

Greater Northwest Region Newsletter



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Report from the Summer Regional Conference in Moses Lake



Sunday's Ice Breaker

On August 3rd, 2013, over 80 members of the Greater Northwest Region met for the Summer Regional Conference in Moses Lake. Rho Zeta Chapter from Big Bend Community College did an amazing job organizing and hosting the event!

The first day was full of workshops and learning sessions. The sessions were designed to be informative and interactive at the same time, which provided everybody with an opportunity to learn not only from the Regional Officers and Coordinators, but also from each other.

The Summer Conference started with a fun ice

-breaking activity to get all members to get to know each other. The first general session was presented by the District III VP Kseniia Vasileva and Regional Coordinator Dr. Ramos. They talked about the importance of fundraising, gave members of Phi Theta Kappa some tips. Afterwards, the entire group worked on brainstorming and sharing fundraising ideas. The fundraising workshop was followed by breakout sessions on Honors In Action presented by Jadey Simmons and the report on Honors Institute at Villanova from Sarah Guisinger. Michaelann Allen, Co-Regional Coordinator, followed up with a presentation on C4, after which Joshua Hancock from headquarters presented College Fish – a tool designed for transferring Phi Theta Kappa students. The last two workshops of the day were presented by Kseniia Vasileva and Jadey Simmons—Member Involvement, Kerra Apollo and Martin Trinidad—Five Star Competitive Edge.

The second day of the conference was short; it included the business meeting and a large group discussion on the Regional Honors in Action Project.

Thank you Big Bend Community College for hosting the 2013 Greater Northwest Summer Conference!

Upcoming:

- Fall District Conferences
October 19th, 26th

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Vice President for District III elected

Kseniia Vasileva was appointed as the official representative of District III of the Greater Northwest Region on Sunday, August 4th during the business meeting session of the Summer Regional Conference. She has been serving as an interim VP for the district since May 6th, 2013. Kseniia found out about the open position at the Annual convention in San Jose, and decided to step up to the position to serve not only her chapter and campus, but a larger community.

After her speech was given at the business meeting on August 4th, a vote of confidence was requested. She was approved for the position through unanimous vote and was sworn in as a new District III Regional Officer.

If you wish to reach out to Kseniia, she can be contacted by email: kavasilyeva@gmail.com.



Kseniia's election

Regional Honors in Action Research

The regional officers chose a topic for a Regional Honors In Action project that was presented at the summer regional conference. The region is researching the culture of competition and education with the focus on accessibility services, using the theme of education. All the research links are being posted on Google shared drive, which all members of the region have open access to. The attendees of the summer conference had a chance to participate in an HIA workshop that was led by the GNR president Jadey Simmons. They discussed some ideas and strategies, were asked to create a potential plan for the project using the chosen theme. After the business meeting on Sunday a large group discussion on Honors In Action was held.



During the discussion members of the region decided it would be best to focus on spreading awareness to disabled students and college campuses, since many of them are not familiar with all the resources that are out there for them to use and help in college. The research will continue until the Fall conference when districts will meet with their representatives to work on an action part of the project. Remember, that in order to become a five star chapter and complete the competitive edge program, members need to participate in a Regional Honors inAction project. It is not too late to start! Fall Conferences will focus on active participation in the Regional Honors in Action project. If you did not attend the Summer Conference you can still participate by researching the topic and sharing the resources on the Google shared drive:

https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0Bx4F6g_nI5hIckh2ZkJELWdZZmc&usp=sharing



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District Fall Conferences

Fall Conferences will be held in October separately for each District. You will get to meet with the Regional Representative of your District to discuss and work on the project part for Honors In Action. Even though each district will have their own conference, the workshops and learning sessions will be the same for everybody. Our topic is accessibility services in education; we will work on creating a project to spread awareness to students and college campuses. Contact your VP for more information.

Locations and Dates:

District I: Everett Community College—October 26th

District II: Tacoma Community College—October 19th

District III: Wenatchee Valley Community College—October 19th

District IV: Alaska; exact location and date to be determined

District V: To Be Determined

Districts that do not have places and dates chosen for the conference may be Skyped in to the conference, or connected with the rest of the region by google video.

Host chapter for Spring Regional Conference in April!

We are having the Spring Regional Conference 2014 in April. The location has not been determined yet, therefore if any chapter wants to host the conference, a letter of interest needs to be submitted due at the Fall Conference day.