THE SPRING CONFERENCE. TO KNOW MORE ABOUT COMPETITIVE EDGE, GO TO WWW.PTK.ORG.

JOAN FEDOR SCHOLARSHIP

The Joan Fedor scholarship will be two scholarships for \$100 each. They will be awarded during the Spring Conference. Information for the scholarship is in the handbook. Applications will be accepted for Spring Regional Conference starting February 1st. The deadline for submission will be February 28th. Chapters may nominate two outstanding members who have made a significant contribution to the chapter, college, and/or region. The nominees must be currently enrolled in classes, actively involved in the chapter and maintaining a 3.5 GPA or higher. Applications can be found on the regional website.