Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award

The Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to retiring college presidents and campus CEOs at postsecondary institutions with an active Phi Theta Kappa chapter. Retiring community college state directors who have been supportive of Phi Theta Kappa throughout their careers are also eligible. Nominees should have served in their position at least five years at the current institution, system or state association office as of December 7, 2016.

Bennett Awards may be sent directly to the advisor of the nominating chapter for presentation during an appropriate occasion, or award recipients may participate in the Bennett Awards presentation at Phi Theta Kappa’s annual convention in Nashville, TN, April 6-8, 2017. Award recipients will be notified by February 28, 2017. Phi Theta Kappa will waive Convention registration for award recipients; all other travel arrangements and expenses are the responsibility of the award recipient.

DEADLINE:
Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 5:00 pm Central Time

Nominee Information:
Name (Salutation, First, Last)
Title
College
Address
Email
Phone
Start date as College President/Campus CEO at this Institution (month/year)
Phi Theta Kappa Region
Previous Support of Phi Theta Kappa as College President/Campus CEO (College and Start/End Dates)
Photo (optional: professional photograph of nominee; 3”x5” and 300 DPI; 10 MB max file size; JPG, GIF, PNG, TIFF, BMP file types accepted; used for PR purposes only if nominee is selected)
College Public Relations, Media Affairs or Public Information Office (Name, Email, and Phone)

Word Count Limit: 400 words per question

Ask the nominee the following question and then summarize their response below: What are the five most important ways you have supported Phi Theta Kappa?

Provide up to three specific examples of how the nominee encourages student success.

How does the nominee create opportunities for student empowerment?

Provide up to three specific examples of how the nominee provides direction for chapter development and participation in projects benefiting the college and community.
Mark all items reflecting the level of support provided by the nominee.

**Funding for Travel and Phi Theta Kappa Programs**
- Advisor Travel to Regional Meetings
- Advisor Travel to Advisor Institute for Student Success
- Advisor Travel to Convention
- Advisor Travel to International Honors Institute
- Member Travel to Regional Meetings
- Member Travel to Convention
- Member Travel to International Honors Institute
- Faculty/Staff Certification Seminar in Phi Theta Kappa’s Leadership Development Studies Program
- Chapter Funding beyond travel/program expenses
- None of the above

**Advocated and Secured Resources for**
- Office space and equipment for chapter
- Administrative support for chapter advisor (work study, secretary)
- Release time for chapter advisor(s)
- Stipend for chapter advisor(s)
- Advisors to apply for Marshall and Mosal Awards and Faculty Scholar
- None of the above

**Member Recognition at Commencement**
- Members allowed to wear Phi Theta Kappa stoles and tassels
- College provides Phi Theta Kappa stoles for members to wear during commencement
- Members serve as ushers during commencement
- Membership recognized in the printed program
- Members recognized during the ceremony
- None of the above

**Chapter/College Relations**
- Ensured college participates in Headquarters electronic Membership Recruitment Campaign
- Ensured Phi Theta Kappa membership notation is placed on students’ transcripts
- Secured funds for students who cannot afford to pay new membership fees
- Asked faculty and staff to recognize students in the classroom who are eligible for membership
- Presented to faculty and staff information on Phi Theta Kappa’s programs, benefits, and scholarships
- Ensured Phi Theta Kappa is prominently displayed on college’s website
- None of the above

**Facilitates the Chapter Making Presentations**
- To the Board of Trustees
- To groups visiting campus
- At faculty meetings
- At local civic clubs
- At local high schools
- None of the above
**Chapter Development**

- Helped charter the chapter at the current college
- Signed letters of invitation to eligible students
- Spoke at Orientation for eligible students
- Spoke at Induction Ceremony
- Met with chapter officers to set yearly goals and discuss College Project
- Ensured chapter participated in Five Star Chapter Plan
- Encouraged members to submit writings for publication in *Nota Bene* honors anthology
- Ensured chapter submitted award applications in the Hallmark Awards Program
- Attended chapter meetings
- None of the above

**Scholarships**

- Encouraged submission of applications for All-USA Academic Team, Hites, Guistwhite, and GEICO Transfer scholarships
- Established a scholarship program for chapter officers at the community college
- Encouraged submission of applications for Coca-Cola’s Leaders of Promise Scholarship, Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarship, and Resurreccion Public Safety Scholarship
- Shared information with faculty and staff about Phi Theta Kappa’s scholarship offerings
- Provided funding to participate in the All-State Community College Academic Team Ceremony
- Worked to establish All-State Community College Academic Team
- Coordinated All-State Community College Academic Team Ceremony
- Attended All-State Community College Academic Team Ceremony
- Provided local recognition for All-State or All-USA Community College Academic Team members
- Ensured college submitted nominees for Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Program
- Ensured college submitted nominees for Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program
- Secured Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarships at senior colleges
- Designated scholarships for Phi Theta Kappa members while at the community college
- None of the above

**Phi Theta Kappa Programming**

- Met with chapter members to discuss and support participation in:
  - Honors Study Topic/Honors in Action
  - Five Star Chapter Plan
  - Five Star Competitive Edge
  - C4-Community College Completion Corps
  - CollegeFish.org
  - Hallmark Awards
- Attended a Leadership Development Studies Program certification seminar
- Arranged for speakers at chapter events
- Provided local recognition for International and Regional Awards received by the chapter and/or members
- None of the above
Regional and International Society Support
Served as Presidential Ambassador for the Region
Worked with colleagues to activate dormant chapters
Attended a Phi Theta Kappa Regional Meeting
Presented at a Phi Theta Kappa Regional Meeting
Supported local chapter in hosting a Phi Theta Kappa Regional Meeting
Attended Convention
Presented at Convention
Attended International Honors Institute
Supported a member's candidacy for Regional or International office
None of the above