

GREATER NORTHWEST REGION



PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

Spring Conference

March 19th and 20th at Pacific Lutheran University.

The conference will be held in the Regency Room in the University Center. Tacoma Community College is the hosting chapter. **Register your chapter at gnrptk.org**. Look for the calendar tab, and the registration link will be on the left side of the screen. The registration deadline is Thursday, March 3rd at 5 p.m. Pacific Time. Registration is \$85. If you register after the deadline, the price will be \$95. If alumni registers by the deadline, their registration is free. If they register after the deadline, they must pay the regular registration fee. **Chapters need to register as soon as possible!** 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. Any chapters bidding for Summer Conference need to email Dr. Ramos and Michaelann before March 3rd.

We will have two sets of speakers that will address items relevant to the new Honors Study Topic. There will be an early evening competition between chapters. This challenge is called World Quest. Rules and instructions will be provided at the conference. First place will be awarded \$100 and a trophy, second place will be awarded \$75 and a trophy, and third place will be awarded \$50 and a trophy.

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Two \$100 scholarships will be awarded. It will be awarded during the Spring Conference. 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.

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 finishes 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 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 p.m. at the latest. They will need to know who is attending, and if anyone needs to share a room. 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!



Get to know your Regional Team, one member at a time.

Henry Vu was born in Vietnam on February 2nd. He is currently working as an instructional assistant at Dickinson Elementary school in Bellevue, WA. Henry attends Bellevue College and expects to graduate in the fall of 2016. He plans to transfer to the University of Washington, Bothell where he wants to major in Education. He is currently learning Spanish and Chinese. Henry has been elected as the nominee for the All USA Community College Academic Team.

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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

New Honors Study Topic!

How the World Works: Global Perspectives

1. How have myths shaped our global reality?
2. How are the principles of individualism and collectivism manifested differently across the world?
3. What roles do rights and responsibilities play in shaping ways in which the world works?
4. How does conflict impact people and the way in which the world works?
5. How do changing classifications of beauty and vulgarity reflect evolving global perspectives?
6. How does the use of science, medicine or engineering to reproduce, recreate or modify elements that are natural to our environment impact how the world works?
7. How do we either replicate ideas or create new ones that have an impact on the way the world works?
8. How does the construction of memory and assumptions about others' histories shape the truth of how the world works?

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.

