

# GREATER NORTHWEST REGION



**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND  
WELCOME BACK TO  
SCHOOL!!!**

## Alumni Spotlight Dolores Nelson

Dolores Nelson has been involved with Phi Theta Kappa since 2005 and became Alumni in 2010. Dolores says, "PTK and the Alumni have shown me my true potential. They have shown me that I can do anything I set out to do as long as I make the decisions and changes necessary." She became more involved with the Alumni because she believes it is her time to give back. She is a firm believer in paying it-forward and has learned the benefits of paying it forward first hand. Dolores' goal is to get more Alumni involved with their local Chapters.



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## What's happening at Spring Regional Conference March 11-12 (Sat-Sun) at Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake?

Madame Jennifer McCarthy will present focused on  
theme 8 Nostalgia & Pathos.



Jennifer McCarthy grew up in Massachusetts, was an exchange student to Motala, Sweden during her Senior year of high school. She went on to attend Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts, double-majoring in French and German, and spending her Junior year abroad in Paris, France. She studied French and Swedish Literature at the Sorbonne and French Art History with the Sweet Briar College Junior Year in France faculty.

After receiving her BA, Jennifer moved to Prague, Czechoslovakia in August, 1992. She taught English at the Prague University of Economics for the school year, while also pursuing English tutoring jobs privately and for a French/Czech Semi-Conductor company.

Shortly after her return from the newly-renamed Czech Republic in June, 1993, she began graduate school in French Literature at Washington University in St. Louis in September, 1994, and earned her teaching credentials in French and German k-12 while working.

Jennifer and Dennis have two children, Alexandra, 14 and Arlo, 12. Jen has been teaching French and German on an alternating basis part-time at BBCC since 2007.

**Register for Spring Conference [online](#) by March 3, see you soon!**

# Chapter Spotlight

## Alpha Iota Pi - Flathead Valley Community College

Hello from Kalispell, MT. Meet our local Chapter.

President – Zoa Phillips; VPs – Noah McDuffie, Ezra Llewellyn, Fletcher North, Alex Olson;  
Business Manager – Kendra Jeschke; Public Relations – Audra Sandler; Secretary – Racheal Cloninger



Advisor and Business Manager  
Wendy and Kendra Jeschke

We will  
see you all  
in  
Nashville!!



Advisor Conrad Rauscher



Alpha Iota Pi  
officers working  
hard at a  
fundraiser  
dinner on the  
FVCC campus in  
Kalispell, MT

*Spring Regional Conference*

*March 11-12<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

*Big Bend Community College, Moses Lake*

All Districts: Join Rho Zeta for a journey of discovery at Spring Regional Conference 2017! The conference will be an all-day Saturday and a half-day Sunday session. To register, visit the [Greater Northwest Region Website](#). Please make checks payable to BBCC Foundation, 7662 Chanute St. NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837.

## Joan Fedor Scholarship

New applications will be accepted for spring regional starting January 1, 2017 (DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION February 24, 2017) We will be awarding two \$100 scholarships at spring conference. To be considered, a chapter may nominate one member from their chapter.

The application consist of a letter of support explaining how the nominee has been involved as an active member/officer of the chapter and the community. What contributions has the nominee made to the advancement of the chapter as a whole? or how has the student shown to be a role model for the chapter membership and the community? The nominee must be currently enrolled in classes, actively involved in the chapter and maintaining a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Students should NOT nominate themselves.

The entry should be typed, two pages long and doubled spaced.

Address the Regional Executive Board for the Northwest Region of PTK.

Scan the materials and email them to Dr. Tomas Ramos at [tramos@tacomacc.edu](mailto:tramos@tacomacc.edu)



### **\$\$ SHOW ME THE MONEY! \$\$**

Did you know that there are millions of dollars available to you? Scholarships are a major benefit of active Phi Theta Kappa involvement, and our new feature spotlights the Greater Northwest Region scholarship recipients and their stories!

Regional President Melinda ([melindad@bigbend.edu](mailto:melindad@bigbend.edu)) would love to hear your great scholarship \$\$\$ news so that we can celebrate regional-wide!



**PTK** catalyst **2017**

Transform your chapter.

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**  
**APRIL 6-8, 2017**

Transform yourself.

## 5-Star Competitive Edge

Soft skills are increasingly important to success, and Phi Theta Kappa has a helpful personal and professional development program to develop and enhance your soft skills! Check out Five Star Competitive Edge, an online course that covers...

- *Career Development*
- *Scholarships*
- *Your Résumé*
- *Leadership Style*
- *Emotional Intelligence*
- *Business Etiquette Skills*

48 Phi Theta Kappans in our region are 5-Star Competitive Edge Members—you can become one, too!



### *Join the Regional Officer Team!*

There is an amazing position open on the Regional Team: Vice President of District IV!

Are you awesome, interested in self-development, excited about taking on a regional role and committed to contributing to the success of the Greater Northwest Region?

Apply online and send your application for consideration to Dr. Tomas Romas, Regional Coordinator. If you have any questions, please reach out as well!

Contact us and Apply. at [Greater-Northwest-Region.ptk.org](http://Greater-Northwest-Region.ptk.org)

*As Phi Theta Kappans, we are dedicated to our studies and always looking for ways to improve and or maintain our GPAs! Here is a short list of ways to make your time in school a bit easier this year!*

**Prioritize assignments based on importance!**

**Don't cram! Study in short sessions and give yourself a break every once in a while!**

**Study effectively! Make sure to use your resources wisely!**

**Befriend your professors!**

***NEW Greater Northwest Region Website!***

[Greater-Northwest-Region.ptk.org](http://Greater-Northwest-Region.ptk.org)