

Greater Northwest Region

Greater Northwest Regional Fall Conferences

Please join us this fall for one of the conferences:

- Saturday, November 3rd at Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake, WA
- Saturday, November 10th at Tacoma Community College in Tacoma, WA.

To register for fall conferences visit the Greater Northwest Regional webpage Events tab.

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

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INTRODUCING OUR NEW REGIONAL OFFICER TEAM:

The Regional Leadership team consists of one President and a Vice President for each district within our region. This year's officers were inducted at our summer conference at Skagit Valley College.

Regional President:

My name is Nichole Rich. I am a full-time student at Grays Harbor College and a mother of four beautiful children. I joined the Beta Iota chapter of Phi Theta Kappa last year. I am our chapter's vice president and currently finishing up my AAS-T in Human Services as I also begin my associate's degree in business, which puts me on track to begin the Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Management (BAS-OM) next year. My long-term goals include using my education to find and fill a need in my community. I have recently been hired at Grays Harbor College as the Veterans Navigator where I provide support to veterans.

Being a part of Phi Theta Kappa has been an amazing experience. I joined PTK to find fantastic educational opportunities, travel across states, and form life-long friendships. I am honored to be part of the new regional officer team and I cannot wait to see what this next year brings our region and my chapter!

District I Vice President:

My name is Luliia and I am an engineering and a pre-med student at Lake Washington Institute of Technology. I recently moved to the US 2 years ago at the age of 16. Since my arrival at school in the US, I have learned more and more about the different opportunities that are offered for students on campus. PTK is one of those amazing opportunities.

I joined PTK in Spring 2018 and became the president of my chapter. PTK has such an inclusive supportive environment that enables students to grow in all aspects. You can grow as a human, leader, professional, friend, etc. In PTK, you have an opportunity to lead projects such as Honors in Action, apply for scholarships, make an impact by serving as an officer to name a few. Coming to America and joining PTK has truly allowed me to express my passion and sharing it with others. Joining PTK is the best way to gain critical life skills, friendships, and leave an academic legacy?"

District II Vice President:



Hi, my name is Sharon Jang and am proud to be a part of the PTK Greater Northwest regional officer team. Since the day I became involved with my Chi Gamma chapter at Tacoma Community College (TCC), I have been the VP of fellowship & leadership, co-president, and recruitment officer. I am currently the secretary and more than thrilled to take on the responsibilities of being a VP regional officer for district II. I am working towards an associate's in biology at TCC to then further my studies at UW-Seattle and graduate with a bachelor's in medical laboratory science. Just as how I hope to make a difference in the treatment and diagnosis of many patients as a healthcare detective, I hope to cultivate the Greater Northwest chapter alongside my fellow officer team.

District III Vice President:



My name is Stephanie Keith, and I am a non-traditional student at Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake, Washington. I am working toward a Direct Transfer Degree in Business. I will be going on to pursue a B.A. in Accounting with the goal of becoming a CPA. I joined Phi Theta Kappa after returning to college in 2011. I became Vice President of Scholarship very quickly. I remember walking into my very first meeting and was asked if I wanted to be an officer. This was the beginning of my new academic journey. Life and events prevented me from achieving a degree before, but with this new opportunity, I will succeed.

District IV Vice President:



My name is Yu-Kuei Chen and I am an international student from Taiwan at Seattle Central College working towards my Associate of Business with an emphasis on Global Studies. My goal is to transfer to a 4-year university. Joining Phi Theta Kappa was truly one of the greatest decision I made in my life. Joining gave me a sense of community and fellowship. Phi Theta Kappa also helped me grow as a person broadening my service and management experience. At Seattle Central, I am an officer with my chapter for the Service and Activities Budget Committee. I am also a leader and representative of three different NPO: Guizhou Cultural Exchange Organization at Guizhou, China. SeeSaw Children's Fundamental Education Organization at Taoyuan, Taiwan, and Algae Reef Protection and Guidance Organization at Taipei, Taiwan. As a regional officer, I

hope to become the bridge between Phi Theta Kappa chapters for the Greater Northwest Region.

District V Vice President:



My name is Deanna Balla and am very honored to serve as the Vice President for the Greater Northwest Region of Division 5. I study at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) which is situated in the beautiful city of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. My major is in business administration, with a specialization in management and construction project. I am the President of the Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, Beta Sigma Tau. I am involved in a Peer Mentorship Program, the Leadership Development Studies, Honors in Action, as well as the many booths, parties, and promotional events that happen within our chapter. Phi Theta Kappa has provided so many opportunities that I never would have deemed possible. As a representative of division 5, I will do my best to encourage, inspire, and enrich other's lives to take their part in fulfilling the many advances that Phi Theta Kappa

has presented to us collectively.

Skagit Valley Summer Conference Recap



Those who attended this year's summer conference at Skagit Valley College know that it was two days' worth of success and fun, with amazing speakers and a fantastic transfer fair. Our outgoing Regional Team went above and beyond to make this conference a worthwhile experience, and they definitely succeeded!

Information about Honors in Action and College Project was shared, giving students and advisors valuable tips and insight on how to make an impact in their communities. We also discussed fundraising strategies to assist chapters in raising money to send their members to conferences such as Catalyst 2019 in Orlando, Florida!

Our Keynote speaker, Tracey Whybrow, spoke of the importance of relationships and social connections. Tracey is a Communication Consultant and specializes in professional and personal communication strategies. Tracey teaches at Spokane Falls Community College as well as Washington State University's College of Pharmacy. She has local, regional, and national speaking experience, and has spoken in a variety of settings.



We also had a representative from headquarters come over to discuss what makes a five-star region. We learned that to reach five-star status as a region, our chapters need to reach five-star status. Further information about this can be found on the PTK website at

<https://www.ptk.org/Programs/FiveStarChapterPlan/FiveStarRegionDetail.aspx>



This summer our Alumni Chapter also inducted several new members. They would like to remind us all to make sure your school sends a t-shirt to fall conference so our awesome alumni can finish the quilt they have been working on for so long! Remember that this quilt will be auctioned off and all proceeds will be given back to our students!

Hallmark Award Deadlines

Honors Case Study Challenge

Due November 7th, 2018

Fall Scholarship Application Deadline

Due November 15th, 2018

Administrator Awards

Due December 5th, 2108

Categories include College Administrator, Gordon (for college presidents), Bennett (for retiring college presidents) and Community College State Director Awards

Applications for Individual Awards

Due January 9th, 2019

Categories include Chapter Officer Team, Chapter Officer, Chapter Member, Advisor Team, Paragon Advisor, Distinguished Advisor, Continued Excellence Advisor

Applications for Regional Officer Awards

Due January 10th, 2019

Categories include Regional Officer Team and Regional Officer

Applications for Chapter Awards

Due January 16th, 2019

Categories include Honors in Action Project and College Project Awards

Regional Awards for Excellence

Due January 31st, 2109

Applications for Alumni Awards

Due January 31st, 2019

Categories include Alumni Association Award of Merit and Alumni Award of Appreciation

SCHOLARSHIP CENTER

The PTK [Spring Scholarship Application](#) for students continuing at community college will open in Spring 2019.

The PTK [Fall Scholarship Application](#) for those pursuing a bachelor's degree will open in the Fall.

Another valuable resource for scholarships and information is www.CollegeFish.org. CollegeFish can be linked to your PTK profile and will automatically populate much of your information. This website is extremely helpful in finding scholarships outside of what is offered from PTK, and it will put you in touch with many other colleges and opportunities in your area!

Fall Scholarship Application

Due December 1st, 2018

This application is for eight different scholarship programs

Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarship

Due October 30th, 2018

This is need-based and provides up to nine \$1,000 scholarships.

GEICO Pathway to Completion Master's Degree Scholarship

Due October 30th, 2018

This is for alumni who have attained a bachelor's degree and are enrolled in their first graduate degree program. Consists of two \$2,500 awards.

Additional Transfer Scholarships and due dates can be found on CollegeFish.org and PTK scholarship due dates can be found on www.ptk.org/scholarships.aspx.

BUDGETS

- Regional budget balance: **\$34,630.38**
- Leadership development grant: **\$4,200.00**
- Regional Coordinator travel grant: **\$866.09**
- Alumni account: **\$761.00** The alumni collected \$161.00 at the summer conference and paid **\$100.00** for a Joan Fedor stipend