

GREATER NORTHWEST REGION



Greater Northwest Region Summer Conference

Summer Conference is to be hosted by the Most Congenial Chapter, Rho Zeta, of Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake, Washington. The registration fee is \$85 until July 1st, and beyond that will be \$95. This year's conference will be held on July 16-17, 2016. There will be a leadership component included on Saturday during the conference.

Alumni members are free, but still have to fill out their registration form for a head count and to address dietary needs or other accommodations.

Two hotels:

AmeriStay 509 764 7500, \$76.93 per night (includes tax) and Ramada Inn 509 766 1000, \$130.77 per night (includes tax).

Deadline for hotel reservations is July 4. Mention PTK for discounted block of rooms.

For more information on the Summer Conference, visit gnrptk.org

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Joan Fedor Scholarship:

New applications will be accepted for summer regional starting May 1, 2016. There will be 2 \$100 scholarships given out at Spring Conference. 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 their chapter and be maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher. Students should NOT nominate themselves. Deadline for submission is June 30, 2016.

Honors Institute 2016

Wake-Forest University Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Registration is now closed!

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 Honors Study Topic. Features of the event include internationally recognized speakers, small group seminars, educational field trips and experiential activities.

The organizing team from Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters is currently compiling a list of businesses that have spoken out about the LGBTQ issues at hand, to condemn the legislature and where we will all be safe consuming products and services from during our stay.



Congratulations on making it through another year of college! Some will continue on through the summer, and others will be starting their summer. Either way, the Regional Team wishes you good luck on your finals, and hope you all enjoy your summer. Good luck to everyone taking finals in the upcoming weeks!

Try never to be the smartest person in the room. And if you are, I suggest you invite smarter people or find a different room.

-Michael Dell

Congratulations to the graduates of 2016. We wish you nothing but the best in all that you do. You're all destined for greatness, and we know you'll make the Greater Northwest Region proud!

Michaelann and Dr. Ramos applied for a regional grant to supplement the summer and fall conferences expenses.

The grant is worth \$5,000, and there has been word that the grant was accepted. The money will be allocated to pay for keynote speakers, and work-book materials for either, or both of the conferences.



Interested in running for Regional Office?

There are many perks that come with being a Greater Northwest Region, Regional Officer. You are given the opportunity to travel, at the region's expense, to NerdNation, Honors Institute, and many regional conferences. You truly build lifelong relationships with the other officers and the advisors. Time commitment is minimal considering the opportunities given. There are monthly video chats which last no longer than one hour. The week before any sort of conference will be the busiest with constant emails back and forth, just to be sure everything is in order. This is the same just before NerdNation and Honors Institute, just to be sure everything is squared away, and the officers are prepared.

Applying is simple. To find the application, go to gnrptk.org and click on the **Greater Northwest Region Resource Page**. Once there, click on the **Regional Officer Application**, read through the application and be sure everything is understood. Print two copies and fill both of them, be sure to have your advisor fill out their information, and get your college president's signature which allows Dr. Ramos and Michaelann to know you are eligible to be in the position. Once you have filled out both copies of the application, mail a copy to both Dr. Ramos and Michaelann.

Current Regional Officer information is on the first page of this newsletter. If you have any questions, any officer would be more than happy to answer them! Otherwise contact Dr. Ramos or Michaelann.



Newest Regional Officer: Jennifer White

Jennifer White will be serving as our Vice President for District 2.

Hello, Greater Northwest Region PTK! My name is Jennifer White and I am currently a sophomore at Tacoma Community College, working towards my Associates of Accounting. I am also the President of Chi Gamma for PTK at TCC. My long term goal is to transfer to University of Washington – Tacoma to obtain my BA in Human Resource Management. I have been married to my best friend for 23 years and I am a mother to 3 amazing teenagers who keep me busy being a soccer mom, girl scout leader, fast pitch mom and going to my oldest son's car shows. I look forward to meeting you all!



***Honors in Action
Study Topic:***

***How the World Works:
Global Perspectives.***

***2016-2017 Honors in
Action Theme***

- Theme 1. Myth and Reality
- Theme 2. Individualism and Collectivism
- Theme 3. Rights and Responsibilities
- Theme 4. Peace and War
- Theme 5. Beauty and Vulgarly
- Theme 6. Natural and Engineered
- Theme 7. Innovation and Replication
- Theme 8. Nostalgia and Pathos



***Honors in Action Theme 3:
Rights and Responsibilities***

Rights and responsibilities are the framework in which our societies exist. According to Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, signed in 1948 following World War II, “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in spirit of brotherhood.” This article closely parallels the US Declaration of Independence, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by the Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.” Practical application of these ideals often do not meet their intent.

The cultures we live in determine how we learn to be treated and to treat others. Consider your thoughts about the treatment and behavior of a gang member from LA, an Iranian woman, a farmer in Idaho, a Japanese grandfather, and a mentally ill inmate?

Education and communication break stereotypes and social stratification, and build understanding one person at a time. What are your rights and responsibilities as a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member?

Honors in Action Theme 4: Peace and War

War and Peace seem to have always been part of the history of the United States genetic make up. Many people like to think of peace and war as two opposing things: the existence of one means the other does not happen. “Peace is more than the absence of war. Once the last gun shot is fired, there is still an enormous amount of work to be done. As citizens of the world, we need to come together and offer support to communities ravaged by war. We need a long attention span to generate post-conflict solutions that prevent the cost of war from passing down through many generations of children. These solutions have to address both the broken infrastructure and shattered people: economic help, educational opportunities, medical and psychiatric support, and spiritual healing. Long term multi-faceted solutions are much harder to sustain than quick fixes, but they’re necessary to reduce the long term consequences of war.