

# KAPPAN NEWS

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## FROM YOUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Welcome to our Inductees of Alpha Nu Omega, HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College's local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa!

First off, I wanted to congratulate all of you for the hard work and dedication that earned you the right of membership into our fine chapter. The honor of being invited into Phi Theta Kappa is your reward for maintaining an academic record that stands apart from many of your peers. It's more than just grades, though; willing membership proves to your college and community that you share the Hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Fellowship.

I would encourage each of you to participate in the service opportunities we will be providing this coming year. I know it is sometimes difficult to find time in our busy lives, but trust me when I say that

the service you offer is very rewarding. You are provided opportunities to meet some really great people while helping out and making a difference in someone's life.

Please remember, membership in Phi Theta Kappa can pay dividends when it comes time to apply for leadership positions, scholarships, transfer applications, and even career resumes. You want your record with Alpha Nu Omega to reflect a personage of strong character and humility; service to your chapter, college, and community is an excellent way to do just that.

Since you are joining one of the largest academic organizations, please take advantage of two programs that will assist you, both as a student and as you transition into a job in your field. The two programs are Competitive Edge and College Fish. The website for Competitive Edge is

<http://my.ptk.org/edge> and College Fish can be found at <http://www.collegefish.org>. Both of these programs are further explained in this newsletter.

I want to personally thank my Executive Board as well as the advisors and liaisons that make all of this possible. And, of course you all--without active and proud members like yourselves, there would be no Alpha Nu Omega.

I am proud to serve as your president during this exciting time, and I hope to see many of you at future activities, events, campus and general meetings!

Sincerely,  
*Aaron McLucas*  
2011-2012 President



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*Chapter President*

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*If you would like to contact an officer, liaison, or advisor, simply go to our website, [ptk.athacc.com](http://ptk.athacc.com), and click on Contacts at the top of the page.*

## GET TO KNOW YOUR CHAPTER

As new members to the Alpha Nu Omega Chapter, I know that everything is new and a bit overwhelming to you. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the history of this chapter.

In 1987, Dr. Kenneth Woodbury, a former HACC president, contacted a young professor to investigate the feasibility of acquiring a chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. That young professor became our founding advisor and staunchest supporter, Thaddeus Sampson, Dean of the Communications, Humanities, and

Arts Division.

The Alpha Nu Omega Chapter was “born” in March 1988. The names of the original ten members are listed on our Charter which hangs in the McCormick Library on the Harrisburg Campus. Since then 108 members have answered the call to serve as officers of this chapter. Five members have also run for regional office and one member has campaigned on the international level.

Other members have answered the call by volunteering with

committee projects and events, college commencement ceremonies and special requests, and in the community. Some of the non-profit organizations we have assisted are the American Foundation for Children with AIDS, American Cancer Society, Water Street Mission, Adams County Humane Society, Diabetes Foundation, York County Rail Trail Authority, and we have helped various environmental agencies.

How will *you* answer the call?

## Alpha Nu Omega Chapter Committees:

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Hallmark Committee	Position Open	<a href="mailto:anohallmark@gmail.com">anohallmark@gmail.com</a>
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*For details about each, or to sign up, log into [ptk.athacc.com](http://ptk.athacc.com) and click Committees/Projects at the top of the page.*

## WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN A COMMITTEE

Joining a committee or project is a great way to support your chapter. However, that is not the only reason you should participate.

One of the biggest benefits to joining any professional organization is simply having the opportunity to meet new people. When you get involved with others, outside of your current circle of influence, you

vastly increase your chances of being offered new opportunities.

Networking is an invaluable resource for students both in college and after graduation.

Another major benefit is developing leadership skills. The confidence and experience you will acquire from participating with committee events will take you far in

your career and in life.

A third but equally important benefit to joining is the opportunity to learn new skills. Although you have a lot to bring to a committee with your ideas and expertise, there is always something that you can learn from someone else.

## WHAT IS THE MISSION OF PHI THETA KAPPA?



You have been invited to be a Phi Theta Kappa member and have joined the Alpha Nu Omega Chapter, but what does this really mean?

Take time to reflect on the Mission of Phi Theta Kappa and how that relates to you personally.

*"The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. 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."*

Phi Theta Kappa's mission is two-fold: 1) recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and (2) provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and

fellowship programming.

These are great benefits but you may wonder how exactly how does one go about developing these skills? The answer is simple...by volunteering your time and talents.

Members are encouraged to volunteer in their community but that community also includes their school and chapter. Think about the ways you can be involved.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE HONORS IN ACTION PROGRAM, ATTEND YOUR CAMPUS OR CHAPTER MEETINGS.

## Constellation Completion Challenge

*"Where Stars Align to Complete a Region!"*

As members of your community and college, we challenge you as individuals and chapter members to make a difference this year and have the opportunity to be recognized for your accomplishments and

achievements at the 25th Middle States Regional Convention.

This year's regional officers have set the "Highest" of goals for the region at the International level. Only through your chapter and members' participation will we be able to achieve our goals.

Attend your campus meetings to discuss what our Chapter is doing for this project and how you can be a part of the process.

To see when your campus meetings are scheduled, simply log onto [ptk.athacc.com](http://ptk.athacc.com) and look at your campus calendar.

## NEW HACC LIBRARY RESOURCE: LIBGUIDES

Doing research for your classes just got a lot easier!

**LibGuides** is a content management and information sharing system that was purchased by HACC Libraries to provide research assistance and

useful resources to students. This system reduces the need for paper handouts and can be customized for individual classes. There are over 400 institutions worldwide that use LibGuides.

If you want to investigate LibGuides, go to the library homepage (<http://lib2.hacc.edu>). Click on "Guides and Tutorials," and then "Class Guides." You will then see a listing of Class Guides by campus.



## FAMOUS KAPPANS

Phi Theta Kappa has had many incredibly successful members over the years but a few in particular were also quite famous. In this newsletter, we will highlight two alumni who had this experience. We can only assume that their experiences in Phi Theta Kappa helped them to develop the leadership skills which they utilized so well.

**Jeanne Kirkpatrick** (1926-2006). Jeanne was an American ambassador and an ardent anticommunist. After serving as Ronald Reagan's foreign policy adviser in his 1980 campaign and later in his Cabinet, the longtime

Democrat-turned-Republican was nominated as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and became the first woman to hold this position. Kirkpatrick served on Reagan's Cabinet on the National Security Council, Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, Defense Policy Review Board, and chaired the Secretary of Defense Commission on Fail Safe and Risk reduction of the Nuclear Command and Control System. She is also a published author and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

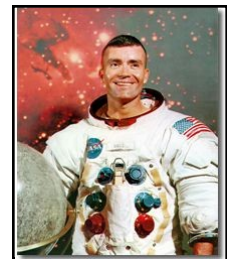
**Fred Haise** (born 1933). Fred is an engineer and

former NASA astronaut. He is one of only 24 people to have flown to the Moon as he was a pilot on the aborted Apollo 13 flight. Fred Haise was presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1970 by President Richard Nixon. He retired from NASA in June 1979, and became a manager with Grumman Aerospace, before retiring in 1996. In 1995, Haise was inducted into the Aerospace Walk of Honor.

More information can be found about both these and other famous Kappans easily on the Internet or by visiting your local library.



Jeanne Kirkpatrick



Fred Haise

## FIVE STAR COMPETITIVE EDGE

Sharpen your competitive edge for transfer, scholarships and job interviews by participating in Five Star Competitive Edge.

Program participation will help you strengthen highly sought-after skills such as communication, critical thinking, teambuilding and goal setting through hands-on leadership activities and online video courseware.

Members will build an online portfolio that will showcase their accomplishments in one convenient location that can be easily shared with scholarship providers, admissions officials and potential employers.

To participate or for more information, log onto <http://my.ptk.org> with your username and password provided via email when you

first became a member.

Participation is tracked by completing activities and posting written assignments (descriptions of leadership roles/activities, awards/honors received, a resume, etc.) to an online portfolio that can then be shared with others.



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**PHI THETA KAPPA**  
International Honor Society  
of the Two Year College

## COLLEGEFISH

CollegeFish.org is a compilation of tools and resources designed to assist you in planning for your future beyond the two-year college. Whether continuing your education at a four-year institution or entering the workforce, explore your opportunities at CollegeFish.org.

As populations at community colleges grow, easy and affordable access to transfer resources becomes critical. At CollegeFish.org, we bring together community college students, admission counselors, advisors, administrators and scholarship partners – all on one site.

We are here to encourage and support students as they prepare to transfer and

obtain a bachelor's degree. We offer college planning items such as matching community college students to colleges and universities, assisting with scholarship searches, providing direct access to four-year universities and even tracking admission and financial aid deadlines. Because this is a collaborative effort uniting two-year and four-year students and schools together, we aim to remove the confusion when navigating the transfer process.

The people behind CollegeFish.org have been assisting community colleges since 1918. Give us the opportunity to help you achieve your educational goals.

VISIT ANO AT  
[PTK.ATHACC.COM](http://PTK.ATHACC.COM)

## ANO WEBSITE - YOUR RESOURCE

One of the greatest resources available to Alpha Nu Omega members is the chapter's website. This can be found by simply typing [ptk.athacc.com](http://ptk.athacc.com) directly into the address bar at the top of any browser.

Some of the features of the website include organizational information, scholarships, past minutes from campus and chapter meetings, photos, information about the Honors Lecture Series, information from conferences, and awards and recognitions.

There are also many resources for members

including comprehensive calendars. On the main toolbar, click **Calendar** to see the full list of all posted events and opportunities at all HACC campuses and neighbors. If you would like to see what is going on at each campus individually, simply click **Campuses** and choose one.

Have you considered being more involved with the chapter as an officer, liaison, or committee chair? The descriptions and details of these offices can be found on the website also.

Another great resource found on the site is the **Service Points** area. Here

you can download a service point form and view commonly asked questions about what is considered acceptable service and how to claim your time served.

Are you wondering who your campus advisor or liaison is? How about who you should contact for the Arts Committee? Or do you have a question about our fundraiser and need to contact our Treasurer? You can get all contact information on our website too as well as joining our Bulletin Board where you can connect with other chapter members.

