

# Greater Northwest Region Newsletter

## June 2019



PHI THETA KAPPA  
HONOR SOCIETY



Here are some upcoming events for your Regional PTK!

### Summer Regional Honors Institute Conference

Conference is one week away on July 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>!

Pacific Lutheran University  
Tacoma, WA

Our regional honors institute will create dedicated time and physical space to engage in collaborative learning and engagement with the PTK Honors in Action topic: Transformations: Acknowledging, Assessing, and Achieving Change.

The weekend will feature presentations by regional scholars and storytellers, as well as seminar group discussions on the beautiful campus of Pacific Lutheran University. <https://www.plu.edu/>



First Keynote Speaker: Kiana Davis was born and raised in Richmond, California. She began writing poetry at the age of 12 to grapple with growing up in a low income community and to help her develop her identity as a young black girl in America. For the past 10 years, she has worked as an educator teaching at-risk youth in Washington State.



Second Keynote Speaker: Luis Ortega is a TEDx Speaker, multidisciplinary storyteller, artist, empathy educator, social impact consultant, and the director and founder of Storytellers for Change.

Over the last fourteen years, Luis has traveled across the nation to share his personal narrative and message about the power of storytelling and story-listening to inspire action and build empathetic, inclusive, and equitable communities.

<https://www.storytellersforchange.org/speaking-storytelling#about-luis>



FIVE STAR

ADVISOR PLAN

Welcome to Phi Theta Kappa's Five Star Advisor Plan!

This self-paced, interactive course is designed to provide you with all the information and inspiration you need to serve as a successful chapter advisor.

***Phi Theta Kappa's Mission is to recognize academic achievement of college students and to provide opportunities for them to grow as scholars and leaders.***

This online course will inform and inspire you as you activate that life-changing mission on your campus.

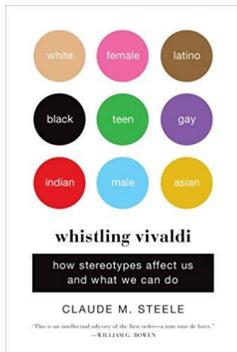
<http://fivestaradvisor.ptk.org/moodle/>

Registration Cost: \$95

To register: <https://greater-northwest-region.ptk.org/NewsEvents.aspx>

Payment Options: With the end of the fiscal year approaching for many of our colleges, to ease the process of payment, you can select to be invoiced for the registration fees, and then submit this for payment as you are able to later this summer. To receive an invoice, you'll need to choose the "bill me later" option on the payment screen. Once selected, you will enter "poreq" in the purchase order field and you'll receive an invoice.

## PTK Student Storytelling Series



Our region has received a \$5000 grant for the 2019-2020 academic year to engage students with the Honors In Action program at the regional level. Here are the details from the grant submission. The process for students to apply to be a PTK Student Storyteller will be shared this summer.

**10 students + 10 elders/mentors/subject-matter experts**  
**\$250 honorarium per storyteller**

**I AM PTK Storytelling Sessions** is a project envisioned to center student voices, to foster cross-cultural learning opportunities, and to utilize the power of the Honors in Action program to engage regional members and mentors.

PTK members from the Greater NW Region will apply to serve as a PTK Storyteller, and will engage the guidance of an elder, mentor, and/or subject-matter expert. Up to 10 student/mentor partners will be selected to engage in a semi-structured collaborative project, based on one of the eight HIA themes as a way to anchor their stories. The storytelling pair will design a way to share a story of their identity, culture, life experiences, beliefs, etc. in a way that gives them full agency and consent to what is revealed and how it is presented. Priority will be given to stories that center voices of students who identify with one or more historically-marginalized identity groups. Applications will be due in late October 2019, and selected students will engage with mentors to design a story-telling session to be presented at the 2020 PTK Greater NW Spring Conference in March.

Cross-cultural learning happens when both cognitive and affective domains are engaged. Stories shared in the- **I AM PTK Storytelling Sessions** will encourage our regional members, advisors, and alumni to both think AND feel. The learning outcomes for those experiencing the student stories will be able to:

- 1) Name and describe at least one thing they learned that they did not know before.  
(WHAT DID I LEARN?)
- 2) Name and describe an emotion they felt as they experienced the story  
(WHAT DID I FEEL?)
- 3) Name and describe one change/action they can make based on what they think and feel  
(WHAT WILL I DO?)



Greetings Greater Northwest Region!

Your GNR Alumni Association would appreciate it so much if each chapter could bring a basket to raffle off at the summer conference.

This helps us fundraise for our scholarships. We have the Joan Fedor Scholarship that awards \$100 to a student nominated by their chapter advisor as well as the Regional Scholarship for membership assistance for students who are incarcerated or in transition.

Please help us by bringing a basket to every conference you can attend. Many thanks from your Alumni Team!

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Phi Theta Kappa Advisor

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Free copies of the book will be distributed at the PTK Greater NW Regional Honors Institute in Tacoma, WA (July 13-14). Additional copies are available upon request. Please email Jessica Supinski, Greater NW Regional Coordinator to request copies for your chapter. [jessicasupinskiptk@gmail.com](mailto:jessicasupinskiptk@gmail.com).

## DO YOU HAVE AN EDGE?



A college degree doesn't always guarantee you'll have the soft skills employers expect.

That's where Phi Theta Kappa's Five Star Competitive Edge can help! No matter the path you're on, **YOU NEED SOFT SKILLS TO SUCCEED!** Communication, critical thinking, interpersonal

skills, and professional etiquette – these are important traits to master no matter what career you've chosen. They are waiting for you at [GetAnEdge.ptk.org](http://GetAnEdge.ptk.org).

## CHANGE YOUR STORY

With over **\$90 million in scholarships** for eligible members, Phi Theta Kappa helps you finish the dreams you started. Now is the time to complete and submit for scholarships.

**PTK Scholarship Application is open Year-Round.**

**Fall Programs:** All-USA, New Century, Coca-Cola Academic Team, Guistwhite, Hites, GEICO Bachelor's and Oberndorf (Deadline is October 25, 2019, at 5pm CT)

**Nominator Deadline:** November 8, 2019, at 5pm CT

[APPLY NOW!](#)

Login to your application at the beginning of each semester to update your eligibility quiz to determine if you are eligible for additional scholarships.

**Graduate Students:** GEICO Pathway to Completion Master's Degree Scholarship Deadline: October 25, 2019, at 5pm CT.

[APPLY NOW!](#)

## **News from the Greater Northwest Region**

I'm very happy to share good news from our region. Brenda Gee has accepted the position as the Greater NW Region Associate Regional Coordinator. We are working together over the next few weeks to define how we will share the responsibilities of regional coordination.

Thanks all and we're excited to work together to make the Northwest Region a 5 Star Region again!