

Delaware/Maryland Honors In Action Conference

Saturday, October 8, 2011

Hosted by Alpha Epsilon Zeta and Alpha Zeta Kappa Chapters at
Delaware Technical Community College – Stanton Campus

College Welcome was presented by Mr. Mark Brainard, Vice President and Campus Director of DTCC, Stanton and Wilmington Campuses. He is also inducted as a member of the Alpha Epsilon Zeta Chapter while he attended Delaware Tech before he graduated with his associate degree in 1981.

He welcomed us to the college and spoke about the importance of completing not only our goals, but our degrees. He recognized that life could make staying committed to your goals difficult, but you cannot give up.

Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters Update was presented by Mr. Esteban Smith, Phi Theta Kappa Division II Vice President. He currently resides on Tortola, British Virgin Islands and is an English major. Mr. Smith is a member of the Beta Omicron Sigma Chapter at H. Lavity Stoutt Community College. He is the first member from the British Virgin Islands to hold international office in Phi Theta Kappa. Este plans a career in entertainment and law.

Mr. Smith reviewed the Phi Theta Kappa programs and fall scholarship deadlines.

Community College statistics

- 14 million students enrolled in community colleges
- U.S. has fallen from #1 to #12 among all industrialized nations in the number of students completing their degree or credential
- Goal: double the number of students with a degree or credential by 2020
- Fact: engagement on campus leads to persistence and completion

C4 – Community College Completion Corps

- Call to Action to support college completion
- Signed by six higher education organizations
- Phi Theta Kappa is leading the Student Challenge!

Commit to Complete Community College

Ways to Participate

- Conduct a Student Resolution Signing Event
- Hold a College Success Fair
- Student to Student Tutoring
- Conduct a public awareness campaign about the value of completing college
- High School Outreach

Five Star Chapter Development Plan

Mission

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. – One Star Level

To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa shall provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence. – Two through Five Star Levels

- Review the Level Requirements
- Set your chapter's 2011 goal now
- Review and update your progress regularly

- Help us fulfill Phi Theta Kappa's Mission
- Be recognized as a Star Chapter

Raising Awareness and Inducting Members

- Video testimonials
- Key Advantage Slide Show
- Orientation Power Point
- Sample invitations and Phone-a-thon Scripts
- Fliers for College Administration and Faculty
- Pinnacle Award for increasing membership acceptance

Honors In Action

The Democratization of Information: Power, Peril, and Promise

Honors Program Guide

10 issues with Honors In Action ideas

Scholarship – Leadership – Service – Fellowship

Steps to Honors In Action Success

- Academic research
- Start with the Honors Study Topic
- Leadership Development
- Leadership Roles
- Service/Advocacy
- Collaboration
- Reflection

Honors In Action Missteps

- Starting with a service project
- Inadequate research
- No specific leadership development
- Leadership roles not well defined
- Minimal collaboration
- Lack of reflection

Steps to a Successful College Project

- Consult with College Administration
- Prepare, brainstorm together
- Select a project
- Collaborate, complete the project
- Evaluate and reflect upon results
- Consider future possibilities

Honors Seminar Series

- Research for Honors In Action
- Subscribers receive
 - Three lectures on DVD
 - Promotional packet including posters and Honors Program Guides
- Speakers:
 - Dina Temple-Raston
 - NPR national security correspondent

- Ayaan Hirsi Ali
 - Activist/writer/politician
- Mike Dover
 - Technology and marketing strategy specialist

Hallmark Awards

- Recognizing regions, chapters, and individuals
- Deadlines
 - Administrator Awards due December 1
 - Chapter/Individual Awards due February 1
- New this year!
 - Only one certification required for each entry

Annual Convention

April 12-14, 2012

Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center
Nashville, TN

Register online by February 13 for best rate!

Five Star Competitive Edge

- Professional development plan for members
- Strengthen your marketable skills
 - Communication
 - Teamwork
 - Critical Thinking
 - Goal Setting
 - Professional Etiquette
- Create an online portfolio

CollegeFish.org

Prepare for Successful Transfer!

- Complete your profile
- Get matched to your best transfer colleges
- Find scholarships to fund your education
- Get email notification of transfer-related deadlines

Fall Scholarship Opportunities

- All-USA Academic Team
 - Up to twenty \$2,500 scholarships
- Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team
 - Scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500
- All-State Community College Academic Teams
 - In 37 states
- Guistwhite Scholarship
 - Up to twenty \$5,000 scholarships
- Hites Transfer Scholarship
 - Up to ten \$7,500 scholarships

Spring Scholarship Opportunities

- Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship
 - Up to 100 scholarships of \$1,000
- Geico Business and Dowell Leadership Scholarships
- Frank Lanza Memorial Scholarship
 - For students in Nursing, Respiratory Care, or Emergency Medical Services
 - Up to twenty \$2,500 scholarships

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- Literary Honors Anthology
- Poetry, Short Stories, Essays, Honors In Action Research Papers
- \$1,000 Citation Scholarship for best overall submission
- Four \$500 Reynolds Scholarships

Recognitions

The Phi Theta Kappa Store

- 20% discount on all online purchases with promo code...(you must attend a regional meeting to get the code!)

Stay Connected!

- Report your chapter officers and new advisors
- Update contact information at collegefish.org
- Become an alumnus at ptk.org/alumni

Get your Phi Theta Kappa news

- Golden Key News Briefs
- Latest News
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Society Blogs

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Regan Hicks-Goldstein, Dean of Student Services

Dr. Hicks-Goldstein has more than 25 years of experience in education. She began her career as a high school English teacher and school counselor. Her experience in higher education includes 17 years as an English instructor, department coordinator and college administrator.

Middle States Regional Update

The regional officers promoted Five Star Competitive Edge, the regional program, and the regional convention.

Hallmark Awards Program

- New regional Hallmark Award: Distinguished Community College Completion Project
- Electronic submission for regional (email word doc)
 - January 13, 2012: Critiquing process – email to John Ortiz (jortiz@ptkms.org) and courtesy copy Pattie Van Atter (pattievanatter@aol.com)
 - Essays will be returned to chapters by January 20, 2012
 - January 27, 2012: FINAL SUBMISSION DUE
- Make sure you carefully read the questions and answers. **Make sure answer includes a clearly defined process and results.**
- Online submission to International by February 1, 2012 via Competitive Edge