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Hello Phi Theta Kappa Leaders!

Were you at the last Regional Convention? Did you hear about the Honors in Action Chapter Officer Leadership Academy? The New England Region Alumni Association (NERA) is hosting the third annual New England Region Honors in Action Leadership Academy on **Friday, July 15-16 at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland.**

Last year, we asked chapters to evaluate their experience and make suggestions for this year. You spoke, and we listened! This year, the academy will be held for two days to offer ample time for chapters to get the information and practice needed to have a successful year! Activities will begin on **Friday, July 15th** which will be devoted completely to Honors in Action practices. We will continue on **Saturday, July 16th** with the Leadership training portion of the program.

In addition to creating successful Honors in Action programs, chapter leaders will also have the opportunity to learn vital leadership skills to lead your chapter to success! Are chapter finances running low? We know how to fundraise! Do you know your leadership style, or those of your leadership team? We'll show you how. Do you have adequate tools for communication? We have some ideas for that too and can't wait to share them with you!

Lunch and snacks are included with your registration. Academy programming will conclude by 5:00 p.m. on both days to offer attendees an opportunity to explore the great dining choices available in the South Portland area.

Chapters are encouraged to register for the academy as early as possible to ensure proper preparation and the greatest benefit. Registration fees are as follows:

- \$20 if you register between June 16, 2011 and July 14, 2011
- \$25 for day-of registration

Please register by going here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PSHD78R>

We'll see you in July!

Sincerely,

The New England Region Alumni Association Officers

Questions regarding the Honors in Action Chapter Officer Leadership Academy can be sent to Michelle Nickerson, NERA Executive Vice President, at mnickerson@neptk.org.



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HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COLLEGEFISH.ORG:



If you are planning to transfer to a four-year college after graduation, don't miss out on the opportunity to use this free online transfer tool to help make your move as successful as possible. Phi Theta Kappa members may access CollegeFish.org with the login information they receive via email when they accepted membership or one can be requested at www.collegefish.org in the First-time Users section.

Members may log onto CollegeFish.org to access a complete listing of all transfer scholarships designated specifically for Society members. More than \$37 million in scholarships are offered annually to members by over 700 colleges and universities.

CollegeFish.org Benefits:

- Free and available 24/7
- Individually custom tailored college matches
- Automatic scholarship recommendations
- Extensive details on over 3,000 scholarships available to transfer students
- Comprehensive profiles on over 2,000 colleges and universities
- Detailed transfer guide to ease the transfer process
- Calendaring system to remind you of deadlines and transfer-related events
- Your connection to community college advisors, transfer advisors and four-year admissions counselors all in one central location
- Four-year institutions actively utilize CollegeFish.org to recruit high-achieving transfer students.

Have questions or need support? Email us at enrollment@collegefish.org or call us at 866.286.8453.



Community College Completion Corp

The Community College Completion Corp (or C4) campaign was the theme of this year's convention, a new Phi Theta Kappa directive, and will be a focus of the New England Region this year. This is a campaign that promotes community college completion and truly shows the benefits of completion, and the pitfalls of dropping-out, or transferring too early. At the International Convention we had the opportunity to sign their completion board, and the campaign calls for chapters and regions to have their own signing events and awareness campaigns.

For more information go to <http://www.cccompletioncorps.org/ptk> or to get information about the New England Region's involvement, please email ashlynn.abbott@ptk.org!



Honors Institute

The 2011 Honors Institute just completed at Boston University from June 13-17. This was an exciting and in-depth event where approximately 400 members, advisors and alumni delved into the Honors Study Topic with presentations by speakers from a variety of disciplines, small group discussions, hands-on activities and much more.

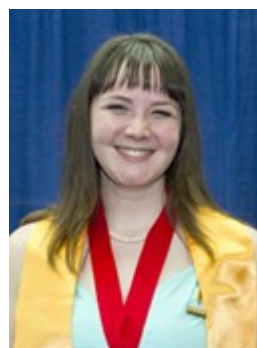
Since 1968, the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute has engaged members by thought-provoking presentations on the Society's Honors Study Topic, selected for its timeliness, global significance and interdisciplinary applications. Created to celebrate Phi Theta Kappa's 50th anniversary, the Honors Institute format is based on a program used at Oxford University.



2011 International Convention News



Where you in Seattle, WA for the Phi Theta Kappa 2011 International Convention? We were! Everyone who attended had an invigorating weekend filled with workshops, forums, regional meeting and general session speakers.



We would like to extend a HUGE congratulations to our very own **Danielle Swartz** from the Alpha Chi Nu Chapter at Southern Maine Community College for being elected **Division I International Vice President!** We could not be more proud and are excited to have such a wonderful member of our region be a part of the international officer team!





Welcome your new Regional Officer Team!



Julie Larkin, New England Regional President

Greetings, Fellow Phi Theta Kappa Members:

My name is Julie Larkin and I am your 2011-2012 New England Region President. I represent all 58 of the Phi Theta Kappa chapters for the Region.

My background with Phi Theta Kappa is as follows: I have served as Southern Regional Vice-President in 2008-2009; served my chapter, Alpha Upsilon Alpha at Manchester Community College in Manchester, CT as Induction Coordinator, Membership Recruiter, Treasurer, Secretary and held the position of chapter President for two years. I also served as the 2010-2011 President of the Student Government Association at Manchester Community College.

I work as the Parish Administrator/Office Manager at the Congregational Church in South Glastonbury, CT. I have been married for 8 years, to Wesley Larkin, who is an Honorary Phi Theta Kappa member and who has been supportive of both my academic pursuits and my involvement in Phi Theta Kappa International. My major is General Studies with a focus on Psychology. I plan on graduating in May 2012 and am considering a career in Forensic Psychology after completing my Associate's Degree.

In my role as your New England Region President, I am available for any questions, concerns, or issues that you may have with regard to Phi Theta Kappa. I am also able on occasion to attend meetings and inductions at your campus.

I will be sending frequent emails, the quarterly newsletter and updates with additional details on activities and events in the near future. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any articles, announcements and as many photos as you wish to share with the Region. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

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Steve Mason, Northern New England Regional Vice President

Hi y'all, I am from Valdosta, GA and I am a nontraditional student, who after 30 years of working, whether in the military or driving truck. Was diagnosed with a disability 5 years ago which prevented me from working. I decided last year to go back to school for the two areas of study I had always been interested in. I am planning to get my degree to practice as a Physician's Assistant and work for NASA as an astrophysicist. I love school and the people I have met and the opportunities that have presented themselves to make me a better person and leader. While I have been at NHTI-Concord's community college in Concord, NH, I have had the honor to be the historian for my local chapter, Alpha Upsilon Omicron, and now to be your northern region vice president.



Ashlynn Abbott, Southern New England Regional Vice President

I graduated from East Lyme High School and the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts in 2007 with a major in Technical Theater. I was ready to go to Mountview Academy of Theater in London, England when circumstances changed and I had to stay home. After working many jobs, mostly in theater, for two years, I found a new home at Manchester Community College as a General Studies Major. After being inducted into Phi Theta Kappa in the fall of 2010, I quickly became active with my chapter and saw my regional opportunities. I was so pleased to be elected as your Southern Regional Vice President and am so excited at the possibilities we have to help keep New England a strong and active region. I will be changing to a Liberal Arts major and after graduating I hope to transfer to a four-year college and major in Political Science. Then, I hope to go back to England and get my masters in stage management. I am extremely excited about the upcoming year and working with all of you!



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Joe Assenza, Central New England Regional Vice President

I was born in Stoneham MA, but was raised in Sandown NH. My parents still live there in that sleepy little town. I graduated from Timberlane Regional High School in 2003. In 2005 anxious to get out of that town I followed through on my childhood dream of joining the Marine Corps and was stationed outside of San Diego. After two deployments to Iraq with the Infantry and an Injury from a roadside bomb I decided that I wanted to get out of the military and go to school. While enlisted I was awarded the good conduct medal and the combat action ribbon. I enrolled in the Engineering Transfer Program at Middlesex Community College while I was still in California. Since I started classes in 2009 I have been having an amazing time at school. At MCC I have been involved with study abroad programs to China and Belize, Paul Sullivan Leadership Institute, engineering internship at city hall, working for MCC's student activities office, president of the Alpha Delta Omicron Chapter, and volunteering around the city as a part of these groups. Outside of school I enjoy traveling, hiking, and working on cars.

Charles V. Mastrangelo, your New England Regional Coordinator



Is a professor of history and government at Massasoit Community College. He is the advisor for Alpha Kappa Upsilon Chapter from Massasoit Community College. He is a past chapter president and received the Distinguished President Award. His interests include his family (Wife, 3 boys, 5 grandchildren), his Dogs (2 golden retrievers), Reading, Camping, Fishing (largemouth bass, of course), Guitar (a Martin), Classical music, Folk Music, Celtic Music, Patriots, Red Sox, Bruins, and the Celtics.



Future events



We hope to see everyone at next year's International Convention on April 12th-14th in Nashville, Tennessee! Go to <http://ptk.org/convention> to register!

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