



Hello All:

It's that time of the year when students are in the last stretch of finishing exams and handing in papers to complete their deadlines before the Holiday break. As Advisors and officers for the chapters of PTK in the Greater Northwest Region, we too are now starting to complete required information to continue delivering quality programming for our chapter members.

Memberships - The fall membership drive deadline is December 30, 2020. If you have any memberships that need to be submitted, please do so as soon as possible before the end of the year. Erica Bold, our Division IV specialist has sent out a newsletter to all advisors with directions on how to make this process easier. Directions on how to submit members are [here](#).

Deadlines for Awards - Erica's newsletter also included the deadline dates for the following:

Hallmark Awards – Be recognized for all your hard work!

- Individual Awards – ***Due Wednesday January 13, 2021***
- Chapter Award (HIA and College Project) – ***Due Wednesday January 20, 2021***
- Directions on how to submit Hallmark Awards are listed [Here](#).

Five Star Update – **Deadline is January 22, 2021.** Make sure to get this updated [Here](#). If you need any help to complete any of these important reporting documents for your chapter, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Erica Bold.

Part of the five-star chapter plan is to complete some key functions to gain your star status or your chapter. [These are listed here](#).

We have now posted the GNR fall regional conference on the PTK regional website and encourage everyone to take some time to view, contact myself or any of our regional officers with any questions you may have, and this will get you to the 3-star level by participating in a regional event...It's that easy!

Report Progress on Five Star Chapter Plan - December is a crucial time for chapters to set a Five Star Plan goal and report their activities on the **Progress Report Form**.

Dr. Blake Ellis sent out some information regarding 4 and 5-star chapter reporting regarding College and HiA Projects.

Note: Submission of an entry for College Project and Honors in Action Project is required for Four- and Five-Star status. We completely understand that this year is different. Please encourage chapters to submit an entry even if their project did not come together in the way they hoped. Submitting (even to say the project did not work) will check that requirement. We are in the middle of a historic pandemic, and we do not want anyone to lose Five Star Chapter status because of the unique barriers faced by chapters this year. Contact **Jennifer Stanford** with any questions.

Honors in Action Mini-Grants - We have heard from several chapters that did not get going on Honors in Action until later this year (makes sense). We can still support a few more projects with Honors in Action mini grants. Interested chapters apply **here**. We have some great ideas on how chapters can use this award **here**. For chapters struggling to get started with HIA in a virtual world, we have some **great tips here**. Contact **Susan Edwards** with any questions.

New Advisors - I am always happy to meet with advisors to help with the “firehose” of information needed to run your chapters smoothly. I am always willing to meet and have a coffee on Zoom to help you through all the reporting and things that make you go hmmm... We will introduce some new chat sessions in the New Year to help you all. Updates to come in early January.

Activity Guide for Chapter Leaders - Please share this new resource with chapters in every way you can! We hope this will help chapters that are just getting started and give some inspiration to leaders at chapters that are already active. **Check it out!**

Regional Officers

Our wonderful new GNR Regional Team hit the ground running in September and have started some great initiatives for outreach and ways we can make our huge geographical region more accessible for everyone!

Since September we have had a few chat sessions with HQ staff to update on various topics and had a couple Games Night using the ***jackbox.tv*** app... (Athena is the Queen of Jackbox)!

We've also implemented a new method of communication called ***Discord***...this will help all our members connect, find out about events and news from other chapters, and reach

out with any questions from the region.

[Click here](#) to join Discord and see what has been happening in your Region!

It is my sincerest wish that you all enjoy this holiday season with those closest to you and have a very safe and Happy New Year. Looking forward to seeing you all in 2021!

Cheers,

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