



PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

GREATER NORTHWEST REGION NEWSLETTER

Spring / Summer 2020

WHY JOIN PTK?

When you join Phi Theta Kappa, you're joining a network of more than 3.5 million members around the world.

You can be confident in your choice to become a member — the [American Association of Community Colleges](#) has named Phi Theta Kappa the official honor society for two-year colleges. We are the only such honor society with this distinction.

We have no recurring fees or annual dues; simply pay the one-time membership fee, and you can access your PTK benefits for life.

Message from your Regional Coordinator

Hi Everyone, welcome back to a new semester at your colleges and a completely new format for learning and being unable to be on most of our campuses. At my college, it has been a fast-paced redirection with reallocating how we do program delivery and adapting to new technology for our services. I was away this summer using up time that I had accumulated, and have come back to this new and improved access for online learning. Let's catch up....

At a Regional level, we said goodbye to an outstanding regional officer team, most have graduated in June. I want to say, as my first team – they will hold a special place in my heart. I learned a lot, laughed a lot and shared some wonderful times with these unique people...good luck in your future endeavors, I know you will do great things.

We also now have a very robust Regional Advisory Board of new and seasoned advisors, that have graciously volunteered their time and expertise. We have met several times over the summer to get acquainted and are now ready to serve our Region as a team.

For the Spring Conference, we were prepared to do some Bylaw changes and vote in a new Regional Officer Team. These changes have been posted on the website since February and it is now time to do so. I have added dates for the review and voting for bylaws and also the date for the officer elections to happen in September. We will then have the Officer Training happen in early October and as a team, they will plan and provide the Region with a Fall Conference in late October.

Starting in mid-September we will also start a bi-weekly series of "Ask a Question" Zoom sessions open to all our membership. We will invite speakers, HQ during peak times for PTK related deadlines and simply just to chat on topics. To get to know each other in our region better, I will invite chapters to provide information from their district areas to help us all learn about the diverse groups that we are fortunate to have within our regional community. It is my wish that we become a region that embraces the opportunity to become a 5-star Region and that we will all work together to achieve this goal.

Regards - Brenda Gee

BYLAW CHANGES

THE EXECUTIVE TEAM OF 2019/2020, ALONG WITH THE ADVISORY BOARD, HAVE UPDATED THE REGIONAL BYLAWS FOR THE GREATER NORTHWEST REGION.

PLEASE REVIEW AND SELECT YOUR STUDENT CHAPTER DELEGATE AND SUBMIT ONLINE. ONLY ONE DESIGNATE HAS THE ABILITY TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES AND ASK FOR CLARIFICATION ON BEHALF OF THEIR CHAPTER.

THE BYLAW UPDATES AND THE STUDENT DESIGNATE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE GNR WEBSITE.

THE ZOOM REVIEW AND VOTING MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 AT 6PM PACIFIC.**

THE ZOOM LINK WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE REGIONAL WEBSITE, AND WILL ALSO BE SENT TO ALL CHAPTER ADVISORS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING THESE CHANGES.

*****WANTED*****

REGIONAL OFFICERS FOR 2020/2021

Want to make a difference in your region, get experience being on a board, gain leadership opportunities or just want to use your passion, skills and interest to create a better tomorrow? Get involved with PTK Greater Northwest Region Executive Team! We are excited about recruiting a new executive team and utilizing our new positions for 2020/2021 year! The deadline to apply is September 20, 2020, check the regional site for more information. Zoom Election Meeting will be on **September 22, 2020 at 7PM Pacific.**



DON'T FORGET AWARENESS WEEK!

Phi Theta Kappa's [Fall Awareness Week](#) is nearly upon us! This is a grassroots initiative that coordinates chapters around the world in one common goal: telling everyone why membership in Phi Theta Kappa matters. Check out the PTK website for ideas on how to deliver your message virtually!

Mark Your Calendars!

The official week is **September 26-30, 2020**. You'll notice a greater emphasis on PTK's benefits on Phi Theta Kappa's social media channels and on the [ptk.org](#) blog, they will be hosting a series of related webinars each evening at 8 p.m. CT. Stay tuned for the schedule!

PTK **EDGE**™

Five Star Competitive Edge is a self-paced, professional development plan available exclusively to Phi Theta Kappa members. This is Phi Theta Kappa's personal and professional development plan that helps members enhance the skills and abilities that transfer recruiters and employers are looking for – such as critical thinking, writing, professional etiquette and goal setting.

While there are core requirements at each level, you may choose from a variety of electives which personalize your Competitive Edge experience based on your interests and desired areas for improvement.

Competitive Edge is for ALL members, regardless of chapter size, activity level of chapter, or chapter location, and can be completed as an individual endeavor.

Use your Phi Theta Kappa username and password to access it online at [my.ptk.org](#). The plan consists of activities and instructional videos designed to strengthen your marketable skills – communication, teamwork, critical thinking, goal setting, professional etiquette and more!

GREATER NORTHWEST REGION ADVISORY BOARD



BRENDA GEE

**Regional Coordinator
Calgary, AB Canada**

Brenda is the Academic Advisor (2017-Present) and has been awarded as Most Distinguished Advisor for 2018 & 2019.



DEANNA BALLA

**Alumni Advisor
Calgary, AB Canada**

Deanna is a 5 Star Member of PTK since 2016 and was President (2018/19) & VP (2017/18) for SAIT Chapter and Regional VP (2018/19).



NADA OAKLEY

**PTK Advisor
Seattle, WA**

Nada is the PTK Advisor (2002-Present) for Seattle Central College and has been awarded Continued Excellence for Advisors for 2019.



OCTAVIANO GUTIERREZ

**PTK Advisor
Moses Lake, WA**

Octaviano is the PTK Advisor (2019-Present) for Big Bend Community College.



DANA HARKER

**PTK Advisor
Everett, WA**

Dana is the PTK Advisor (2020-Present) for Everett Community College.



LEA WASSON

**PTK Co-Advisor
Everett, WA**

Lea is the PTK Advisor (2018-Present) for Everett Community College.



Phi Theta Kappa Greater Northwest Region

Aaniih Nakoda College
Bates Technical College
Bellevue College
Bellingham Technical College
Big Bend Community College
Cascadia College
Centralia College
City College at Montana State University
Clark College
Clover Park Technical College
College of Eastern Idaho
Columbia Basin College
Community Colleges of Spokane
Dawson Community College
Edmonds Community College
Everett Community College
Flathead Valley Community College
Grays Harbor College
Great Falls College Montana State University
Green River College
Highline College
Ilisagvik College
Kenai Peninsula College
Kodiak College
Lake Washington Institute of Technology
Lethbridge College
Lower Columbia College

Medicine Hat College
Miles Community College
Montana Technological University
North Idaho College
North Seattle College
Northwest Indian College
Olympic College
Peninsula College
Pierce College
Prince William Sound Community College
Renton Technical College
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
Seattle Central College
Shoreline Community College
Skagit Valley College
South Puget Sound Community College
South Seattle College
Spokane Community College
Spokane Falls Community College
Tacoma Community College
University of Alaska Anchorage
University of Alaska Southeast
University of Montana
Walla Walla Community College
Wenatchee Valley College
Whatcom Community College
Yakima Valley College

WELCOME NEWEST CHAPTER to the Greater Northwest Region!
Beta Psi Nu – Washington Correction Centre for Women



Coming Spring 2021.....



Register & Run/Walk between
September 15-30
You choose your course and pace to
support Golden Opportunity
Scholarships

<https://www.classy.org/event/scholar-dash/e291848>

BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER

SCHOLARSHIPS Nearly \$90 million for every step of your education, including more than \$37 million in exclusive PTK transfer scholarships from our university partners.

RECOGNITION Stand out from the crowd with PTK graduation regalia and have the official PTK seal placed on your diploma.

CAREER READINESS TRAINING Access PTK EDGE™ to gain professional development, strengthen leadership skills, and get all the knowledge you need to land and keep a job.

ONLINE TRANSFER TOOL Use PTK Connect™ to search for scholarships and your best-fit transfer colleges or explore the path you need to take to start your career.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH Our honors program promotes active and collaborative learning through chapter projects and gives you the opportunity to have your research published.

MEMBER DISCOUNTS Enjoy special discounts and perks with our national partners and save 10-20% on all hotels and car rentals around the world with our Travel Discount Program.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER EXECUTIVE TEAM OR

ADVISORY BOARD FOR MORE INFORMATION

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