

# GREATER NORTHWEST REGION



**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND  
WELCOME BACK TO  
SCHOOL!!!**



## Meet District V's new Regional VP!

Alexander S. Olson

Major: Business Administration  
Flathead Valley Community  
College  
Alpha Iota Pi Chapter

My PTK motto: Making a difference through public service.

I currently live in Bigfork, Montana and attend Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell, MT in pursuit of a degree in Business Administration. My position in the Greater Northwest Region of PTK is the Vice President of District V. I am also the Vice President of Scholarship in my local PTK chapter, Alpha Iota Pi, along with serving on the HIA committee and participating in many different local PTK events. I also serve as the Vice President of the Student Government at FVCC which also involves me in many other committees on campus.

Throughout my life I have had many forms of employment from being a Public Relations Director to a Wind Turbine Technician. I currently manage a convenience store/gas station while attending college.

### Regional Team

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Vacant

## Big Bend Community College Regional Conference Fall 2016



At the District III Fall conference hosted at Big Bend Community College, the Rho Zeta, and the Chi Gamma Chapters, and Alex Olson representing the Alpha Iota Pi Chapter had a very intimate yet exhilarating experience getting to know one another! Keynote Speaker, Dr. Teresa Ramos, bestowed her insightful presentation about the “Images of Dreamers.” This presentation was based off her own research using a method called “Photovoice” which allows the people being interviewed to have their own feedback in the research using pictures that they take to describe how they feel about a certain topic and or situation.

The chapters started and or continued writing their Honors in Action and College Project essays!



Regional officers Melinda and Jennifer, gave a wonderful report about the different personalities within all of us. We learned how we can use the strengths of our personality traits in order to help balance any challenges working with others. District III Vice President, Savannah, provided information about the qualifications to be a five-star chapter and showed that with proper teamwork and dedication, achieving the goal of a five star chapter is not as hard as it may seem!

After many advantageous presentations, lots of laughs, and much-needed bonding time, everyone left the District III Fall Conference with a smile on their face and bountiful amounts of new knowledge to share with their fellow Phi Theta Kappans!

### *Spring Regional Conference*

*March 11-12<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

*Big Bend Community College, Moses Lake*

All Districts: Join Rho Zeta for a journey of discovery at Spring Regional Conference 2017! The conference will be an all-day Saturday and a half-day Sunday session. To register, visit the [Greater Northwest Region Website](#). Please make checks payable to BBCC Foundation, 7662 Chanute St. NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837.

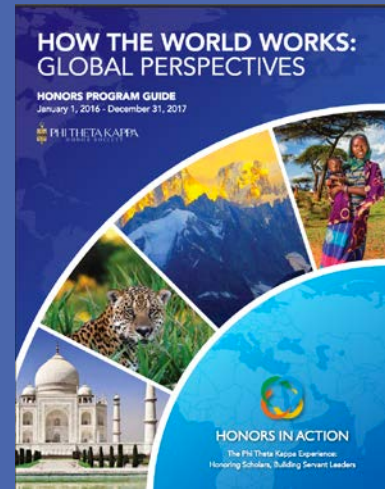
## Upcoming Deadlines for 5-Star Chapter Success!

**11 January 2017** – Applications for Individual Awards Due  
(Chapter Officer Team, Chapter Officer, Chapter Member, Advisor Team, Paragon Advisor, Distinguished Advisor, Continued Excellence Advisor, Regional Officer Team and Regional Officer Awards)

**25 January 2017** – Applications for Chapter Awards Due  
(Honors in Action Project and College Project Awards)

*Components of the Hallmark Awards has been changed.*

*Please note that all entries are due by 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on the appropriate due date.*



## \$\$ SHOW ME THE MONEY! \$\$

Did you know that there are millions of dollars available to you? Scholarships are a major benefit of active Phi Theta Kappa involvement, and our new feature spotlights the Greater Northwest Region scholarship recipients and their stories!

Regional President Melinda ([melindad@bigbend.edu](mailto:melindad@bigbend.edu)) would love to hear your great scholarship \$\$\$ news so that we can celebrate regional-wide!

**PTK** **catalyst** **2017**

Transform your chapter.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
APRIL 6-8, 2017

Transform yourself.

*NEW Greater Northwest Region Website!*

## 5-Star Competitive Edge

Soft skills are increasingly important to success, and Phi Theta Kappa has a helpful personal and professional development program to develop and enhance your soft skills! Check out Five Star Competitive Edge, an online course that covers...

- *Career Development*
- *Scholarships*
- *Your Résumé*
- *Leadership Style*
- *Emotional Intelligence*
- *Business Etiquette Skills*

48 Phi Theta Kappans in our region are 5-Star Competitive Edge Members—you can become one, too!



### ***Join the Regional Officer Team!***

There is an amazing position open on the Regional Team: Vice President of District IV!

Are you awesome, interested in self-development, excited about taking on a regional role and committed to contributing to the success of the Greater Northwest

Region? Apply online and send your application for consideration to Dr. Tomas Romas, Regional Coordinator. If you have any questions, please reach out as well!

*As Phi Theta Kappans, we are dedicated to our studies and always looking for ways to improve and or maintain our GPAs! Here is a short list of ways to make your time in school a bit easier this year!*

**Prioritize assignments based on importance!**

**Don't cram! Study in short sessions and give yourself a break every once in a while!**

**Study effectively! Make sure to use your resources wisely!**

**Befriend your professors!**

## Hallmark Awards

Please note that there are a few changes to the Hallmark Awards this year! Find rubrics, applications for awards, and more online at [www.ptk.org](http://www.ptk.org).