

GREATER NORTHWEST REGION



NERDNATION 2016

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NerdNation was held in National Harbor, Maryland. The Greater Northwest Region was well represented and everyone had a great experience! It was an eye opener for many and the group found the speakers to be exhilarating. Dolores Nelson received the Distinguished Alumni Award and Mary Chikwinya, Vice President from Tacoma Community College received the Distinguished Administrators Award. Dr. Ramos and Theresa Ramos presented a forum titled "Your Personal Brand" with attendance exceeding 200 members and advisors.

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

Johnathon Hendren was born in sunny California on April 7th. He turned 21 during NerdNation! He is currently working part time as a janitor at United Sales Inc. Johnathon attends Yakima Valley Community College and expects to graduate at the end of summer in 2016. He plans to transfer to Washington State University, where he will major in Elementary Education and minor in Human Development. Johnathon enjoys laughing with friends, making horrible jokes, and having pool parties with the Greater Northwest Region members!

Honors Institute 2016

Wake-Forest University Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Registration is open now! Cost is \$895 if registered before May 13th and jumps up to \$995 if registered between May 14th through May 27th. Rates include tuition, dormitory accommodations and meals during the five-day honors event.

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.

A message from your regional team:

We the regional team believe the actions of the governor of North Carolina, Pat McCrory, and its constituents approving legislature that discriminate against the LGBTQ community are discriminatory and unjust. These types of laws are often created because of a lack of education creating fear among members of its community. We also believe we as citizens of a free society cannot let these actions stop our ability to congregate with Phi Theta Kappa members to experience an educational and intellectual project which will enhance our intellect and in turn, grow as enlightened, educated, and prosperous members of our communities. If we allow political leaders to dictate where we can or cannot go as a result of their short-sighted goals, we fall at their mercy and their causes become more prevalent. While the state of Washington has a prohibition for non-essential travel, both to North Carolina and Mississippi, we have the ability and liberty to choose to interpret this mandate respectfully. We believe that attending Honors Institute falls outside the category of what is considered non-essential. Phi Theta Kappa supports members pursuing knowledge, insight, and understanding at the Honors Institute at Wake-Forest University. As leaders of our region, we respect everyone's opinion, and believe that we should all be free to pursue our academic goals while attending Wake Forest University. It is ultimately up to all of you, the regional team will be in attendance representing the Greater Northwest Region, as this is an integral part of many of chapters' five-star chapter development.

Sincerely yours,

The Greater Northwest Regional Team

Fear is borne of a story we write based on our experiences and environments. We are the author of our own fear and courage, there cannot be one without the other. Phi Theta Kappa and Big Bend Community College (BBCC) are essential plot lines in my book. My name is Melinda Owens-Dourte. For the past year I have served as the VP of Fellowship of Rho Zeta at BBCC. I have the unique perspective of being a non-traditional student and an employee of BBCC. I plan to transfer to CWU in 2017 to pursue a degree in the social sciences. Learning about the many perspectives around the Honors in Action topic "How the World Works" is an exciting new chapter I am looking forward to discovering with you.



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 regions 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 presidents' 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.

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



**ALL
ARE
WELCOME**

Honors in Action Theme 2: Individualism and Collectivism

Individualism or Collectivism – Which of these ideas is correct? Which has the facts on its side? Can you combine the two to make the world a better place?

Individualism is the idea that the self's life belongs to him/her and that he/she has an inalienable right to live as one sees fit, to act on their own judgment, to keep and use the product to their effort, and to pursue the values of his/her choosing. Countries that score high on the individualism spectrum include the United States, Australia, United Kingdom, and Canada.

Collectivism is the idea that the individual's life belongs not to the self, but to the group or society of which one is merely a part of. In a collectivistic society, we must sacrifice our individual values and goals for the group's "greater good." According to collectivism, the group in a society are the basics unit of moral concern, and the individual is of value only insofar as he/she serves the group. Countries that score high on the collectivism spectrum include Guatemala, Ecuador, and Columbia.

Honors in Action Theme 1: Myth and Reality

"Myth" is from the French "Mythe" (1818) Modern Latin.

"Mythus" and Greek "Mythos," thought, story, myth, anything delivered by word of mouth, or unknown origin according to Dictionary.com

Myths can be legends of heroes, imaginary beasts, or invented beliefs. The things we know, or our reality, are based on our environment, experiences, and people with whom we share time. In this way, a myth can become our reality. A majority or dominant group influence their own myths into other peoples' realities. The earth is flat, right? African Americans have an extra muscle in their legs, right? Transgender people are crazy, right? WRONG. These are all myths. We understand now that the earth is round, and all people are 99.9% genetically identical. Some people still relying on myths do not yet understand transgender people, who are 99.9% genetically identical to all other people. The reality is we share much more in common than the very little that makes us different. Stereotypes are myths that are perpetuated into reality. Curious intellectuals ask questions and discover knowledge debunking myths and sharing a new reality. What myths are you perpetuating or debunking?

Summer Conference

Summer Conference to be hosted by Big Bend Community College, Most Congenial Chapter Rho Zeta!

The conference will be held on July 16-17, 2016.

Registration fee is \$85 until July 1. After July 1, the registration fee is \$95.

Alumni 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.

A leadership component will be included on Saturday.

For more information on the Summer Conference, visit

gnrptk.org

