



PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

GREATER NORTHWEST REGION

Newsletter

November 2014

District Conferences

District conferences were held in October. **District I** conference went off wonderfully! Theta Upsilon presented an excellent conference! Topics included Hallmark Writing tips, Regional and HQ reports, as well as a highly interactive teambuilding exercise where groups found their social style, discussed what that meant to work with those styles, then broke up into mixed teams to create a method of protecting their egg in the egg drop! Very cool! For the Regional HIA Project, groups discussed the question and found excellent solutions to both personal and chapter methods of reaching potential. **Dr. Ernest Tutt of Theta Upsilon won the advisor motivation bag for District I.** All in all, an excellent conference with much to bring home to share in our chapters!

The **District II** conference, hosted by the Alpha Chi Beta Chapter, was full of laughs and interesting discussions. We found that a common issue holding back chapters from achieving their full potential was lack of member involvement. One idea to help increase involvement is to be more clear in explaining and showing how being active would benefit members. We also had an amazing guest speaker, Mr. Mattson, a communication professor, who demonstrated how important attitude and communication, along with a splash of knowledge, are to success. At the end of the day, **Shelley Bannish, an advisor from the Iota Omega Chapter at Centralia College, won the advisor motivation bag.**

North Idaho College Delta Kappa Chapter hosted an awesome conference for **Districts III and V!** What a great day! Joshua Hancock was the hit with his team-building Avengers 101! Wait until Spring Regional in March; we are planning to expand on the awesomeness! **Barbara Whitney, advisor from Rho Zeta at Big Bend, won the advisor motivation bag!**

The **District IV** conference was held at the Mat Su College in Palmer, Alaska and two members/officers attended, in addition to their advisor. Honors in Action was discussed, along with the C4 event. The Beta Sigma Epsilon Chapter was excited to be included in the conference.

HALLMARK AWARDS

Deadline for the Administrator Awards: **December 10, 2014 at 5:00 PM.** Deadline for the Individual Awards has been changed to: **January 14, 2015.** Chapter Awards are due: **January 28, 2015.**

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SPRING CONFERENCE

The Phi Theta Kappa Greater Northwest Region Spring Conference will be held at North Seattle College on March 21, 2015. More information will be available at a later date.



Deadlines are fast approaching for PTK scholarships. The Joan Fedor scholarship for \$100 will be awarded at the Spring Awards Conference. Chapters may nominate one outstanding member who has made a significant contribution to the chapter, college and/or region. For more information, go the GNR website, <http://gnrptk.org>.

Take advantage of the many resources that are available. The All-USA scholarship can be applied for through the Fall Common Application, along with many other available scholarships. Application deadline for scholarships is **December 1, 2014 at 5:00 PM CST. You can apply at <http://ptk.org> website. The CollegeFish.com website also has additional aid opportunities.**



COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMPLETION CORPS

Today more than three million livable wage jobs are unfilled in the United States because students are not entering the fields or *obtaining the skills, instruction and credentials required* for 21st century jobs. In less than five years, 65% of all new jobs will require a postsecondary credential. Employers hire those who demonstrate the discipline and determination to finish what they start.

Phi Theta Kappa is heading up the C4 student-led initiative to raise awareness of the importance of college completion. PTK has created a student pledge and the materials you may need to build student momentum on campus and help ensure they commit to complete their individual graduation agenda.

One of the goals for the Greater Northwest Region is to create a C4 signing event in March 2015. It is the intent to get all of the PTK chapters in the region to have a signing event. Free toolkits will be provided. You can fill out the free toolkit form on the GNR website and there are links to posters, pledge cards, and other resources. Go to <http://gnrptk.org>

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Goodbye.....

One of our regional vice presidents has stepped down due to personal reasons. We will miss you, Sarah, and we wish you all the best.

ADVISOR MILESTONE REGOGNITION

Thank each one of you for your service and dedication to the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society!

<u>College</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Aaniih Nakoda College, MT	Beta Nu Alpha Chapter	Cheryl Morales	5
Edmonds Community College, WA	Alpha Alpha Lambda Chapter	Robin Datta	5
Everett Community College, WA	Kappa Kappa Chapter	Carrie Wyatt	5
Matanuska-Susitna College, AK	Beta Sigma Epsilon Chapter	Deborah Fox	5
North Seattle College, WA	Alpha Epsilon Omega Chapter	Michaelann Allen	5
Seattle Central College, WA	Alpha Chi Zeta Chapter	Kay Rutherford	5
Skagit Valley College, WA	Theta Upsilon Chapter	Kurt Dunbar	5
Spokane Falls Community College, WA	Beta Gamma Kappa Chapter	Heather McKenzie Waite	5
Tacoma Community College, WA	Chi Gamma Chapter	Mary Fox	5
Tacoma Community College, WA	Chi Gamma Chapter	Tomas Ramos	5
Yakima Valley Community College, WA	Alpha Omega Phi Chapter	Matthew Loeser	5
Yakima Valley Community College, WA	Alpha Omega Phi Chapter	David Huycke	15

CHALLENGE!!

For members who complete the five-star competitive edge by January 31, 2015, the Region will buy the five-star pins and present them at the Spring Conference.