



GREATER NORTHWEST REGION

Newsletter

October 2015

Regional Officer Elections

The regional officer elections will happen the week of Monday, November 30th, to Friday, December 4th. The deadline for applications will be Thursday, November 19th. Students who are interested in running for regional office should send their applications as a scan to tramos@tacomacc.edu and copy michaelannallen@seattlecolleges.edu. Applicants also need to send a three to four minute video answering the following three questions or statements:

*Use one minute to state who they are, name, college, major, hobbies, and what district their college is in.

*Select one honor study topic from the Honors in Action guide and explain why this is important to them.

*Explain how they believe that being a PTK regional office can enhance their leadership skills.

There will be a survey monkey to help each district elect the officers. If there are not enough officers running for office, the regional team will actively work on recruiting officers with the help of chapter advisors.

Questions regarding the fall elections of regional officers can be addressed to Dr. Ramos and Michaelann Allen.

WELCOME BACK!!!



Some just started and others have been back at it for a while. Either way, the Regional Officers would like to take a moment to welcome you all back to school! We hope classes are going well for you all!

Regional Officers

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New Study Topics for 2016 and 2017 have been released!

Global Perspectives: How the World Works

1. To what degree are our 21st-century innovations truly transformative or recycled old ideas with new flavors that make them more palatable to our modern sensibilities?
2. How can the same event be perceived differently by different people or even differently by the same person when retold over time?
3. Given that humanity has been in a state of warfare for 92% of its history, is lasting peace possible?
4. To what extent is it acceptable to use science and engineering to recreate or reproduce what nature already provides for us? At what point does science and engineering go too far?
5. What societal factors fuel our classifications of the beautiful or the vulgar?
6. Is Star Trek's Spock correct when he says, "the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few," and to what extent does one's geographic position in the world affect the answer to this question?
7. To what extent would the world work differently if there were a universal understanding of rights and responsibilities?
8. In what ways has the creation of myths about the ways the world works reflected and shaped reality?

For anything Phi Theta Kappa related, news or anything you are looking to know, go visit the website:
ptk.org

Fall Conferences

The fall conferences will be working conferences. Chapters intending to participate in any category for Hallmark Awards must bring their journaling notes, research in progress, and any support documents they are planning to work with to enter the competition before the January deadline. The dates and locations for the fall conferences are:

District I and II: Gray's Harbor College on Saturday, November 14th.

District III and V: Big Bend Community College on Saturday, November 7th.

District IV: Mat Su College on Friday, November 20th.

To register, go to
<http://gnrptk.org/page24.php>

Study Abroad

The study abroad program is brand new and is likely to happen next spring break or summer. We are working out the details and the official guidelines will be published in the November newsletter. The study abroad will provide an opportunity for elected regional officers to travel outside the U.S. in a one week trip. Being a regional officer does not obligate the student to travel abroad, and does not guarantee participation in the excursion. The guidelines will determine the process.

College Project

Don't forget to work on the College Project. As part of the 5 Star Chapter Development, chapters must have their ideas approved by a college representative that can be a Vice President, Director of a program, the College President, or even one of the Deans in a Department.

Winning Chapters around the nation have worked on projects such as:

1. Creating Awareness to prevent eating disorders on campus.
2. Chapter Members serving as college ambassadors.
3. Chapter comes up with a plan to assist administration to provide assistance in an administrative [Support Role]

If you are interested in finding more details that show what the College Project is about, go to ptk.org and look under the link. (Five Star Chapter Development)

If any chapter is willing to share their College Project, email Dr. Ramos or Michaelann and we can include it in November's Newsletter.

Scholarships:

Phi Theta Kappa Fall Scholarship Application is open until December 1, 2015.

Within this application, you apply to: Hites Transfer Scholarship, Guistwhite Scholarship Program, Geico Pathway to Completion Baccalaureate Scholarship, All-USA Community College Academic Team, Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team, Coca-Cola New Century Scholars, and All-State Community College Academic Team.

<http://www.ptk.org/Scholarships/BachelorsDegreeScholarships.aspx>



The 2016 Honors Institute will be held at the Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina June 20 – 25, 2016. All advisors and coordinators selected as 2016/2017 Faculty Scholars must be able to attend the entire Faculty Scholar Conferences for two years, January 27-31, 2016 and February 1-5, 2017. They must also be able to attend the entire week-long International Honors Institutes at Wake Forest University in June 2016 and also in June 2017 in a place yet to be determined. The official dates and place will be announced in Golden Key News Briefs. Faculty Scholars will also participate in the ENTIRE Phase II of the Faculty Scholar Conferences the weekend prior to the 2016 and 2017 Honors Institutes.