

PHI THETA KAPPA

New England Region Newsletter



Upcoming Dates:

- October 17-18
Leadership Conference
- March 10-11
Regional Convention

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Regional Leadership Conference Oct. 17-18

Our annual Regional Leadership Conference is fast approaching and we hope that you will be joining us. This is a wonderful time to brush up on your knowledge of Phi Theta Kappa programs, learn new information, further develop your skills, network with other chapters and gather new ideas to bring back to your campus. All of these things will assist in the success of your chapter.

The conference will be held at Gateway Community Col-

lege's North Haven Campus in North Haven, CT on Oct. 17th & 18th. Registration is \$30 a person. You can reserve your hotel rooms by calling 877-40-HOTEL and giving them the code GCC (Gateway Community College) to receive the group rate of \$112 a night.

In addition, we are bringing back the Chapter Officer Academy to train your chapter officers. It will be held prior to the Regional Leadership Conference on Oct. 17th. The cost of registration is \$10 a person and

we hope that you will consider bringing your chapter officers a few hours early to attend this training.

For more information, to view the schedules or the hotel information, please visit our regional website at www.neptk.org. If you have questions please contact our Regional Coordinator, Michelle Brinck at 203-857-7132 or mbrinck@ncc.comnet.edu

Hope to see you there!

- Michelle Brinck,
Coordinator

New England Region's Most Accomplished Alumni

NERA advisor **Susan Merideth** reports that one of the New England Region's most accomplished alumni, **Reverend Deacon Aimilianos Bogiannou**, was recently involved in one of the most historic events in the history of the modern Christian world.

On June 29, Pope Benedict XVI of the Roman Catholic Church and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I of the

Eastern Orthodox Church united at the Vatican for a single Mass, at which both delivered the homily, blessings, and recitation of the Nicene Creed. At their side was Father Aimilianos, an alumnus of the **Alpha Nu Upsilon** chapter at **Hesser College** and member of the Eastern Orthodox delegation, who participated in the service by reading from the Gospels.

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Reverend Deacon Aimilianos Bogiannou



Father Aimilianos (far right) reading from the Gospels as Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I (left) and Pope Benedict XVI (right) preside over the Mass

Attendees at the [2007 New England Regional Convention](#) in Newport, Rhode Island will remember Father Aimilianos giving a well-received keynote speech on the importance of religious unity and cooperation. Due to his deep-rooted belief in bringing together people of differing beliefs, participating in this historic joint service of the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church was an even greater honor for Father Aimilianos. As Merideth notes, "For the past several decades, the two Churches have been working to improve

communication between them and begin to have a united vision." This meeting marked yet another major step in improving the relationship. We congratulate our friend Father Aimilianos on all of his accomplishments, for representing the New England Region as well as he does, and for embodying the Hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa as he strives to bring more unity and understanding to the world.

-J. Ashley Odell
New England Region
President 2007-2008



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New England Regional President 2007 – 2008 Awarded Prestigious Grant

In August 2008, past New England Regional President, **J. Ashley Odell, graduate of Manchester Community College in May 2008**, was presented with the coveted Finch College Alumnae Association Foundation Grant. She is now attending Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. The Foundation receives

funding from donations by alumnae, annual fees and fundraising events. This funding makes it possible for the Foundation to award grants for women to continue on in college as they begin preparing for various professional careers. Ashley was also awarded several scholarships for outstanding academic and civic achieve-

ments and earned national recognition from the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

- Julie Larkin
Southern Vice President

