

# New England Region Newsletter

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## Feeding Tomorrows Leaders.....One Can at a Time

Well New England Phi Theta Kappa, you sure know how to make your Regional Officer Team proud to be representing the best Region EVER!!

The Regional Officers have been working on providing the chapters a Regional Honors in Action Project. So we thought that a food drive to benefit the Rhode Island Community Food Bank would be something each chapter attending the Leadership Conference could participate in. The Regional Officers have been busy in collecting research data and put it together as part of the scholarship piece and will be sharing this will all chapters in the near future.

The Regional Officers sent a challenge out to all those who were attending the conference...bring in at least two non-perishable food items, per member, to be donated to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. Then we placed a sweet prize as a reward for the challenge, that the chapter who brought in the most non-perishable food items, would win **ONE** free registration to the 2010 Spring Convention in Maine. Little did we know how much each chapter really wanted that registration.

We want to thank each and every one of the chapters that brought in their donations. All together we raised **769** pieces of non-perishable food items!! Yes..please give yourselves a round of applause!! So who was the winner of the free registration?? Well in third place with 102 pieces was Quinsigamond Community College in Massachusetts; in second place was Southern Maine Community College with 128 pieces and in first place was.....The Community College of Rhode Island with 180 pieces!!!

CONGRATULATIONS CCRI!!! Thank you also for all your help with organizing the food drive.

This was such a success that we want to thank you, again, every person and/or chapter that helped make our dream the biggest reality.

Remember we are still looking to create another Regional Honors in Action Project for those chapters that are able to attend Regional functions. So we are asking each of you to share your communities environmental needs in reference to Operation Green, Again thank you New England Region.....

**YOU ARE AWESOME!!!**

Jill Bouchard, President



Pictured with the 09-10 New England Regional Officer team is Bruce from the Rhode Island Community Food Bank.

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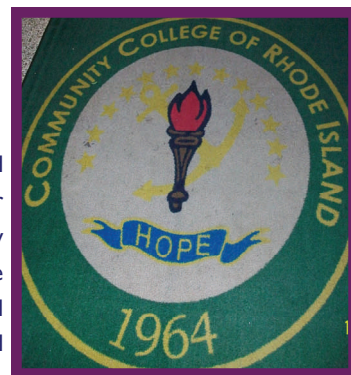
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# New England Region in Action



We would like to thank everyone who attended the Regional Leadership Conference. We would also like to thank the Pi Omicron chapter from the Community College of Rhode Island for their hospitality. It was a great time, with a lot of great people from all over New England: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. There were 85 attendees. We had guest speakers who were also at the conference including Barb Murray from International Headquarters, who was also our guest speaker at the Advisor and Officer Training Academy and also the Vice President of CCRI, Ron Schertz, who told an outstanding and inspiring story about a fellow Phi Theta Kappan, Menlee Mensue; and we would like to thank our special guests for giving of their time to be with us during the conference. We also would like to thank the members from the New England Regional Association (NERA) for helping us with registration, and plenty of other important things that happened behind the scenes.

The regional officers, some members of NERA, and our guest speaker, presented several workshops, which were designed to develop the members and the chapter officers and give them the tools necessary for making their chapters even more successful this year. A few of these workshops included fundraising tips, how to earn scholarship dollars and some helpful tips on Chapter Officer Transition.

Do you feel like having more fun with Regional Officers, well then, prepare to attend an event that will be even greater than the Leadership Conference, The New England Regional Convention, March 12-14, 2010, Southern Maine Community College, in Portland, Maine; the home chapter of your Regional Northern Vice President.

Information about registration, hotel, and cost will be available to you soooon..... save the DATE!!!!

## THIS IS HOW WE DO IT IN NEW ENGLAND!!!

Andy Clicquot, Officer-at-Large





## NERA Corner-Diane Hutchins honored as an Alumni of Service



Diane Hutchins was honored at the recent Leadership Conference with the Alumni Service Award!

Diane is one of the chartering members of the New England Region Alumni Association and now serves as one of their advisors. Throughout her time as a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Diane has served as an active member, chapter officer, regional officer, regional president, NERA officer and most recently as a NERA advisor. Diane has worked in a variety of capacities throughout the region to offer advice, mentorship and assistance to individuals, chapters and the region at large.

Diane is the “behind-the-scenes” person. She has been instrumental in refining the registration process for conferences and conventions; organizing the Regional Officer election process during the Regional Conventions and working with the alumni to organize last summer’s Chapter Officer Academy and Advisor Education Conference. Her nominator states it best when she said “As I consider how the Society at large values Robert K. Greenleaf’s concepts of servant leadership, I find that Diane embodies servant leadership at its highest level.”

Diane is an awesome resource for all things Phi Theta Kappa. We want to thank her for all that she does, even though she doesn’t like taking the credit!!! She deserves to be recognized for what she does!! THANK YOU DIANE! You are an amazing person!

## How would you like to have your work published???

Phi Theta Kappa offers many opportunities for members to receive recognition for their hard work and achievements. There is one opportunity in particular that is specific to the New England Region, and is designed to highlight not only scholarly works, but also the creative aspects of those works. That opportunity is the Honors Anthology.

The Honors Anthology is an award developed in the New England Region, that gives members the chance to showcase their creative arts such as writing, photography, computer generated-imagery, and/or any other form of 2D art. Though, works can originate from any academic project, entrants must convey a clear relationship between the entry and an International, Regional, or Local chapter service project, or Honors Study Topic Activity.



All entries are reviewed by The Savannah College of Art & Design, and are judged on the following aspects: clarity of expression, effective communication of ideas, and a demonstration of relation to an Honors Study Topic-related activity. Some examples of entry formats include: Prose, Poetry, Creative Writing, Persuasive Essays, Technical Writing, lyrics, Soliloquies, Monologues, Plays, Photography, Computer Generated Imagery, and Paintings (in photograph form). Entries for the Honors Anthology require separate cover sheets and are due to the New England Region home office by December 31, 2009. The applications are available at [www.neptk.org](http://www.neptk.org).

If you want to be recognized for your hard work; if you want to showcase your talents in the arts; and if you would like to further the education of the honors study topic; the Honors Anthology is the perfect opportunity for you. To have a top art college choose your work to be published in the Honors Anthology alongside many other amazing and scholarly works, is a major accomplishment in itself. So, don’t wait for the chance to be published to come to you, submit your works today!!!

Dan Meegan, Central Vice President



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Dates to Remember:

December 31, 2009-Honors Anthology entries  
due to Regional Office

December 31, 2009-NE Region Administrator  
Award due to Regional Office

February 5, 2010-All Hallmark Award entries  
are due to the Region and International  
Headquarters

March 12-14, 2010-Regional Convention in  
South Portland, Maine

[www.neptk.org](http://www.neptk.org)



## A few Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship Dollars that are Available to you!!

As the tough time with the economic recession continues, scholarships are very important to students. Students always have a hard time to know where and how they can get a scholarship to assist their education. Scholarships are very often hard to find and they are not provided to every student. You will need to find an opportunity; take action to apply and also – some luck.

As a member of Phi Theta Kappa, you will have a greater chance to find and receive scholarships. Phi Theta Kappa offers more than 37 million dollars of transfer scholarships available for students. They are continually working on raising and establishing new scholarships such as the new Hite Foundation scholarships for next year as well as continually working on partnering with four year colleges to develop transfer scholarships.

At this time of the academic year, there are several scholarships which you can apply to that relate to Phi Theta Kappa:

- The All - USA Community College Academic Team and the Coca-Cola Scholarships are two big scholarships that seek to honor 370 students as representing outstanding community college scholars around the world. There is nearly \$500,000 in stipends that will be given this coming year.
- The Guistwhite Scholarships are given every year at the International Convention to recognize outstanding students who seek assistance on their journey to get a baccalaureate degree as a transfer student. There are 20 qualifying students that receive the amount of \$5,000 each for completion of a baccalaureate degree.
- Leader of Promise / Geico Business are scholarships designed to be a financial resource for continuing community college students. Up to 30 scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded based on applications submitted by members.

And additionally there are the transfer scholarships offered by four year institutions which provide more than \$37 million each year for students who transfer to four year colleges.

You will be eligible for these scholarships as a Phi Theta Kappa member. And here is the little hint for you to get a scholarship – **TAKE ACTION!!!** You will never get a scholarship if you never apply for it. The more you apply the better chance to get the financial needs to enhance your education. For more information, please visit the website <http://scholarships.ptk.org/>.

**GOOD  
LUCK!!**



Quang Nguyen, Northern Vice President