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Since 1918*

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On April 3, 2008, more than 3,500 Phi Theta Kappans will come together in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of Phi Theta Kappa. Over its 90-year existence, Phi Theta Kappa has inducted more than 2 million members at more than 1,250 chapters. Today nearly 70 Headquarters staff members serve the needs of 29 regions covering all 50 United States and eight nations worldwide. Follow the journey that transformed a group chartered with six members at a small, all-women's college in Missouri into the largest honor society in higher education.

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A Legacy of Excellence Since 1918

By Rod A. Risley, Executive Director

In this issue of *Visionary Magazine* we are celebrating 90 years since Phi Theta Kappa's founding. Our organization has a rich history, reflecting the remarkable vision of our Society's founders and leaders. Theirs is a legacy of excellence that we embrace today.

Phi Theta Kappa was founded in 1918, by eight presidents of two-year colleges in Missouri. In the early years, Phi Theta Kappa membership was conferred to students at the time of graduation following the model of Phi Beta Kappa. Programs and services offered to students were few. The explosive growth of community colleges in the 1960s led Phi Theta Kappa to expand its mission to reflect the nurturing philosophy of the institutions it served. Students were inducted as freshmen and innovative study and service programs were offered. At this time Phi Theta Kappa chose a path less traveled by other honor societies – a path described by the poet Robert Frost as one that “has made all the difference.”

In 1930, Margaret James (Mosal) became the first individual elected National President of Phi Theta Kappa while attending Whitworth College in Brookhaven, Mississippi. She became National Secretary in 1935 and moved the organization to her hometown of Canton. Margaret Mosal served as Phi Theta Kappa's chief executive for 50 years, retiring as Executive Director in 1985.

Those who were blessed to know Margaret consistently comment on her remarkable vitality, her love for people, and her ability to make each person feel as if he or she were the most important person in the world. Her life was Phi Theta Kappa.

Initially Margaret worked on Phi Theta Kappa business in an office in the back of her husband's hardware

store located on the square in Canton (where she kept all the records in a shoebox). After his untimely death in 1953, she operated Phi Theta Kappa out of her home.

Margaret loved people and is credited with starting “the Phi Theta Kappa hug.” I had the wonderful experience of being mentored by Margaret as a student National Officer and staff member for eight years. She imbued in all who had the opportunity to work with her the desire to carry Phi Theta Kappa to new heights. Seemingly without effort she would have us doing things we didn't think possible. She was an extraordinary communicator, motivator, and visionary.

The power of an idea can be transformed to have impact beyond comprehension. When Margaret became National Secretary of Phi Theta Kappa in 1935, there were 72 chapters in 20 states. When she retired 50 years later, there were more than 500 chapters in 48 states. Today the Society has 1,250 chapters in all 50 of the United States and territorial possessions, Canada, Germany, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands and the United Arab Emirates. More than two million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 100,000 students inducted annually.

Margaret did not live to see the success that Phi Theta Kappa has experienced since the 1990s, but she placed in our hearts and minds a vision of what could be. She did not fly and would not allow a computer in the office. What she did was imbue in us core values of excellence, dedication, and determination. She empowered us, encouraged us, and taught us what we needed to lead Phi Theta Kappa in the future. My hope is that the empowerment continues,

that the students begin to understand that despite humble beginnings and seemingly overwhelming obstacles they encounter, that each has within them the power to transform an idea into reality. We can make a difference – and that difference becomes our legacy.

You will find in this issue that we are not only celebrating our foundations in terms of dates, places and buildings, but most importantly, visionaries like Dr. Margaret Mosal who inspired others to take up the mantle and follow them in leadership and service. People like Board Chairman Dr. Shirley Gordon, a founder and one of the first females in the nation to serve as president of a community college, who has shaped the future of Phi Theta Kappa through her leadership on the Board of Directors for 22 years. People like Honors Committee Member, former chapter advisor and Regional Coordinator Dr. Joan Fedor, whose vision for honors programs put Phi Theta Kappa on the map for providing innovative community college honors programming. People like former member, advisor and Regional Coordinator Leanne Jardine, whose passion for Phi Theta Kappa has carried over into her support of student scholarships. People like member Melinda Hornback, who overcame a childhood of abuse to help other children of similar backgrounds find success and now is honored as an All-USA First Team member, Guistwhite Scholar, and Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship recipient.

We celebrate the visionaries who wove within those who followed a desire and passion to serve Phi Theta Kappa. We hope the stories within will inspire you to move beyond your foundations in Phi Theta Kappa – as a member, advisor, alumnus, or college president and help us carry forward this remarkable legacy of excellence.



*"What you leave behind
is not what is engraved
in stone monuments,
but what is woven into
the lives of others."*

— Pericles

— Rod A. Risley, Executive Director

Photo by Tom Roster

College Presidents Have Supported Phi Theta Kappa Since the Beginning

John W. Million ... James Madison Wood ... Luella St. Clair ... John L. Roemer ... Virginia Alice Cottey ... Henry K. Stout ... Dr. Joseph A. Serena ... Zachariah M. Williams ... Not exactly household names – but every person who has benefited from a Phi Theta Kappa experience owes these eight persons a tremendous debt. They are, to the best of our knowledge, the eight presidents who founded Phi Theta Kappa in 1918.

Phi Theta Kappa traces its beginnings to an honor society named Kappa Phi Omicron, established in 1910, at Stephens College, a private women's college in Columbia, Missouri, affiliated with the Methodist Church. Over the next few years, similar honor societies sprang up in other Missouri women's colleges.

In 1918, while meeting at Stephens College, the presidents of eight of Missouri's two-year colleges for women decided to form an honor society with a common character, standard and similarity of organization, based on the senior college honor society, Phi Beta Kappa. The new society, Phi Theta Kappa, took its name from the initial letters of the Greek words meaning wisdom, aspiration and purity. According to an early history, slips of paper bearing the names of the first eight letters of the Greek alphabet were dropped into a hat, and each president drew to determine the name of their chapter. The chapters, the colleges, and the founding college presidents were as follows:

- Alpha Chapter
Hardin College and Conservatory of Music, Mexico, Missouri
John W. Million, president
- Beta Chapter
Stephens College
Columbia, Missouri
James Madison Wood, president
- Gamma Chapter
Christian College
Columbia, Missouri
Luella St. Clair, president
- Delta Chapter
Lindenwood College
Lindenwood, Missouri
John L. Roemer, president
- Epsilon Chapter
Cottey College
Nevada, Missouri
Virginia Alice Cottey, president
- Zeta Chapter
Howard-Payne College
Fayette, Missouri
Henry K. Stout, president
- Eta Chapter
William Woods College
Fulton, Missouri
Dr. Joseph A. Serena, president
- Theta Chapter
Central College for Women
Lexington, Missouri
Zachariah M. Williams, president

Hardin College closed in 1930, and Stephens College's chapter became the Alpha Chapter. Today, Epsilon Chapter is the only remaining active chapter of the original eight, as the other chartering colleges have either become four-year institutions, or have closed.

College presidents were also instrumental in a second landmark decision in 1929, when the American Association of Junior Colleges, an organization of two-year college administrators organized in 1920, recognized Phi Theta Kappa as the official honor society for two-year colleges.

Members of the AAJC committee that recommended the official recognition of Phi Theta Kappa were Dean H.A. Cross of Phoenix Junior College in Arizona; J.B. Lillard of Sacramento Junior College in California, and Dean Elenora Winfrey from William Woods College, one of the eight founding institutions.

Phi Theta Kappa has continued to maintain strong ties with the college presidents' association, which is now known as the American Association of Community Colleges, or AACC. Fifty years ago, Phi Theta Kappa's longtime Executive Director Margaret Mosal originated the Presidents Breakfast, which has now become an AACC tradition. Special guests at the annual Breakfast are the students chosen for the All-USA Academic First Team, and their college presidents.

When Phi Theta Kappa established its first-ever Board of Directors in 1966, the Society again called on college presidents. Two college presidents, Dr. Harold Manor of Palm Beach Community College in Florida and Dr. Kenneth H. Freeman

Timeline



1918

Phi Theta Kappa was founded by the presidents of Missouri junior colleges for women, in order to form an honor society with common purpose and organization.

1919

First Convention held at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri.



1921

First Phi Theta Kappa membership pin designed.

1923

Phi Theta Kappa song was submitted by Epsilon Chapter at Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri, and adopted as the official Society song.



Luella St. Clair, president of Christian College,
one of the eight founders of Phi Theta Kappa.

of Metropolitan Junior College in Missouri, served on the first Board. In 1986 Dr. Dale Parnell, then president of AACC, became a member of the Board. Parnell's successor Dr. David Pierce, also served on the Phi Theta Kappa Board, as does the current AACC president, Dr. George Boggs.

Phi Theta Kappa also recognizes college presidents who support the Society with Hallmark Awards. The Shirley B. Gordon Awards of Distinction, named for Phi Theta Kappa's longtime Board chairman, a retired community college president, are presented annually for outstanding contributions. The Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Awards, named for a former president of St. Petersburg College in Florida, are presented to retiring presidents for exemplary service.



Dr. Mosal and Dr. Harold Manor, president of Palm Beach Junior College
and member of the first Board of Directors

1924

Constitution amended to provide for chartering of chapters at coeducational and all-male schools.

1926

Kappa Chapter chartered at St. Joseph Junior College, St. Joseph, Missouri. (First chapter chartered at a coeducational school).

1928

Grand Council draws up a petition to the American Association of Junior Colleges, asking to be recognized as the official honor society for junior colleges.

Phi Theta Kappa
Seal adopted.



Mu Chapter chartered at
Northeast Junior College,
Miami, Oklahoma.
(First chapter chartered
outside the state of Missouri)

*"We, the Grand Council of Phi Theta Kappa Society,
do petition the American Association of Junior
Colleges, to recognize our organization as the
national honor scholastic society of junior colleges."*



Dr. Shirley Gordon: More Than A Decade of Service

Dr. Shirley Gordon marked her 20th anniversary as chairman of Phi Theta Kappa's Board of Directors in 2008 – making her the longest-serving chairman in the Society's history.

This is yet another honor for the distinguished educator and community college leader, whose professional career includes many firsts, awards and recognitions. She is now serving as Board Vice Chairman.

Dr. Gordon was one of the original administrators at Highline Community College in Des Moines, Washington, and a founder of the college. She became president of Highline in 1976, serving in that position until her retirement in 1990.

Dr. Gordon first encountered Phi Theta Kappa while teaching at Grays Harbor College in Washington. When she was a dean at Highline, she asked her neighbor and colleague Joan Fedor to become a Phi Theta Kappa advisor. The chapter became one of the most respected in the entire Society. "The success of the Pi Sigma Chapter, with Joan as advisor, was a highlight in my life," Dr. Gordon said. "Joan took the Phi Theta Kappa challenge and made it work at Highline."

Dr. Gordon's administrative support of the Highline chapter led to her appointment to the Board of Directors in 1986. In the ensuing years she has helped guide the Society through its most significant period of growth and development, providing leadership to the Board and serving as

a valued mentor to Society Executive Director Rod Risley.

"Rod is doing fantastic things – he is always on the go for Phi Theta Kappa," said Dr. Gordon.

"Rod is a man of ideas, and his approach has always been, 'We can do this,'" Dr. Gordon said. "When Rod became Executive Director he had so many ideas that seemed impossible, but he made them happen."

Phi Theta Kappa's achievements during her time as Board chairman include such milestones as the establishment of the Leadership Development Studies Program, the expansion of Society-funded scholarships and scholarship partnerships and the construction of the Center for Excellence, Phi Theta Kappa's International Headquarters.

Among her personal highlights has been the renaming of Phi Theta Kappa's Hallmark Award for college presidents as the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction – "That was a single shining moment for me," she said. The award is given annually to college presidents for exemplary support of Phi Theta Kappa.

Dr. Gordon was also closely involved in developing standards for the Mosal Awards, which provide stipends for professional and personal development to Phi Theta Kappa chapter advisors. "Advisors are crucial," she said. "They can set the tone for the whole chapter. Phi Theta Kappa can offer so much to students, and the chapter advisors are the fieldworkers who can make it happen."

As Phi Theta Kappa becomes closer to its 100th anniversary celebration in 2018, Dr. Gordon shared her vision of the future of community colleges and Phi Theta Kappa – a vision she says began when her participation on President Ronald Reagan's National Commission on Excellence in Education led her to think about the "bigger picture" of the role of community college in higher education.

In the future, Dr. Gordon predicts that "community colleges will become the starting point for higher education – the cost of the four-year institutions, the cost of transporting, commuting and living expenses will send more and more people to community colleges."

"What Rod and the staff are doing is making Phi Theta Kappa a household word – the Society is understood by more people now than ever before. We are becoming known as a leadership group of able people. This can make community colleges even more significant in the field of education – because of Phi Theta Kappa, the community college students will be sought after by transfer institutions and employers. And Phi Theta Kappa gives students a special relationship they can count on."

"I personally believe that the Phi Theta Kappa staff is about the finest group of people working together that I have ever experienced. Each one has the interest and welfare of the organization at heart – with that – how can we not succeed?"

Timeline

1929

At the annual meeting November 18-19 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, the American Association of Junior Colleges officially recognized Phi Theta Kappa as the national Honor Society for junior colleges.

Ruth Barnard, Eta Chapter, William Woods College, Missouri, is named first National President of Phi Theta Kappa.

1930

Margaret James, Upsilon Chapter at Whitworth College, Mississippi, becomes the first elected National President of Phi Theta Kappa



Phi Theta Kappa Golden Key membership pin adopted.



1932

John Hill of Mu Chapter, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, is elected the first male National President.

The Shirley Gordon File:

▼ One of 18 educators, and the only community college representative selected to serve on President Ronald Reagan's National Commission on Excellence in Education, convened in 1981; and one of the authors of the landmark commission report, *A Nation at Risk*, the first significant attempt to revitalize the nation's public educational systems

▼ Recipient of the 2005 National Leadership Award from the American Association of Community Colleges, at that time only the sixth woman to receive this honor

▼ Board of Directors of the American Association of Community Colleges, 1978-81

▼ Communicator of the Year Award presented by the National Council for Community Relations, the national community college public relations organization, 1985

▼ Former Chairman of the Highline Community Hospital's Board of Directors, 1980-2007



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Dr. Gordon presents the Convention gavel to 2004-05 International President Keri Szymanski.

"I see Phi Theta Kappa as one of the key factors in the success of community colleges. With the number of new scholarships being announced, with the senior institutions becoming more aware of Phi Theta Kappa as a pool of top transfer students, I think Phi Theta Kappa is positioned to be more of a factor in higher education."

— Dr. Shirley Gordon

1939

The Golden Key of Phi Theta Kappa is created as the first national magazine of Phi Theta Kappa. Harry Howland served as editor from 1939 to 1966.



1935

Dr. Margaret Mosal (formerly Margaret James) was elected as National Secretary, a position she would hold until being named Executive Director in 1967.

1944

Dr. Mosal addresses Phi Theta Kappa members:

"I feel so proud of the way that you have handled the affairs of National under present conditions and I truly am beginning to feel that we are a real national organization."

1943 thru 1945

No National Conventions were convened for three years due to restrictions placed on travel by the U.S. Office of Defense Transportation during the Second World War.

1954

National Awards were presented to chapters for the first time at the 1954 National Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas.



*"The Institute keeps
my mind going –
keeps it open and active –
I love to meet the students."*

– Dr. Joan Fedor

Lectures Ensure Quality Programming

▼ Phi Theta Kappa's Honors Institute Lecture sponsorship program was developed to ensure quality programming and secure international expertise in various areas of the Honors Study Topic.

▼ Outstanding Honors Institute speakers supported by the Lecture program include Arun Gandhi, Reza Aslan and Beverly Sills.

▼ The Honors Institute Lectures are funded by donations to the Phi Theta Kappa Institutional Advancement Office.

▼ For more information on how you can support this program, contact Director of Institutional Advancement **Dr. Nancy Rieves** at 1.800.946.9995, ext. 3537, or nancy.rieves@ptk.org.

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Timeline



1956

Dr. Margaret Mosal's title changed to Executive Secretary – Treasurer, the Society's first full-time position

1958

First Presidents Breakfast held during AAJC (now AACC) Convention



1964

Phi Theta Kappa establishes first National Office in Canton, Mississippi



1967

Phi Theta Kappa names its first Board of Directors and Dr. Margaret Mosal is named Executive Director



Dr. Joan Fedor: A Love Affair with the Honors Institute

It's one of the Phi Theta Kappa legends – that a long-ago conversation over a fence would have lasting impact on honors education.

Dr. Joan Fedor has had a long and distinguished career as an educator, as a Phi Theta Kappa chapter advisor at Highline Community College in Des Moines, Washington, and as Washington Regional Coordinator. She and her late husband Bob were among the first to endow an Honors Institute Lecture, and she remains a member of Phi Theta Kappa's Honors Program Committee.

But in the early 1960s Joan Fedor was a young wife and mother who wanted to go to college. She shared this dream with her “over the fence” neighbor, Shirley Gordon, who was an administrator at a new community college. “I wanted to go to school, and Highline Community College was just being started at a local high school. Shirley encouraged me to apply and I got in,” Dr. Fedor remembers.

After attending Highline, Dr. Fedor completed her baccalaureate degree at the University of Washington, and became a high school teacher. “I planned to dedicate my professional life to Catholic high school education,” she said – but fate, in the form of her neighbor, intervened again.

“Shirley, who had become a dean at Highline, encouraged me to get my master's, because she wanted to hire me. So I did.”

“One day Shirley asked me to get in contact with Phi Theta Kappa, about becoming the advisor at Highline. I called the national office, and had a wonderful phone conversation with a very enthusiastic lady – Margaret Mosal. She invited me to New York State for the most wonderful Honors Institute in the world.”

Just as community colleges are a uniquely American institution, the Honors Institute is unique to Phi Theta Kappa, Dr. Fedor said. For her, the Honors Institute was “love at first sight – the first Institute was an experience of a lifetime for me.”

In 1970, when Dr. Fedor attended her first Honors Institute, the event was relatively new. Established in 1968 to celebrate Phi Theta Kappa's 50th anniversary, the Institute was the brainchild of Dr. Mosal and then Phi Theta Kappa Associate Director Gayle Wyatt. The Honors Institute, known as the “ultimate honor programming experience,” celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2008.

Dr. Fedor returned to Highline, became advisor to the Pi Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and settled down to create an honors program that became a Society-wide model for excellence. During her 20-plus years as an advisor, the Pi Sigma Chapter and Dr. Fedor were recognized annually for program excellence, especially in honors education. Cheering from the sidelines was Dr. Shirley

Gordon, who had become Highline Community College President.

As an educator, Dr. Fedor was introduced to many organizations, but chose to devote her time and energies to Phi Theta Kappa.

As a chapter advisor, she saw firsthand the difference Phi Theta Kappa made in the lives of members. “When I think about opportunities in Phi Theta Kappa I keep coming back to the Honors Institutes. I think our speakers contributed to international understanding long before we had the internet and email to bring us closer together. Having international speakers come and talk was an incredible chance for our students to learn.”

Joan and Bob Fedor's generous gift to endow an Honors Institute lecture is “nothing to compare with what I have gained from Phi Theta Kappa,” she said. “My husband was glad to give this – he knew what Phi Theta Kappa meant to me.”

The years have given Dr. Fedor a kaleidoscope of Phi Theta Kappa experiences. “What stands out the most from so many would have to be that first Honors Institute, when I realized just what Phi Theta Kappa was all about. And of course Rod's invitation to remain on the Honors Program Committee, which meant that even though I had retired, I did not have to retire from Phi Theta Kappa,” she said.

“I don't want to think about what my life would have been like without Phi Theta Kappa.”

1968

First Honors Institute held at Endicott College, Beverly, Massachusetts, on “Our Cultural Heritage, 1800-1860



Planning the first Honors Institute are from left, Dr. Margaret Mosal, Dr. Eleanor Tupper of Endicott College, and Gayle Wyatt.

Dr. Mosal's 50 Year Anniversary Proclamation:



“Be it known to the world of academics that this year, 1968, Phi Theta Kappa, the national Honor Society for American junior colleges, enters its second fifty years with anticipation and boldness as it determines to meet the challenges the future holds.”

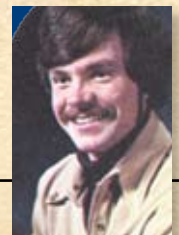
1969

The Society establishes Regional organizations and names first Regional Coordinators.



1974

Rod A. Risley was elected 1974-1975 National President at the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.





Milestone Meetings: Phi Theta Kappa's International Conventions and Honors Institutes

Phi Theta Kappa members of today, accustomed to International Conventions filled with non-stop activities, internationally known speakers and incredible energy, would find few similarities if they could be transported back to the Society's early days.

In the beginning, Conventions were held on two-year college campuses, and often scheduled during Easter break so attendees could stay in the college dormitories. The late Dr. Margaret Mosal, when asked about the 1930 Convention when she was elected National President of Phi Theta Kappa, remembered that most of the speakers were affiliated with the host college, William Woods College in Missouri, and that there were few if any activities for chapter advisors.

But even then, the Convention served as Phi Theta Kappa's signature event. In the days before cell phones, toll-free numbers, email, text messaging and the internet, chapters and Headquarters depended on the United States mail to communicate. Their chief opportunity for personal interaction came at the National Convention. Dr. Mosal, who later became Phi Theta Kappa's Executive Director, said that attending Conventions was also a way for college students in the pre-World War II years to travel and meet their peers from different areas of the United States.

"Conventions were certainly exciting in the old days, even though we did not have all the music and audio-visual effects you see now," said Howard

Pollock, who was elected National President at the 1940 Convention at Cameron College in Oklahoma. "All the campaigning for National Office took place at the Convention." That early campaign success apparently paid off for Pollock, who later was the first elected Congressman in the new state of Alaska.

Pollock also helped establish a new Convention tradition in 1970, when he and Apollo XIII astronaut Fred Haise became the first to receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Eugene Cook, now retired from the Texas State Supreme Court, was elected National President at the 1958 Convention at North Carolina's Brevard Junior College, but he attended many subsequent Conventions as Sergeant at Arms. "Almost every session was run by parliamentary procedure – there were fewer speakers and no workshops. While the number of awards grew over the years, there was nothing like the recognition available now."

In 1967, for example, the awards presented at the National Convention at Austin State Junior College in Minnesota, included the Most Active Chapter Award, the Tri-Forum Award for the best honors project, the Mosal Cup for the best scrapbook, the Gamma Sigma Travel Award, recognizing the chapter that traveled the greatest distance with the largest delegation, and the Outstanding Man and Woman Sponsor awards (advisors at that time were known as sponsors).

Cook, who was the chairman of Phi Theta Kappa's first-ever Board of Directors, returned to the 1988 Convention to accept the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

In comparison, the Honors Institutes have changed very little. Named the "crown jewel of Phi Theta Kappa programming" by alumnus Lars Hafner, the Honors Institutes were established in 1968 to commemorate Phi Theta Kappa's 50th anniversary. The name and format were suggested by Gayle Wyatt, former Associate Director. "Dr. Mosal and I were on a train going somewhere," he recalled. "I told her about a Shakespeare Institute I had attended in England. Speakers in the morning were followed by discussion groups meeting in the afternoon to talk about what we had heard. It was a simple but effective format and I would say it has withstood the test of time," Wyatt said.

Robert Blank, a former advisor and Regional Coordinator who was Honors Institute Director for many years, always appreciated the cultural opportunities the Institute provided to the students. "I will never forget the sea of enthralled faces surrounding me at the New York City ballet," he said of an Honors Institute in the 1980s. "For many students, the Honors Institute was their first experience in a major city."

While the basic Honors Institute remains the same – speaker presentations followed by seminar group discussions – new features have

Timeline

*Induction,
circa 1975*



1977

Rod Risley joins Headquarters staff as Director of Alumni Affairs

1975

First transfer scholarship specifically for Phi Theta Kappa members is established by Dr. Jack Guistwhite at Florida Atlantic University.

become popular, notably the Honors Institute Choir and Kappa Klatch.

The Choir, introduced in 1991, and directed by Nevada/California Regional Coordinator Judy Ryan, uses music and songs related to the current study topic to add an entertainment dimension to the Honors Institute.

Kappa Klatch is an opportunity for members to perform in a coffeehouse setting, delivering original or classic literary selections related to the topic. Florida Regional Coordinator Connie LaMarca-Frankel and Oklahoma advisor Richard Rouillard are directors.

Despite the Society's growth, the Honors Institute retains its original, intimate atmosphere, with participation limited to no more than 450 persons. The week-long experience of living together in a college residence hall, debating various points in seminars, and hearing viewpoints sometimes differing from the mainstream, still fulfills the Institute's primary mission, to promote intellectual challenge and discussion.

"The Institute has a ripple effect," said Blank, the first person to become an Honors Institute Lecture sponsor. "Its influence spreads and grows wider and wider until it covers an ocean."



First Honors Institute, 1968



Phi Theta Kappa Raises Funds for American Cancer Society



Convention Choir and Torch Bearer, 2005



Chapter Officer Leadership Academy, 2007



Convention General Session, 1981



Convention Speakers, 2002



Honors Institute, Las Vegas, 2005



Phi Theta Kappa establishes second Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters Building in Canton, Mississippi



Mississippi community college presidents held their 1977 meeting at the Phi Theta Kappa National Office in Canton.

1984

Support Project for the Restoration of the Statue of Liberty becomes Phi Theta Kappa's first Service Program



The Mosal Award is established to recognize and encourage scholarship among Phi Theta Kappa advisors. The award is named in honor of longtime Phi Theta Kappa Executive Director, Dr. Margaret Mosal.

Former Advisor/Coordinator Encourages a New Generation of Leaders

Leanne Jardine has held just about every role there is in Phi Theta Kappa over the years – member, alumna, advisor, and Regional Coordinator. Yet, although she formally stepped down as chapter advisor when she retired from her position as Professor of Business at Herkimer County Community College in 2006, Jardine hasn't stopped giving back to Phi Theta Kappa.

Inducted into the Lambda Beta Chapter at Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, New York, she followed a path that led her to become a chapter advisor and later coordinator for the New York Region.

"Not long after I joined the faculty at Herkimer County Community College, a member of Upsilon Epsilon approached me and said the chapter was looking for a new co-advisor. I was looking for some way to contribute to student life so I agreed," Jardine said. "Once I became an advisor, there were many people who inspired me to become more involved."

"There was Louise Mulvaney at Finger Lakes Community College who always had such a sound, common sense approach to being an advisor. I learned much from her about running a successful chapter on a day-to-day basis. And Ann Sova Foard who was at Broome Community College, who could work magic with any Honors Study Topic with her interdisciplinary approach. At the international level, people like Dr. Jo Marshall, advisor, Regional Coordinator and board member – their

passion and belief in the benefits of the Society were contagious. I learned from all of them. All were inspirational role models."

"Of course the student members were also instrumental in motivating me to become involved," she added. "I attended my first International Convention (Phi Theta Kappa's 75th Anniversary in Dallas) because the chapter had some members who were really excited about going. Some gave up their spring break travel funds to go to Convention instead. The chapter has had representation at the International Convention every year since then."

In 2002 Jardine received the Board of Directors Alumni Achievement Award, presented annually to an alumnus in recognition of contributions in support of the Society's membership on the local, national and international levels. The award was presented in recognition of Jardine's outstanding leadership in the Society, with special emphasis on her contributions to the alumni program, the honors program and to special projects.

As New York Regional Coordinator, Jardine developed and implemented a model program for successful utilization of Society alumni and alumni associations to promote and support the mission of the two-year college chapters and the New York Region.

She also played a leading role in coordinating the Phi Theta Kappa

effort to raise funds for the Borough of Manhattan Community College, which was damaged during the terrorist attacks on September 11. The combined efforts of the Phi Theta Kappa chapters raised more than \$15,000 for the school.

Jardine and her former husband, Richard Jardine, endowed a lecture in support of the Society's International Honors Institute.

Jardine developed a passion for how the Society impacts the members' lives, that motivates her to continue to support Phi Theta Kappa financially, especially the Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program.

"The Leaders of Promise Scholarship program gives students much needed financial support at the time they need it most. Secondly, it encourages them to get involved and hone their leadership abilities, a much sought-after skill in today's job market."

Jardine said she feels everyone has the opportunity to leave a legacy for future Phi Theta Kappans through their volunteer efforts and financial contributions. "I know many advisors and alumni, especially former regional officers, who contribute," she explained. "Whether it's a major gift, a planned gift, the purchase of a courtyard brick or a Convention pin donation, any contribution is a way of saying thank you, a way to encourage others to do likewise and a reaffirmation in their belief in the mission of Phi Theta Kappa."

Timeline



Three outstanding leaders of Phi Theta Kappa, shown at the 1984 National Convention, are from left, Dr. Margaret Mosal, Dr. Shirley Gordon and Dr. Joan Fedor.



1985
Rod Risley elected by Board of Directors as Phi Theta Kappa's second Executive Director. Dr. Mosal named Executive Director Emeritus upon her retirement.

1986
Phi Theta Kappa National Headquarters gets its first computers and an expanded staff.

1987
The Phi Theta Kappa bankcard is introduced, with the proceeds to fund scholarship programs.

Donors make Leaders of Promise Possible

▼ Phi Theta Kappa's Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program provide Phi Theta Kappa members with funds to complete their associate degrees while encouraging participation in chapter activities.

▼ Thirty Phi Theta Kappa members from 15 states were named recipients of 2007 Phi Theta Kappa Leaders of Promise Scholarships, for a total of \$30,000 in scholarships.

▼ The Leaders of Promise Scholarship program is funded by donations to the Phi Theta Kappa Institutional Advancement Office.

▼ For more information on how you can support this program, contact Director of Institutional Advancement **Dr. Nancy Rieves** at 1.800.946.9995, ext. 3537, or nancy.rieves@ptk.org.

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"I continue to support Phi Theta Kappa's programs because I believe deeply in its mission."

— Leanne Jardine

Executive Director Rod Risley and members and advisors of Eta Nu, the year's Most Distinguished Chapter, St. Petersburg Junior College, St. Petersburg, Florida, are received in the Oval Office by President Ronald Reagan.

1989

The Distinguished Student Scholar Program, now known as the All-USA Academic Team, is established.

Alpha Nu Alpha chapter chartered at University of Maryland – Mannheim, Germany. (First chapter chartered outside of the United States.)

Dr. Margaret Mosal dies July 14 following a lengthy illness.

1988

Phi Theta Kappa announces plans for a new national headquarters and commissions an architectural firm to submit designs.

1990

The Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters moves to temporary office space in Jackson, Mississippi



Guistwhite Scholar Program

The Guistwhite Scholar Program was founded to enhance Phi Theta Kappa members' attainment of baccalaureate degrees and recognize their scholarly achievements.

▼ In 2007 20 Guistwhite Scholars were selected from more than 500 applicants to receive scholarships of \$5,000 each for baccalaureate studies.

▼ Guistwhite Scholarships are funded by proceeds from the Society's MBNA credit card program (now Bank of America) and Phi Theta Kappa.

▼ For more information about how you may help fund the Guistwhite Scholarship program, please contact Director of Institutional Advancement, **Dr. Nancy Rieves** at nancy.rieves@ptk.org or 1.800.946.9995, ext.3537.

*"There will still be some sacrifices,
but I know it will be worth it."*

— Melinda Hornback

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Timeline

1990

Phi Theta Kappa launches the *Leadership Development Studies* Program, supported by a grant from the Kellogg Foundation.

1991

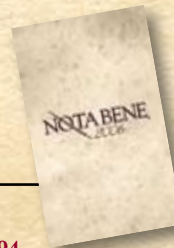
Alpha Tau Delta, the first international chapter, is chartered at Medicine Hat College in Alberta, Canada.

1993

Phi Theta Kappa inducts its 1 millionth member.

1994

The Society publishes the first edition of *Nota Bene*, the first nationally distributed literary honors anthology of two-year college students.



1995

The National Endowment for the Arts announces a \$1.8 million challenge grant to permanently fund the Society's Faculty Scholar Conferences.



Paying it Forward: Scholar Plans to Continue Giving Back to At-Risk Teens

“Despite living in an abusive home and attending 16 different schools, I earned a graduation diploma, barely. No one talked to me about attending college. No one believed in my ability to succeed,” Melinda Hornback said of her high school experience.

But 20 years later everyone is talking about her ability to succeed – success that she has achieved not only by overcoming her own hurdles, but by serving others and learning from the challenges she has seen them facing. Now she is determined to help break down those obstacles for young people in the future.

As a young wife and mother, Hornback placed her own college plans on hold, caring for her children and working full-time while her husband also worked full-time and attended college. She chose a position at a residential facility for abused teenagers, many who had been in and out of foster care their entire lives, and ended up taking foster children into her own home.

Hornback gradually got her own turn at attending college part-time while working full-time to help put her own children through college. Inducted into Phi Theta Kappa at Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Kokomo Campus, she earned a 4.0 grade point average, was elected Vice President of Service for her chapter, served as a regional officer, and became a candidate for International Office. In 2007 she became a member of the All-USA Community College

Academic First Team, was named a Guistwhite Scholar and recipient of a prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship.

“Melinda Hornback left a legacy for Indiana Regional Officers that is legendary,” said Indiana Regional Coordinator Sue Jackson, “Her optimistic and creative outlook lifted us all to new plains of energy and industry.”

“Not only did I do well academically,” Hornback said of her experience as a returning adult student, “but college became a springboard to serve others.”

After being inducted into Phi Theta Kappa she quickly saw that her successful fellow honor society members might have something to offer the abused adolescents in the residential facility where she worked. “As I talked to individual students, I noticed many had no dreams or hopes for the future. Surviving was their only goal,” Hornback said. “Like in my family, ‘college’ was never spoken in their homes.” She noticed that many spent months at the facility with no contact from home – mail call was just one more reminder that no one was thinking of them.

So she approached the director of the facility and asked if Phi Theta Kappa members from across the state of Indiana could write to them and encourage them emotionally and educationally. In spite of the numerous regulations to abide by, the director agreed and Hornback began

to organize the project – designing contracts and administering the program. Society members began to share their struggles and victories and encouraged residents to think beyond high school. Before long residents were asking Hornback for college information and some enrolled in community colleges after they left the facility – one is now at a university studying social work.

“Melinda is so enthusiastic about everything she does,” said Michelle Martin, advisor of the Alpha Phi Pi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Ivy Tech - Kokomo. “Her passion, creativity, and heart for helping others will serve her well in her future career.”

“While working with these students and living with foster children, I have seen so much injustice,” Hornback said. “The system that is supposed to protect these children sometimes abuses them. I knew I would need college to help change it.”

Now at age 44 she is using her scholarship earnings to pursue a bachelor’s degree at Indiana Wesleyan University with a double major in criminal justice and social work. She hopes to become an advocate for children in the welfare and juvenile justice systems when she completes her degree. The scholarship will allow her to dedicate her time to complete her education at Indiana Wesleyan University. “There will still be some sacrifices, she said, “but I know it will be worth it.”

1996

Executive Director Rod Risley is named a 1996 Distinguished Alumnus by the American Association of Community Colleges.

A Recognition Program honors milestone years of service for chapter advisors.



Phi Theta Kappa establishes a web site.

Friends of the Society endow Honors Institute and Faculty Scholar Conference lectures.

Groundbreaking ceremonies are held, and construction begins, for the Center for Excellence.

The National Science Foundation provides a grant designed to enhance two-year colleges’ science, math, engineering and technology curriculum.



1997

Dedication ceremonies are held for the Center For Excellence, Phi Theta Kappa’s International Headquarters in Jackson, Mississippi, and dedication ceremonies, featuring Jeane Kirkpatrick as keynote speaker, are broadcast to chapters via satellite.



Texas Chapter “Rocks the Green” for International Service Program

Phi Theta Kappa recognizes scholars at the community college level – but doesn’t stop there. The Society’s mission is two-fold – also providing opportunities for the development of leadership and service among these scholars. Phi Theta Kappa’s current International Service Program is “Operation Green: Improving Our Communities” a partnership with Keep America Beautiful and similar organizations abroad. One chapter demonstrates how the Operation Green program is building environmental awareness and cleaner communities.

When Phi Theta Kappa adopted *Operation Green* as the International Service Program in partnership with Keep America Beautiful, the Alpha Zeta Eta Chapter at North Lake College in Irving, Texas, was already on board. The chapter had established a relationship with Keep Irving Beautiful several years before, and started an Environmental Club on their college campus.

Yet the chapter was further inspired by the possibility of participation in an international initiative on this issue. Vicki Riley, president and Keep America Beautiful Special Events Chair for the chapter, scheduled a meeting with Bob Horton of Keep Irving Beautiful to discuss the opportunities this would bring to both local organizations. “He had an idea for education and was very excited about the partnership,” Riley said.

In addition to the theme of litter prevention, chapter members brought up the drought the city of Irving was

experiencing, and how it could’ve been helped if there had been better water conservation. Based on these two topics, a committee was formed to oversee construction of a walking float for the city’s annual Fourth of July Parade.

More than 30 members were involved in construction and walking in the parade, as well as three visiting colleges and three alumni associations from nearby areas: Tarrant County North East, Cedar Valley College, Brookhaven College, Texas A&M Commerce, Texas Alumni Association, and Oklahoma/Arkansas Alumni Association. On the day of the parade, attended by more than 4,500 people, the float walkers distributed 1,000 information bags containing brochures featuring ways to conserve water, as well as a bookmark describing the downsides of drinking cola in comparison to water. The group took first place for the parade’s Best Non-Commercial Walking Float.

At the end of the parade, chapter members conducted an environmental survey in preparation for their annual Trinity Trash Bash, an occasion focused on cleaning up the most deteriorated areas in the city. The chapter also took the opportunity to start a new project the day of the Trash Bash called “The Happy Dumpster Program.”

“We went to local businesses and graded their dumpsters and gave them information on how they could

take a few simple steps to make the grade on their dumpster better by reducing the cardboard in our land fills,” Riley explained. “They also learned by simply closing the lids to the dumpsters they could reduce a ton of litter in our city.”

Another “Rock the Green” project included using a measuring cup for cigarette butts, which chapter members named the “Butt-O-Meter.” The “Butt-O-Meter” not only facilitated cleanup but also provided an accurate measure of the number of butts collected at various locations.

The chapter also placed trash collectors, recycling units and anti-litter signs in prominent places on campus.

Great American Cleanup efforts nationwide also included improvements to some 178,000 miles of roadway, 121,000 acres of parks and public lands, 7,000 miles of rivers, lakes and shorelines, and 3,900 miles of hiking, biking and nature trails.

Recycling results reclaimed 70.6 million plastic bottles, 2.2 million tires, 22.4 million pounds of aluminum and steel, 592,000 pounds of wireless phones and related equipment, 115,000 batteries, 23 million pounds of newsprint, 4.5 million pounds of clothing and 5.3 million pounds of electronics waste.

Beautification efforts included more than 4.6 million trees, flowers and bulbs planted, and more than 2,400 buildings painted and renovated, and graffiti removed from 11,000 sites.

Timeline

1997

Four annual Reynolds Scholarship awards of \$500 each are given by the Reynolds Foundation, to authors of outstanding literary works selected for *Nota Bene*, the Society’s honors anthology.

1998

The Golden Key Newsbriefs, a weekly electronic newsletter, is launched.



1999

A Regional Task Force announces guidelines for forming new regions and establishes honor codes for Regional Coordinators and regional officers.

The Alpha Project, Phi Theta Kappa’s long-range planning initiative, is introduced at the 1999 International Convention in Anaheim.

International Officers announce the Journey Challenge initiative, calling on chapters to raise awareness of the Society and communicate the benefits of membership to prospective inductees.



*"Phi Theta Kappa's Operation Green
has been the largest volunteer
initiative with one partner."*

— Sue Smith, Keep America Beautiful

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The Advisor Recognition Pin becomes a new benefit for all chapter advisors.

Chapter "Progress Reports," designed to illustrate the correlation between administrative support and chapter success, are now mailed to all college presidents.

The Society's Presidential Ambassadors, who act as liaisons between Phi Theta Kappa and their fellow college presidents in their states or regions, meet for the first time ever at the Center for Excellence.

2000

The Alpha Project Report is presented at the Convention of the Millennium in Orlando.

Leaders of Promise Scholarships of \$500 each, Phi Theta Kappa's first scholarships to fund associate degree studies, are established.



The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation provides \$1,000 Centennial Scholar awards to the top Academic Team nominees in each state to commemorate the 100th anniversary of community colleges.



2007-08 International Officers Showcase Diversity

One was homeschooled ... another is a returning adult student ... one spent a year in Germany as a high school exchange student ... one is the great-grandson of a former ruler of Darfur ... and one is an exchange student from Central Asia. The 2007-2008 International Officers may well be the most truly International team of leaders in Phi Theta Kappa's long history.

International Officer Scholarship Program

Each year, five students are elected to serve as the Society's International Officers, participate in a rigorous development program, and travel extensively representing the organization.

Upon the successful completion of their terms in office, all receive scholarships of \$2,000 for continued education, made possible through the generosity of donors.

Minimum Amount Required:
\$100,000 endowment

(may be paid over time)

Minimum Amount Required:
\$5,000 each year to present five \$1,000 supplements

For more information about making a donation for International Officer Scholarships, please contact Director of Institutional Advancement, **Dr. Nancy Rieves** at nancy.rieves@ptk.org or 1.800.946.9995, ext.3537.

International President Casey Maliszewski

Casey Maliszewski is Phi Theta Kappa's 2007-08 International President. Maliszewski accepted membership into the Alpha Epsilon Pi Chapter at Raritan Valley Community College in Somerville, New Jersey. Maliszewski was homeschooled, and her first classroom experience was in community college.

Maliszewski was nominated for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, and named a member of the All-New Jersey Academic Team.

After she completes her associate degree in English, she will pursue a second associate degree in Social Sciences. She plans to transfer to a four-year university to study sociology and hopes to attend law school with a concentration in international law. She was recently accepted by Columbia University and offered scholarships to both Rutgers and the University of Maryland.

"My community college experience has prepared me incredibly well for my service as an International Officer as well as for my future," Maliszewski said. "I have had professors, staff members, and administrators help me in every aspect - from academic classes, to career training and public speaking."



International Vice President - Division I Connie Myers

Connie Myers is Phi Theta Kappa's 2007-08 International Vice President - Division I.

A returning adult student, Myers is seeking an Associate of Science in Biological & Physical Sciences from Columbus State Community College in 2008.

She was named a member of the All-Ohio Academic Team, is Student Ambassador for Columbus State Community College and serves as one of the college's cougar mascots. Myers is also a signer and has performed as a signer at various functions.

After she receives her associate degree, Myers plans to transfer to Franklin University to pursue a bachelor's degree in Healthcare Management.

"As a community college student you learn to juggle multiple events in your daily life - courses, homework, work, family, and any other commitments," Myers said. "When serving as an International Officer, you need to be prepared to perform multiple commitments. You learn to become a stronger leader and realize the importance of leading by example."



Timeline

2001

In New York, Executive Director Rod Risley presents funds raised for September 11 relief efforts to Dr. Antonio Perez, president of the Borough of Manhattan Community College.

The Pinnacle Scholarship Awards Program, to recognize chapters and regions that increase their induction numbers, is established.

Visionary, an annual magazine celebrating the accomplishments of the Society and its members is published for the first time.



The National Honor Society invites Phi Theta Kappa to host a session at its annual Convention.

Ford College Student Purchase Program supports Project Graduation, impacting needy families in local communities.



Phi Theta Kappa begins producing and broadcasting the Honors Satellite Seminar Series featuring renowned speakers addressing the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Study Topic.

“...the enriching experience of serving in the International Officer position will enable me to foster and contribute to the service and improvement of our global peace and community.”

— Bek Baymuradov

**International
Vice President
– Division II
Deeneaus Polk**



Deeneaus Polk is Phi Theta Kappa's 2007-08 International Vice President - Division II. Polk accepted membership into the Pi Epsilon Chapter at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jackson County Campus, in Gautier, Mississippi. In high school, he studied in Germany as an exchange student.

In 2006, Polk received the President's Volunteer Service Award, personally presented by President George W. Bush, for his clean-up efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. He is also a recipient of the Coca-Cola Scholarship.

Polk is currently majoring in International Studies and German, with a minor in Political Science. Polk plans on attending law school where he hopes to attain his juris doctorate in International Law. His career goal is to be an ambassador.

“I have benefited from my community college in so many ways — from an intellectual, spiritual and character perspective I was able to nurture and cultivate myself into a student that is driven to succeed.” Polk said. “Most rewarding, however, are the individuals that have truly made my time at the community college the most rewarding experience I have ever had.”

**International
Vice President
– Division III
Mahmedein
Mahmedein**



Mahmedein Mahmedein is Phi Theta Kappa's 2007-08 International Vice President - Division III. Mahmedein accepted membership into the Pi Kappa Chapter at St. Louis Community College, Florissant Valley Campus, in St. Louis, Missouri.

A native of the Darfur region in the Sudan, which his ancestors at one time ruled, Mahmedein came to the United States in 2001. Mahmedein has volunteered as a speaker for the Save Darfur Organization, was team member of the Hotel Rwanda Relief Organization and initiated a children's environmental education campaign.

After Mahmedein receives his associate degree, he plans to attend Washington University to study Global Leadership and Management. He would like to work for the United Nations in the future.

“Attending St. Louis Community College has gotten me excited about learning again. I became a better student each year, not only scholastically, but of life as well.” Mahmedein said. “The foundation this college has given me will stay with me forever.”

**International
Vice President
– Division IV
Ulugbek
Baymuradov**



Ulugbek “Bek” Baymuradov is Phi Theta Kappa's 2007-08 International Vice President - Division IV. Baymuradov accepted membership into the Omicron Phi Chapter at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Oregon.

Born and raised in Uzbekistan, Baymuradov came to the United States during high school as an exchange student. After finishing his junior year at Payette High School in Idaho, Baymuradov returned to Uzbekistan to graduate with honors.

Baymuradov plans to study economics, finance and political science at a four-year university. Eventually, he would like to complete graduate studies in the United States.

“Community college provided me with opportunities and challenges, a combination of which uniquely developed the qualities of service and leadership necessary to serve as an International Officer for Phi Theta Kappa.” Baymuradov said. “Successively, the enriching experience of serving in the International Officer position will enable me to foster and contribute to the service and improvement of our global peace and community.”

2002

Phi Theta Kappa heads a coalition of honors organizations and education associations planning a series of community forums on the purpose of education.



Project Graduation, a program alleviating hunger and illiteracy by asking graduates and guests to bring canned goods and books to commencement ceremonies, becomes an international Society program.

A total of 33 states now honor All-State Academic Teams.



The National Collegiate Honors Council invites Phi Theta Kappa to present a general session program on the Satellite Seminars at the NCHC Convention.

Executive Director Rod Risley is invited to chair one of nine national selection panels interviewing 250 high school students selected as semi-finalists for the Coca Cola Scholars Program.

Headquarters staff members are recognized for their years of service to the Society.

Mosal Awards guidelines are revised to increase the number of eligible advisors from 120 to over 800.



CollegeFish.org Points Community Colleges Toward the Future

Phi Theta Kappa's newest initiative is a program that will completely transform the transfer process, and improve baccalaureate-degree access to Society members as well as all community college students.

"CollegeFish.org will revolutionize the way that community colleges are able to help their students prepare for the transfer process, the way students go about selecting a transfer choice and preparing for transfer, and the way universities are able to target THE best community college students for recruiting," Phi Theta Kappa Executive Director Rod Risley said.

CollegeFish.org is a new, free online tool being offered by Phi Theta Kappa to all community colleges to assist students in planning for transfer.

Aimed at smoothing the transition from a two-year college to a four-year institution, the program gives community college students the opportunity to search approximately 3,000 scholarships and explore more than 2,000 profiles on four-year colleges and universities, and also provides other tools to assist them in navigating the transfer process.

"We have the responsibility of raising the aspirations of all students to complete a baccalaureate degree – so we are providing students with a tool to accomplish that aim," said Risley. "CollegeFish.org is for all students – traditional and non-traditional, part-time and full-time, first-generation college students and those traditionally under-represented in higher education."

Phi Theta Kappa members are enrolled in CollegeFish.org automatically, but access to the program can be available to all community college students from the moment they enroll in their first class, Risley said. Community colleges are being notified of the procedure necessary to offer access to CollegeFish.org to all students enrolled on their campuses.

"Community college students, many of them first-generation college students, generally do not know the how, what, where, and when with regard to planning for transfer and completion of a baccalaureate degree," said Risley. "These students wait too late to begin the planning process and are often locked out of admissions, scholarships, financial aid and housing opportunities at four-year colleges and universities."

"CollegeFish.org's transfer planning resources are accessible 24/7," Risley continued. "Today's college students, and in particular community college students, conduct their research on the internet late in the evening and on weekends, due to family and job commitments. The internet is quickly becoming the first point of information acquisition for students."

The website will help students understand the terminology associated with planning for transfer, the sequence of tasks to be completed for transfer,

and contains a personal automatic calendar noting important deadlines.

Community college students interested in transfer will be able to utilize the "College Match" feature of the CollegeFish.org website. This capability will enable users to be matched with potential four-year colleges based on the information they have provided regarding what they seek in a transfer institution, whether or not they have indicated a previous interest in that college or university.

For many years Phi Theta Kappa has operated the Transfer Connection, a database providing directory information on Society members to four-year college admissions officers, to facilitate recruitment efforts. As a result, more than 665 four-year colleges now designate \$36 million in scholarships to Phi Theta Kappa transfer students.

The basic service provided through Transfer Connection will be incorporated into CollegeFish.org. Through CollegeFish.org, students will provide more detailed information about themselves, which will lead to the identification of four-year colleges and universities which are "better fits" to meet their needs and interests for transfer success. Search capacities for four-year colleges and universities to identify prospective students and provide early advice on course transfer and articulation agreements are included.

COLLEGEFISH.ORG 

Timeline

Columbia University in New York establishes transfer scholarships for members, making it the first Ivy League university to offer a Phi Theta Kappa scholarship.

A Phi Theta Kappa chapter is chartered at Northern Marianas College on the Pacific island of Saipan.



2003

Executive Director Rod Risley is recognized for providing 25 years of leadership to Phi Theta Kappa, on the anniversary of his joining the staff in 1977.

Mosal Award stipends are increased to \$5,000.

Executive Director Rod Risley serves as guest commentator for an online colloquy on transfer student success, hosted by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

USA TODAY publishes a story noting increased recruiting of community college students by elite four-year institutions, quoting Phi Theta Kappa Executive Director Rod Risley.



CollegeFish.org Registration

For more information about how your community college can be registered for CollegeFish.org at no charge send an email to support@collegefish.org or call 866.286.8453. For more information about supporting this program financially, contact Director of Institutional Advancement **Dr. Nancy Rieves** at nancy.rieves@ptk.org or 1.800.946.9995, ext. 3537.

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The National Science Foundation awards a \$568,250 grant to Phi Theta Kappa for a second round of its project, Preparing Tomorrow's Science & Mathematics Teachers at Community Colleges.



Phi Theta Kappa announces increases in the numbers and dollar amounts for the Guistwhite Scholarships and the Leaders of Promise Scholarships.

Phi Theta Kappa chapters raise more than \$344,000 for the American Cancer Society in the first year of the service program partnership. The Society is recognized as the top collegiate contributor.



Phi Theta Kappa Executive Director Rod A. Risley delivers the keynote address, Building Leadership, to the Annual Conference of the National Council on Student Development in St. Louis, Missouri.

Board Chairman Dr. Shirley Gordon and Executive Director Rod Risley are the only two-year college representatives invited to participate with national education leaders in discussions based on the 20th anniversary of the landmark report, *"A Nation at Risk."* Dr. Gordon served on the commission that produced the report.



Phi Theta Kappa, Ford College Student Purchase Program, Partner to Fight Hunger, Illiteracy

Phi Theta Kappa's Project Graduation helps chapters to battle the social issues of hunger and low literacy skills by collecting non-perishable food items and books during college commencement season for distribution to needy recipients through community relief agencies and literacy organizations.

The Phi Theta Kappa chapter at Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, has participated in Project Graduation since 2001.

Visionary recently spoke with Chapter President Daniel Hall, Chapter Public Relations Officer Kizzie Halbert, Georgetta Howard, Vice President of Leadership for the Kentucky Region, who served as Chapter President in 2007, and Ashley Wardrep, Chapter Vice President of Leadership, about what they have learned from their chapter's participation in this Civic Engagement initiative. Their advisors are Dr. Bill Loftus and Denise Trusty, and their Regional Coordinator for Kentucky is Margo Hamm.

VISIONARY: What attracted you to participate in Project Graduation?

HALL: "By helping our community when they need us, we not only provide a helping hand but we may inspire someone to give back to their community when they are back on their feet."

VISIONARY: Do you think Project Graduation is an important Phi Theta Kappa program?

HALBERT: "Our chapter takes pride in participating in this event twice a year. We as a chapter family like to provide for those in need and help others that are unable to help themselves."

HOWARD: "As honor students we have been blessed to have opportunities to excel in our lives and it is important to give back to our communities so others can also excel in their lives."

VISIONARY: What has your chapter learned from participating in Project Graduation? What have you learned as an individual?

WARDREP: "Giving instills a sense of taking responsibility for the welfare and knowledge of our community."

HOWARD: "I have been personally blessed by receiving scholarships to help finance my education and I know first-hand that if people had not given to the scholarship funds I would not have been able to fulfill my dream of becoming a nurse. Someone else's giving has inspired me to give back to my community, and after I receive my degree I have plans to contribute money back to the scholarship fund."

VISIONARY: As a result of participating in Project Graduation have you and some of your fellow members learned to appreciate the importance of volunteering in your community? Do you think you will continue to volunteer after college?

WALDREP: "We as a chapter have seen first-hand the difference volunteering makes in people's lives and by doing something, no matter how much or how large, it truly makes a difference to people on the receiving end of the project. Many members and fellow officers of my chapter and I will continue to give back to our communities after we achieve our degrees."

VISIONARY: What attracted you to participate in Project Graduation? Does your community have any particular needs in this area?

HOWARD: "We live in a rural community where poverty is seen in a daily basis, so when given the opportunity to join such a beneficial project we were more than eager to help our fellow citizens. Our community does have a lot of needs because of the low economic status. Families just do not have the extra money to purchase books for their children."

VISIONARY: Have you had to overcome any special challenges as a chapter in order to achieve your goals in Project Graduation?

WALDREP: "We have had to overcome a lack of member participation. Project Graduation has not always worked out as we have planned, however we never give up. We are now thinking outside of the box and coming up with new ideas to get people involved, and it will happen. Until then we will continue

Timeline

2005

Phi Theta Kappa launches initiative to aid tsunami victims.

Board of Directors chairman Dr. Shirley B. Gordon is chosen to receive the 2005 National Leadership Award from the American Association of Community Colleges.



2004

Phi Theta Kappa launches voter registration and education project, "Project Vote Smart."

MacNeil/Lehrer Productions' national *By The People: America in the World* initiative supported a colloquy on "Engaging Students in a Changing World" at the 2004 Leading Edge Conference, presented by Phi Theta Kappa's Leadership Development Program.

Phi Theta Kappa Executive Director Rod A. Risley is appointed to the Community College Transfer Initiative Advisory Board, which works with the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation to improve low-income students' access to higher education.

2005-2006

Phi Theta Kappa partners with Better World Books to reuse textbooks, promoting the International Service Program *Operation Green: Improving Our Communities*.

to run the project with whatever manpower we have and will be grateful for the amounts of food and books we receive. We do not participate in Project Graduation with a hidden agenda, we do it because we truly care about our community and its future."

VISIONARY: This is Phi Theta Kappa's 90th anniversary year. Have you been inspired by anyone in Phi Theta Kappa's history?

HOWARD: "We have been inspired by our advisors, Denise Trusty and Bill Loftus, and our Regional Coordinator, Margo Hamm. They have inspired us with their knowledge and enthusiasm about Phi Theta Kappa. They have challenged us to learn and grow according to the Hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa and by doing this we have learned leadership skills and abilities that we can incorporate into our daily lives as well as pass on to members of our college and community."

WALDREP: "We have also found it inspiring to listen to Bill talk about the elegant lady (the late advisor Dr. Carole Gavin) who started Project Graduation and how her vision has inspired and helped so many. Her vision will live on in years to come and encourage hundreds of thousands of people to reach higher to help others in their lives."

"Through the years, the Ford College Student Purchase Program has been a proud sponsor of Phi Theta Kappa's Project Graduation initiative. Together, we have donated thousands of dollars, volumes of books, and shelves of canned goods to those who are less fortunate than ourselves."

— Kanah Pulliam, Sr. Project Consultant
Ford College Student Purchase Program, Sponsor of Project Graduation



Nearly 440,000 food items and 355,000 books have been collected and donated to local community relief organizations since Project Graduation was established in 2002.



In 2007 49,135 food items and 43,930 books were collected by the Project Graduation initiative.



The impact chapters have made in their local communities has been tremendous since Project Graduation was adopted as a civic engagement initiative in 2002.

Photos by Cindy Artrip, Artrip's Photography Inc.

Phi Theta Kappa launches initiative to assist with college tuition for students affected by Hurricane Katrina.

In three years, Phi Theta Kappa chapters have raised a total of \$1.3 million to fight cancer.

Ceremonies at Florida Atlantic University commemorate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the first transfer scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa members.

2006

Phi Theta Kappa inducts its 2 millionth member.



Richmond, the American International University in London, establishes transfer scholarships for members, offering the first international scholarships for members.

The Chronicle of Higher Education publishes an article that discusses the lack of access low-income community college students have to the most selective colleges and universities, which cites Phi Theta Kappa's efforts to increase scholarship opportunities for transfer students.

National Endowment for the Humanities chairman Dr. Bruce Cole visits Phi Theta Kappa's International Headquarters.

Alumni on the Move

Barry Kritzberg

Wilbur Wright College, Illinois
Theta Omega Chapter

In 2007, Barry Kritzberg published two books, *Morgan Park Academy, A History (Vol I)* and *She's No Detective: A Kelly O'Quinn Mystery*. He has taught at Morgan Park Academy since 1972. He is also the Academy archivist, historian, and editor of the Academy Magazine. His essays (many on Henry Thoreau) have been published in such journals as the *Massachusetts Review*, *Labor History*, *Illinois Heritage*, *The History Teacher*, *The English Journal*, *the Concord Saunterer*, and *The Thoreau Society Bulletin*.

Christopher C. Bowers

Prince George's Community College
Maryland, Tau Pi Chapter

Since being inducted as a charter member at Tau Pi, Christopher Bowers developed a therapeutic and educational board game: *"The Use, Relapse and Recovery Journey"*, received the Adolescent Specialist Endorsement from the National Certification Commission of NAADAC (The Association for Addiction Professionals), and published various articles in *Addiction Professional* magazine about adolescents and counseling. He also wrote, compiled and self-published a self-guided study for clergy entitled *"Studies in the Twelve Core Competencies for Clergy and Other Pastoral Caregivers in Addressing Alcohol and Drug Dependence and the Impact on Family Members."*

Cristen Rensel

St Petersburg College, Florida
Eta Nu Chapter

Cristen Rensel attended the University of South Florida, worked an intern at WTSP - Tampa Bay's *Channel 10 News* and *WFTS - ABC Action News*, and worked as a Video Journalist at *CNN* in Atlanta, Georgia. She is now an Associate Producer at *FOX 35* in Lake Mary (Orlando), Florida, where she writes and produces newscasts, web and news cut-ins.

Tara Charles

Butler County Community College
Kansas, Rho Phi Chapter

Tara Charles, as lead for the Tara Charles Band, recently released *"Chameleon."* Their music is described as a "powerful mix of blues, rock, alternative, and ballads." Based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the band has played a variety of clubs and venues across the country.

Leroy White

North Lake College, Texas
Alpha Zeta Eta Chapter

Leroy White received his BBA in 2006, Summa Cum Laude, from Northwood University in Cedar Hill, Texas. In 2005, he served as a Tsunami Thailand Technical Volunteer - Water and Electricity Expert. He is now working as a High Voltage Control Electrician with the City of Dallas in Dallas, Texas.

Nancy E. Fauser

Cape Fear Community College
North Carolina
Alpha Chi Sigma Chapter

Nancy Fauser is the Operations and Programs Coordinator for the Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden in Kernersville, North Carolina, which will open to the public in 2009.

Thomas P. Arnold

Palm Beach Junior College, Florida
Alpha Gamma Sigma Chapter

Thomas Arnold is now the Chair of the Mathematics and Sciences Department at Saint Leo University in Florida. He continues his involvement with the Society by serving as advisor to the university's alumni association. In 2008 he will celebrate 30 years of involvement with Phi Theta Kappa.

Kelly J. Sweeney

Indian River Community College
Florida, Nu Iota Chapter

In July of 2007, Kelly Sweeney received a Masters of Science in Music Therapy from Radford University. Kelly is currently serving veterans at the VA Medical Center in Salem, Virginia. She works with geriatrics, substance abuse, and other veteran issues on a daily basis to achieve therapeutic goals through the utilization of music experiences.

Jennifer Davis

Collin County Community College
Texas, Alpha Mu Tau Chapter

Jennifer Davis is an Operations Analyst with Bumble & Bumble, a Manhattan-based salon and hair care business owned by Estee Lauder. Her job

Timeline

2007

Challenge to establish \$1 million Hites Transfer Scholarship Fund by Hites Family Community College Foundation.

Executive Director Rod Risley is named chairman of the Mississippi Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment of the Humanities.

JACK KENT COOKE
FOUNDATION

2006

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, citing in part support by Phi Theta Kappa, increased the number of community college scholarships to 50; 32 recipients are Phi Theta Kappa members.

Phi Theta Kappa chapters are chartered at H. Lavity Stoutt Community College in the British Virgin Islands; and at Palau Community College, the College of Micronesia and the College of the Marshall Islands in the Pacific; and at Fujairah Colleges in the United Arab Emirates.

Phi Theta Kappa Foundation and founding Trustees were established at organizational meeting.



includes sales forecast, distribution and inventory management of the exclusive hair care products from her office near Soho in New York City. Davis received a Bachelor's of Business Administration degree with a Concentration in Operations Management from The University of Texas at Arlington.

Robert "Bob" Simmonds

Henry Ford Community College
Michigan, Alpha Xi Mu Chapter

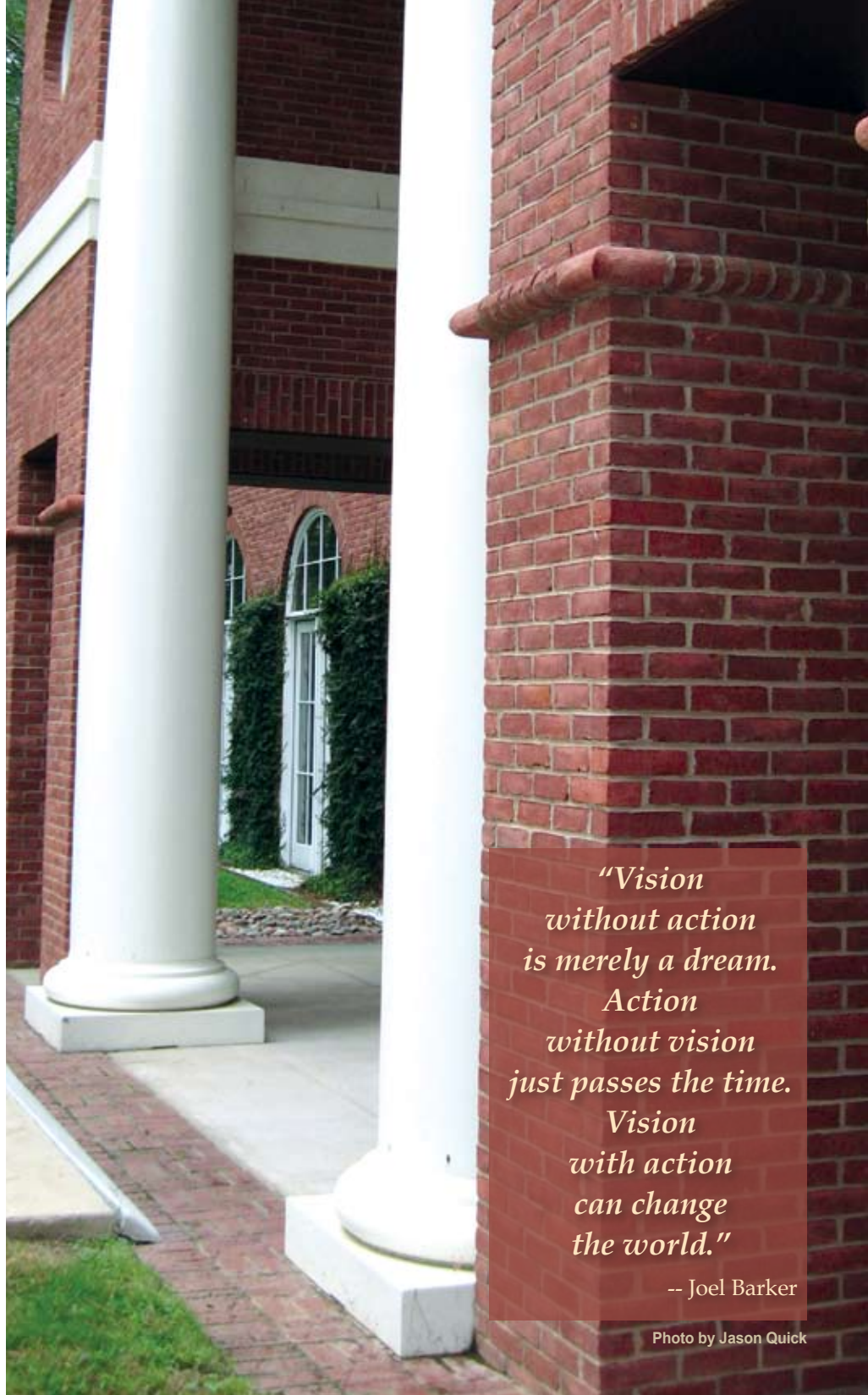
Bob Simmonds is the Vice President of Travel Operations for Disney Destinations, LLC in Orlando, Florida. In this position he is responsible for the Walt Disney World call centers and product development for the Walt Disney Travel Company, a division of Walt Disney Parks & Resorts. Prior to joining Disney, he was responsible for \$750 million in annual sales as Director of Call Center Operations and General Manager of Telesales at Expedia.com in Las Vegas. He credits his education and Phi Theta Kappa membership for his success.

Rachel Jefferson

Washtenaw Community College
Michigan, Beta Gamma Alpha Chapter

Rachel Jefferson is Art Director for *In These Times* magazine, a national progressive news/culture magazine that won the Utne Independent Press Award for Best Political Coverage in 2006. She also serves on the Executive Board for the Midwest Brain Injury Clubhouse and volunteers with Best Buddies.

Visit <http://www.ptk.org/alumni/notes> to see more alumni notes and submit your own.



*"Vision
without action
is merely a dream.
Action
without vision
just passes the time.
Vision
with action
can change
the world."*

-- Joel Barker

Photo by Jason Quick

KeyCast, an audio news magazine, is made available on the Phi Theta Kappa website.



Executive Director Rod Risley receives the American Association of Community Colleges Leadership Award during the Joint General Session of AACC and Phi Theta Kappa International Conventions.

Transfer scholarship partners increase from 600 to 665, the greatest number ever offered to Phi Theta Kappa members.

2008

Phi Theta Kappa holds its 90th Anniversary International Convention April 3-5 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For the first time Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges host a joint General Session at the Philadelphia Convention Center.



Visionary Honor Roll

ATHENA LEGACY SOCIETY

The Athena Society consists of individuals who have made a planned gift to Phi Theta Kappa. Planned gifts include bequests, trusts, life insurance and other deferred giving options that allow individuals to contribute to Phi Theta Kappa while making plans beneficial to their individual financial circumstances. The individuals listed here represent many, but not all of those who have chosen to contribute to the future of Phi Theta Kappa in this manner.

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OAK LEAF SOCIETY

Endowments:

The Oak Leaf Society consists of donors who have chosen to endow Honors Institute and Faculty Scholars Conference Lectures, scholarships for members and advisors, and an endowment for Phi Theta Kappa operations - The Endowment for Excellence.

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\$5,000 - \$24,999

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Community College
Mississippi Department
of Human Services
Motlow State
Community College
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Giving Opportunities

The stories in this issue illustrate that Phi Theta Kappa plays a vital role in the lives of extraordinary students. Your gift, whether unrestricted or specifically designated to an area you desire to support, can have a positive impact on programs and students. Gifts may be given annually and/or by establishing an endowment to provide permanent funding. Contact Dr. Nancy Rieves, Director of Institutional Advancement, at 800.946.9995, ext. 3537, or nancy.rieves@ptk.org, for more information on donor opportunities. You can actively participate in creating a better future for deserving Phi Theta Kappa students by supporting the following Giving Opportunities:

SCHOLARSHIPS

Named Scholarships

Donors may establish scholarships in their names or in the names of individuals they wish to honor.

Guistwhite Scholarships

Twenty Guistwhite scholars are selected annually and receive \$5,000 each for baccalaureate studies. The scholarships are named for Dr. and Mrs. Jack Guistwhite. See <http://www.ptk.org/schol/guistwhite/>.

Mosal Awards

Chapter advisors with at least three years of service may apply for Mosal Awards, stipends of \$5,000. See <http://www.ptk.org/advisor/mosalinfo.htm>.

Leaders of Promise Scholarships

Thirty Leaders of Promise Scholarships of \$1,000 each are awarded to encourage new member participation defraying costs of completing associate degrees. See <http://www.ptk.org/schol/leadpromise/welcome.htm>.

Nota Bene

Nota Bene is Phi Theta Kappa's internationally circulated literary honors anthology. A scholarship of \$1,000 is awarded to the most outstanding entry. See http://www.ptk.org/publications/notabene/notabene_info.htm.

International Officers

Phi Theta Kappa's International Officers each receive scholarships of \$2,000 for continued education. Service as an International Officer is the pinnacle of student leadership in Phi Theta Kappa.

PROGRAMS

Faculty Scholars

Each year 25 Phi Theta Kappa advisors are chosen Faculty Scholars, and participate in an academic conference addressing Phi Theta Kappa's Honors Study Topic. See <http://www.ptk.org/honors/facscholars/>.

Honors Institute Scholarships

Phi Theta Kappa's Honors Institute is often cited as the Society's crown jewel of programs. Approximately 400 students and faculty spend a week of intensive exploration of the timely, multidisciplinary Phi Theta Kappa Honors Study Topic.

International Convention

Annually some 4,000 members and advisors participate in Phi Theta Kappa's International Convention program of internationally known speakers, educational forums, college and career fairs, leadership development programs and officer campaigns. See <http://convention.ptk.org/>.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving is the process of making a charitable gift of estate assets to a nonprofit organization and requires consideration and planning consistent with the donor's overall estate plan. Planned gifts can provide valuable tax benefits while helping a person positively impact an organization they support. Such gifts usually require the assistance of a qualified professional advisor to complete. Planned gifts can be arranged any number of ways.



Visionary Foundation

1918 ANNIVERSARY CLUB

As Phi Theta Kappa celebrates our 90th Anniversary in 2008, we proudly introduce the 1918 Anniversary Club. This Club will honor those who support Phi Theta Kappa. As we approach our Centennial Anniversary, we rely more heavily on Phi Theta Kappa alumni and friends to provide sustainable future for students of tomorrow. To join, choose a membership level below and send your gift to the address shown.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:

Presidential Membership	minimum gift of \$1,918
Hallmark Membership	minimum gift of \$90
G.O.L.D.	minimum gift of \$19.18
(option for Graduates Of the Last Decade)	

Please know that any amount over \$19.18 will be recognized!

The 1918 Anniversary Club, a way of recognizing those who contribute by celebrating our 90th anniversary, provides an opportunity for our members, chapters, regions, alumni, advisors, and friends to honor our past while establishing a foundation for the future. I hope we can count you among our family of supporters.

HITES \$1 MILLION TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE

Phi Theta Kappa has an opportunity to establish a \$1 million transfer scholarship endowment for Phi Theta Kappa members. The Hites Family Community College Scholarship Foundation has offered a challenge to Phi Theta Kappa – if the Society raises \$350,000, the Hites Foundation will provide the remaining funds to create the \$1 million Hites Transfer Scholarship Endowment for Phi Theta Kappa members. This is almost a two-to-one match!

The Hites Foundation was established by Robert Hites, an executive with Ralston-Purina in St. Louis, Missouri. Upon his retirement and to fulfill a longtime dream of teaching, he accepted a position at St. Louis Community College. He had other opportunities to teach at senior institutions but declined because of the love he found for community college students and the impact he felt he could make on their lives. While teaching, he witnessed the fire within these hard-working students and made sure, by creating the Hites Foundation to be established upon his death, opportunities would be afforded to community college students around the country who excelled academically and desired to complete at least a baccalaureate degree.

The official announcement and kickoff of the Hites

Challenge will be made at the 2008 International Convention in Philadelphia. The challenge is being offered in conjunction with the founding of the 1918 Club, a way of recognizing those who contribute by celebrating our 90th anniversary. The 1918 Club offers three levels of giving -- \$19.18, \$90, and \$1,918.

PHI THETA KAPPA FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED

Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, has announced the establishment of the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation and its governing Board of Trustees. The Foundation was created to direct the Society's fundraising and development programs.

The Foundation will officially function as the fundraising arm of Phi Theta Kappa following final state and federal authorization, now pending, said Phi Theta Kappa Executive Director, Rod A. Risley. Trustees were named and bylaws and policies were approved in an organizational meeting in

December 2007.

Officers of the Foundation's Board of Trustees are Dr. Matthew Quinn, Executive Director of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, Virginia, Chair; Dr. Jo Marshall, President of Somerset Community College, Kentucky, Vice Chair; and Rod Risley, Mississippi, Secretary. Dr. Nancy Rieves, Director of Institutional Advancement for Phi Theta Kappa and a Foundation Trustee, was named Executive Director of the Foundation.

Trustees include Dr. Shirley Gordon, President Emeritus of Highline Community College, Washington; Westley Moore, global investment banker, CitiBank, New York; Mirta Ojito, Assistant Professor in the Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University, New York; Anthony Sadberry, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission; and Dr. David Shinn, Professor, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

OFFICERS



Dr. Matthew Quinn



Dr. Jo Marshall



Rod Risley



Dr. Nancy Rieves

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Dr. Quinn is a former college president and a longtime educator, who serves on numerous academic boards and commissions.

Dr. Marshall is a former Vice Chair of Phi Theta Kappa's Board of Directors. She is also a Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Studies Certified Program Facilitator.

Risley has served as Phi Theta Kappa's Executive Director since 1985, and is the 2008 recipient of the American Association of Community Colleges

National Leadership Award.

Dr. Rieves joined the Phi Theta Kappa staff in 2006. She has years of fundraising experience, chartered and served as advisor to a Phi Theta Kappa chapter, and is certified in the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Development Studies Program.

Dr. Gordon is the current Vice Chair of the Phi Theta Kappa Board of Directors, and served as Board Chair for a record 20 years.

Moore, a Phi Theta Kappa alumnus, Rhodes Scholar and honors graduate of Johns Hopkins University, is also a former White House Fellow.

Ojito, a Phi Theta Kappa alumna, was awarded a shared Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting in 2001 when she wrote for The New York Times.

Sadberry, a Phi Theta Kappa alumnus, is a former Assistant Attorney General of Texas and a former member of the Phi Theta Kappa Board of Directors.

Dr. Shinn, a Phi Theta Kappa alumnus, was a foreign service officer with the State Department for 37 years, serving as ambassador to Burkina Faso and Ethiopia.

TRUSTEES



Dr. Shirley Gordon



Westley Moore



Mirta Ojito



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Cash Gifts

Gifts of Cash or cash gifts pledged over time are deductible up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income for the taxable year. If a portion of the gift exceeds the 50 percent, it may be carried forward for up to five additional years.

Credit Card Gifts

You may make regular donations through your Visa, MasterCard, or Discover cards.

Matching Gifts

You or your spouse may work for a company that has a corporate matching gifts program. Ask the personnel benefits office for information and forms.

Appreciated or Depreciated Securities

If you have appreciated stock held for more than one year, you can avoid capital gains taxes on the gift amount and also receive a tax deduction for the full fair-market value of the gift.

If you have an investment that has decreased in value since purchasing it, you may want to sell it and make a charitable gift of all or a portion of the cash proceeds. You will receive a tax deduction for the cash contribution and you may be able to deduct the loss from other taxable income.

Bonds, Mutual Funds

If you have held bonds or mutual funds for more than one year, a tax deduction for the full value of the gift may be possible.

Gifts of Life Insurance

For the gift of a paid life insurance policy, you will receive an income tax deduction equal to the lesser of the cash value of the policy or the total premiums paid. Phi Theta Kappa must be named as owner and beneficiary to qualify for the federal

charitable contribution deduction on a gift of an existing policy.

Gifts of Real Estate

Gifts of real estate may include a home, a vacation home, land or a farm. In most cases, if your property is fully paid off and has appreciated in value, you can deduct the fair market value of your gift and avoid all capital gains taxes. You can transfer the deed to Phi Theta Kappa and retain the right to live there for the remainder of your life, your spouse's life or other survivor and receive an immediate income tax deduction.

Note: We recommend that individuals consult with their own tax or legal advisors prior to making a gift.

Athena Legacy Society

The Athena Legacy Society recognizes those who have made an estate commitment or a deferred gift to Phi Theta Kappa. Anyone who has made an estate provision that includes Phi Theta Kappa is asked to inform the Institutional Advancement Office in writing. The size of the eventual gift does not need to be disclosed at that time.

OTHER

Greatest Need

Numerous individuals have contributed to creating the Phi Theta Kappa of today. Your donation to help meet other needs tremendously assists Phi Theta Kappa in supporting all the goals of the Society.

Local Chapters and Regions

All Phi Theta Kappa chapters have their own projects. If your interests lie in providing financial assistance to a chapter or region, Phi Theta Kappa will manage the funds and distribute as directed.

CONSIDER MAKING PHI THETA KAPPA YOUR CHARITY

Phi Theta Kappa welcomes bequests and other deferred gifts, which are meaningful ways to create a legacy for future generations. A bequest or deferred gift may be made through a provision in an estate plan naming Phi Theta Kappa as beneficiary. Please consult a tax professional in regard to your specific circumstances.

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