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Join us for the New England Regional Leadership Conference at the Community College of Rhode

New England Leadership Conference
attendees from 2008 at Gateway
Community College in CT.

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NERA member Diane Hutchins



*"If your actions inspire others to dream
more, learn more, do more and be-
come more, you are a leader."—John
Quincy Adams*

HeIIIIlooo!!! New England Phi Theta Kappans! We have a few questions for you, Are you leaders? Do you want to be leaders? Are you in love with Phi Theta Kappa? Do you enjoy networking with other people? Would you like to have the opportunity to network with other chapter members and/or advisors? Have you met us, your regional officers? Have you had the chance to talk and/or meet your Regional Officers and see how determined we are to serve your chapter and region? Do you love to learn while having fun, especially in the spirit of Scholarship and Leadership?? WE HAVE THE PERFECT PLAN FOR YOU!!! J

We would like to invite you and your members to an event that would give you the opportunity to do all the things listed above at the New England Region's Leadership Conference. It will be held on October 9-10 2009 at the **Community College of Rhode Island, Warwick campus**. Furthermore, we so want you to come to this conference that we decided to cut the registration cost to **ONLY \$20**, we want to make things as easy as possible for you—because we love and miss you guys and we love to be around you. However, we can't postpone the date for the conference; therefore, the registration deadline is October 1st. So come join us, bring all your chapter members along with your beautiful smiles; because you would not want to miss this event, as it will be the greatest Phi THETA KAPPA event in the New England Region to start the academic year off. It is also an opportunity for us, your Regional officers, to introduce ourselves and interact with you, as we would like to hear what you have to say and teach us. Everyone has something to say; everyone has a story to tell and we want to know your story, because you are special and you should let us be aware of it. Throughout this conference you will see that we are one region, and that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts, and you will see how great of a leader you are. SO COOOOOME!!!

P.S: Find out more about the conference and how you can get a major discount for one night at The Crowne Plaza, an award winning hotel by visiting our Conference website: www.neptk.org/regional-conference.

Andy Clicquot-Officer-at-Large

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Take the Honors Case Study Challenge



I would like to tell you about an amazing opportunity, that not only can win you \$500, but also helps you to receive recognition and be more informed about current events and the current Honors Study Topic. The Honors Case Study challenge was issued by Phi Theta Kappa and USA Today, to encourage scholarship and promote civic engagement among college students. Phi Theta Kappa Chapters and members alike can participate in the challenge, to compete to be one of four winners who will receive \$500; be recognized on stage at the 2010 International Convention in Orlando Florida, and have their entry published on USA Today's Collegiate Academic Website.

Participants are challenged to read the USA Today newspaper daily between Monday July 6, 2009 and Friday February 19, 2010 and to conduct a case study based on four to five articles on one topic relating to the Honors Study Topic. When articles are used for the case study topic the participant must record the headline, byline, section name (News, Money, Life, Sports), publication date, and page number (s). After selecting the articles to use, a summary of 500 words maximum should be written explaining the topic and why it was used. Additionally, an essay of 200 words maximum is then written explaining future implications of the Case Study Topic, as well as, creating five discussion questions that would get people involved and thinking about the topic. The creator of the case study then suggests six ways that people who are interested in the topic can further their study on that topic.

Give yourself or your chapter the opportunity to earn \$500, receive recognition, and in doing so help to create more informed, more involved, people in our communities. To find out more about the Honors Case Study, to get the entry templates, and to meet past winners visit the Honors Case Study page at: <http://www.ptk.org/honors/casehall/>. All entries must be submitted via e-mail to: tria.cohen@ptk.org, and must be received no later than 5:00 CST, Friday, February 26, 2010.

Dan Meegan-Central Vice President

Leaders of Promise Scholarship winners announced for 2009

The New England Region's very own Tommy Garcia, a Manchester student was one of only 30 Phi Theta Kappa members awarded the Leaders of Promise Scholarship. In an excerpt from the Manchester Community College in CT paper Phi Theta Kappa Executive Director was quoted as saying that, "The Leaders of Promise Scholarship funds provided represent an investment in human potential," and that the society's, "objective is to provide the resources and programs that will result in the emergence of strong leaders." **Congratulations Mr. Tommy Garcia.**

The purpose of the Leaders of Promise scholarship program is to provide new Phi Theta Kappa members with financial resources to help defray educational expenses while enrolled in a two-year college in order to develop leadership potential through participation in Society programs. The Leaders of Promise scholarship is the Society's first scholarship program available to members to be used during the time they are enrolled in their community colleges. Up to 30 scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded based on applications submitted by members. To be eligible to apply, a student must be a member of Phi Theta Kappa in good standing and currently enrolled in an associate degree program, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 on all college-level coursework. Students who have completed no more than 36 semester hours (54 quarter hours) of coursework as of January 31, 2010, ARE eligible to apply. Student with previous degrees are NOT eligible. All completed applications must be received (not postmarked) by May 1, 2010. You can find out more information about this scholarship at <http://scholarships.ptk.org>.

Promise is a powerful word that has home with us all. I encourage each and every eligible candidate to believe in themselves and give it a shot. We are all pieces of humanities puzzle and leaders in our own respect. Take full advantage of the society in a positive way, by letting them support and help mold positive leaders for the future.

John Pells-Officer-at-Large





NERA Corner-Michael Rood Transfer Scholarship

Will you be graduating soon? Have you started thinking about your next step? Maybe you intend to continue your education at Harvard, Johnson & Wales, UConn, or any one of a thousand four-year institutions. College applications can tax your wallet as well as your brain. While many colleges offer free online applications (check out collegeboard.com), others charge a hefty fee just to apply to the college. These fees can hinder students from applying to the college of their choice. The New England Region Alumni Association (NERA) wants to help. Members who attended the 2009 New England Regional Convention witnessed the unveiling of the NERA-sponsored Michael Rood Transfer Opportunity Scholarship. Two \$100 scholarships will be awarded at the 2010 Regional Convention. The scholarships are intended to help students cover the cost of application fees to their desired four-year institution.



Scholarship applications are now available. You can pick one up at the New England Leadership Conference in Warwick, RI, October 9-10 or contact Diane Hutchins at diane.hutchins@neptk.org for an emailed PDF copy of the application. Only applications received by January 31, 2010 will be considered.

Good luck to all – Oh, and one more thing...graduation doesn't have to mean the end of your involvement with Phi Theta Kappa. We hope you will continue the adventure as a member of the New England Region Alumni Association.

Go NERA!

Pictured above NERA members Monique Savoie, Ashley O'Dell, Michelle Nickerson and Diane Hutchins with Michael Rood.
Photo credit: Diane Hutchins

Diane Hutchins
Advisor
New England Region Alumni

Can you see yourself as a Regional Officer??

YES! Anyone can be a Regional Officer. Regional officers are encouraged to set goals for their region for participation in Society's programs, including Honors in Action. Regional officers attend chapter induction ceremonies, and/or special events, serve as a resource for the chapter members and officers in their region and preside over all regional meetings.

What are the benefits of being a Regional Officer?

- ⇒ You will get the opportunity to travel throughout the region and create life-long friendships.
- ⇒ Opportunity to attend the International Honors Institute.
- ⇒ You could be nominated for International Distinguished Regional Officer Award.

There are many other benefits that being a Regional Officer can give you. Just ask any **ONE** of the past or current Regional Officers.

We are currently looking to fill the position of Southern Vice President. This person would have the responsibility of keeping Connecticut and Rhode Island updated with what is happening in the New England Region and beyond. If you are interested in running for this position please contact Jill or Michelle by October 11, 2009. and/or if you are thinking about running for Regional office next year, please contact either Regional President, Jill Bouchard (jill.bouchard@neptk.org) or Regional Coordinator, Michelle Brinck (michelle.brinck@neptk.org).





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Dates to Remember:

October 9 & 10, 2009-Leadership Conference

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

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Regional Honors in Action Project: Food Drive to benefit Rhode Island Community Food Bank

**FEEDING
TOMORROWS
LEADERS....ONE
CAN AT A
TIME!!!!!!**



**This is your chance to make a
difference in someone's life
and participate in a Regional
Honors in Action Project!!!**

**Have each member bring at
least 2 non-perishable items
with them to the Leadership
Conference.**

**There will be a prize given out
to the chapter that brings the
most items.**

**Date: 10/09/09 & 10/10/09
Location: CCRI Warwick Campus**

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