

GREATER NORTHWEST REGION



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Spring Conference

Being held at Bates Technical College in Tacoma on the 19th and 20th of March.

Spring Conference dates are March 19th and 20th.

Register at gnrptk.org look for the calendar tab, the registration link will be on the left side of the screen. The deadline for registration is Friday, March 4th at 5 pm Pacific Time. Registration is \$85. Chapters interested in submitting a bid for summer conference can do so during the spring conference. Contact Dr. Ramos and Michaelann for information regarding bid materials.

JOAN FEDOR SCHOLARSHIP:

This Joan Fedor scholarship will be one scholarship for \$100. It will be awarded during the Spring Conference. Information for this 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 one outstanding member who has made a significant contribution to the chapter, college, and/or region. The nominee 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.

Happy new year from your regional team!

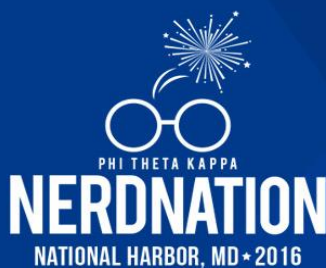
We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoy all that 2016 has to offer! We hope you all meet your New Year resolutions! We are all looking forward to working with you this year!

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 not charged until after you complete your stay, or 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. Please contact them by February 1st. 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. Registration will be \$319.00 as long as you register before February 1st. Starting February 2nd, until March 14th, registration will be bumped up to \$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! Please email Dr. Ramos and Michaelann regarding registration for NerdNation by January 20th at 5 pm at the latest. They will need to know who is attending, and if anyone needs a room shared. 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!



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Hallmark Deadlines!

January 13, 2016 for all Individual Awards!

(Chapter Officer Team, Chapter Officer, Chapter Member, Paragon Advisor, Distinguished Advisor, Continued Excellence Advisor, Regional Officer Team, and Regional Officer.)

January 27, 2016 for all Chapter Awards!

(Honors in Action Project and College Project.)

Greater Northwest Region Team Wins!

Dr. Ramos was selected to be a Faculty Scholar for the 2016-2017 Honors Institute!

We have the new Alaska Chapter: Beta Phi Xi Sitka!

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.



Our New Honor Study Topics are now out!

How the World Works: Global Perspectives

1. To what degree are our 21st-century innovations truly transformative or recycled old ideas with new flavors that make them more palatable to our modern sensibilities?
2. How can the same event be perceived differently by different people or even differently by the same person when retold over time?
3. Given that humanity has been in a state of warfare for 92% of its history, is lasting peace possible?
4. To what extent is it acceptable to use science and engineering to recreate or reproduce what nature already provides us? At what point does science and engineering go too far?
5. What societal factors fuel our classifications of the beautiful or the vulgar?
6. Is Star Trek's Spock correct when he says, "the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few," and to what extent does one's geographic position in the world affect the answer to this question?
7. To what extent would the world work differently if there were a universal understanding of rights and responsibilities?
8. In what ways has the creation of myths about the ways the world works reflected and shaped reality?

OUR TWO NEW 2016 REGIONAL OFFICERS:

JOHNATHON HENDREN WILL BE SERVING AS OUR REGIONAL PRESIDENT. REBECCA DENTON WILL BE SERVING DISTRICT II. BOTH ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING THE GREATER NORTHWEST REGION! WE NEED OFFICERS TO REPRESENT THE REGION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, APPLY NOW! SEND YOUR PACKET TO DR. RAMOS AND COPY MICHAELANN. WE WILL HAVE AN ELECTION AT THE SPRING CONFERENCE. WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO APPLY FOR DISTRICTS III, IV, AND V. BEING PART OF THE REGIONAL TEAM IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR ANYONE. YOU WILL HAVE A BLAST AS YOU GET TO KNOW EACHOTHER AND WILL SOON SEE EACHOTHER AS A FAMILY. FOR THOSE THAT ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR THE REGIONAL POSITIONS, APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JANUARY 20TH, BY 5 PM.