

Greater Northwest Region

# May 2014 Newsletter



**DON'T MISS OUT!**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**2014 Honors Institute**

**St. Louis, Missouri**

June 16th-21st

\$895 before May 16th

\$995 May 16th-30th

**Summer Conference**

**Moses Lake**

July 19th-20th

\$75 for Early Registration

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## NERD NATION WRAP UP

WOW! We nerds can really put on an event! The final count for the nerds that descended upon beautiful, sunny Orlando, Florida was (drum roll...) over 4000 from over 400 chapters around the world! The first ever PTK Academy was held, the general sessions brought two keynote speakers: Alison Levine and Dr. Robert Ballard, and our new International Officers were elected. There was a common theme among the speakers and through out the convention. This theme seemed to be not giving up, overcoming



adversity, and seeing progress in a different perspective. One of the PTK Academy speakers, Justin Jones-Fosu said, "There are people that would love to have your bad days." As students, and especially as students that strive for greatness, we can get overwhelmed. This is a

statement that can be used any-time we are having a bad day; it could always be worse! Next year's Nerd-Nation location was announced and will be held in San Antonio, Texas! So until then my fellow nerds— Keep chasing that greatness and we'll see you in San Antonio!

## Are YOU registered for the 2014 Honors Institute?

The Honors Institute is a week-long intensive study of the Honors in Action study topics. The program includes the opportunity to hear from internationally renowned speakers, educational field trips, and experimental activities. Each attendee will also be assigned to a small seminar group for discussion and exploration of the study topic.



The Honors Institute is a life-changing program that will help you become a better leader and give you skills to use for the betterment of your chapter.

Don't miss out on the experience of a lifetime! Register soon for the Honors Institute as seats are limited.

Go to—

<http://www.ptk.org/honors/institute>

## 2014 Summer Conference

Big Bend Community College

July 19th–20th, 2014



Thank you to the **Rho Zeta Chapter** of Phi Theta Kappa for hosting this year's Summer Conference! Come and enjoy some fellowship and fun with your dance-party loving GNR-PTK family! You can register on the GNRPTK.org website. More details to come so be sure and watch for details!

Please register for hotels no later than July 4th. The sooner the better as this makes it easier for the hosting chapter to get what they need done as well.

## CollegeFish.org — Get in. Get registered. Get going!

### About CollegeFish:

"CollegeFish.org is dedicated to serving as an online resource to promote positive two year completion and transfer pathways, empowering students and the higher education personnel who support them to achieve their goals in a seamless, timely manner. Powered by Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of Community Colleges, CollegeFish.org is open to ALL community college students attending partner institutions."



CollegeFish.org gives you countless connections to multiple scholarships, as well as the ability to develop a timeline for your transfer plan. Friendly reminders assist in keeping you on track toward your transfer goals.

It is a free, invaluable tool for all Phi Theta Kappa members looking to transfer and continue their education at a university.

### GRADUATION

Be sure to order your regalia in time for delivery prior to your commencement! Go to the PTK store at <http://store.ptk.org/>





## **International Awards Received**

### **Distinguished Advisor:**

Dr. Tomas Ramos  
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Tacoma, Washington

### **Distinguished Chapter Officers:**

Sara Guisinger

Alpha Sigma Phi Chapter

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