

KAPPAN NEWS

Special points of interest:

- ⇒ Don't forget to turn in those service point forms! You can either submit them via electronically or by printed form. To access the service point form, please go to <http://ptk.athacc.com>
- ⇒ We are getting ready to enter the "Season of Giving" - while preparing for the end of the semester and the upcoming holiday season, don't forget to provide service to your chapter and to your college. You can do this by volunteering for a chapter committee or by helping out with commencement. Commencement is a great "preview" so that when you graduate, you know what to do! Please see a committee chair for more information about how to get involved.

Puppy Mills



Puppy Mill dog

Hundreds of thousands of dogs are raised in commercial kennels every year. The majority of commercial kennels treat their animals humanely and within the law. However, there are some kennels, commonly known as Puppy Mills, that do not follow the law and do not treat their animals humanely, but instead, as a commodity. Puppy Mills are distinguished by the inhumane conditions of the kennels and the over breeding of unhealthy and genetically defective dogs. Lancaster, Pennsylvania has the distinction of being known as the "Puppy Mill Capital of the United States" due to the number of Puppy Mills located in this area. However, there

are puppy mills located in Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. The Alpha Nu Omega Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa wanted to bring awareness of these kennels to our fellow students and to the community. We hope that with additional education, stronger laws can be passed and enforced that would make it harder for these kennels to continue to operate. Lancaster County Puppy Mills have a bigger impact than just on the dogs. This viewpoint is detrimental to those who provide services, tourism, local businesses, and individuals that share a love for dogs. We need to find out what is being done and what can be done in

legislation to make Lancaster - and other areas - a safe and happy place for both people and animals in our community.

How can you help? We will be sending out a survey. Please respond to the survey as soon as possible. After all research has been completed through learning more about this issue and then surveying students, lawmakers, and commercial kennel owners, we will need to write an essay. This essay will be submitted to the Middle States Region and to Phi Theta Kappa International to compete with other chapters. So, don't delay! Please respond to that survey!

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Complete to Compete

Did you know that 14 million people are enrolled in community colleges? Did you know that the United States has fallen from #1 to #12 among all industrialized nations in the number of students completing their degree or credential? Did you know that it costs federal, state, and local gov-

ernments nearly \$4 billion over five years when students drop out of community college? In order to compete in the workforce, you must have a degree or credential of some type. A known fact is if a student feels connected or involved while on campus, the

chance of that student receiving their degree is much higher than a student who is not involved. Our chapter was asked by our college president, Dr. Ski, to reach out to those students who "dropped out" of HACC. Our chapter worked with many areas at HACC to plan a two-



Founder's Day and Scholarships

Per Phi Theta Kappa's website, this organization can "trace its beginnings to a Society that originated with six charter members under the name of Kappa Phi Omicron at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, in 1910. The Society continued to grow and in the spring of 1918 was one of many honorary groups in Missouri." Phi Theta Kappa picked November 19, 1918 as its "official" founder's day and its birthday is celebrated in various ways every

year around the world. This year, the International Officers have announced an anonymous donor has provided a \$100,000 endowment to start a new scholarship entitled "Lifeline Completion Scholarship." The International Officers have asked each chapter to raise funds on Founder's Day to provide a "matching" endowment for this scholarship. This scholarship is being advertised to help students who are within 15 credits of completing their

degree or certification and had to stop their educational goals due to an "obstacle or barrier." Some of the examples that were provided were the devastating floods from hurricanes, the destruction caused by tornadoes, or the rampant fires due to extreme arid conditions. This is a great scholarship and one that fills a need within our organization. Keep watch for any fundraising notices!



Phi Theta Kappa plaque at Stephens College



Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters, Jackson, MS

Effective leadership is not about making speeches or being liked; leadership is defined by results not attributes.

- Peter Drucker

I've been inducted...now what?

Have you thought this since becoming inducted into the Alpha Nu Omega Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa? You aren't alone. Many new members find themselves at a loss of how to proceed with their membership in Phi Theta Kappa. The Phi Theta Kappa experience is personal. What do you expect to receive from Phi Theta Kappa? What do you want to accomplish with this member-

ship? It is entirely up to you. Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters ensures that you are provided the tools needed to become anything you want. Do you want to perform altruistic service? Get an internship with the White House? How about studying overseas? You can do all of this and more if you utilize your full membership in Phi Theta Kappa. It is not just doing community service, but

service to your chapter, to your college, but most of all, service to yourself. How do you do service to yourself? By becoming involved and learning. Once you have the skills, you will be unstoppable. Don't cheat yourself. Log into Competitive Edge, or get involved in another Phi Theta Kappa program and you will find out that the sky is **not** the limit!

Complete to Compete—continued

day event. The events will be held on the Harrisburg Campus on November 29th and on the Lancaster Campus on November 30th. We have invited those students back to HACC to discuss how they can complete their degrees. Once they have a degree or credential from HACC, they will be better situated to

compete in the workforce. Another way to compete in the workforce is to participate in Competitive Edge. Competitive Edge will provide you will necessary "soft skills" so that you will have a "competitive edge" against any competition. Whether it is to transfer to a four-year institution, to obtain

that internship you need, or when you are ready, to get hired for that job you have been training for. You are already working hard for a high GPA, why cheat yourself out of learning needed skills? Go to <http://my.ptk.org/edge> to begin.



Alpha Nu Omega Chapter of the
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

News Around the Chapter

Gettysburg

Gettysburg Campus members of Alpha Nu Omega hosted a "Ladies Night Out" on November 2nd from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at HACC-Gettysburg. A premiere shopping event was held to "kick off" the holiday shopping season. Vendors included: Silpada, Mary Kay, Partylite, ThirtyOne Gifts, Creative Memories, Gigi Hill Bags, Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, and many more! All proceeds were

donated to Survivors, Inc. and a new Gettysburg Campus Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship!

Prom Dress Sale

It's back! The sale will take place in March on the Gettysburg Campus with donations of formal and semi-formal gowns to take place in late January / early February. In addition to the dresses, Alpha Nu Omega-Gettysburg members arrange to have seamstresses, hair stylists

and make-up artists attend to help you become a glamorous woman. In addition to dresses, past donations have included fashion accessories. Plan to attend if you need an inexpensive, lovely gown for a future event. All dresses will be sold for \$20 and all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

Harrisburg

Harrisburg Campus is looking for members to get involved. Please come to a campus meeting to learn about exciting programs and share your suggestions for fellowship and service. Check the Harrisburg Campus page on our website for information about meeting times, places, and events.

fellow members and have a great time. A fundraiser is planned during Founder's Week to raise funds for the Lifeline Completion Scholarship. A formal reception is being planned to take place at the end of March to welcome and celebrate the new campus members.

Lebanon

Lebanon Campus successfully celebrated October with four horror movies and discussions. The talks took place before the

movie and addressed gender issues and gender related violence. The movies that were shown were Psycho, Halloween, Poltergeist, and Silence of the Lambs. Lebanon Campus members sold tickets to watch Silence of the Lambs at the Allen Theater in Annville. The proceeds were donated to Sexual Assault Resource and Counseling Center (SARCC). On November 21st and 22nd, Lebanon Campus members will be selling chili and baked goods. They are raising funds for the

Lebanon Humane Society. If you find yourself on campus those two days, please stop by the Phi Theta Kappa table and purchase something! Rumor holds that Dr. Stumphy is making his (in)famous vegetarian chili! Lebanon Campus members have a lot of exciting events planned for the spring semester – keep your eyes open for announcements!

Lancaster

Lancaster Campus is planning a fellowship event in December. Please plan to attend to meet

Wear a red ribbon on
December 1st to show your
support of World AIDS Day



York

York Campus members designed a chapter t-shirt to show their support and pride in Alpha Nu Omega. If you are from the York Campus and haven't ordered your t-shirt yet, please see Mrs. Collamer!

York Campus members celebrated Founder's Day on November 17th (2 days early!)

by giving out cupcakes. You had to wear your new Alpha Nu Omega t-shirt to get one!

Midnight Madness: was held on November 11th from 6:00 p.m. to Midnight. Proceeds will be donated to the American Foundation for Children with AIDS (AFCA). All attendees must donate \$25. This event was open to everyone. Rumor is that

at last year's event, attendees were having so much fun that they created the chapter's new cheer! What did they come up with this year?

On December 1st, York Campus members are encouraged to "Wear Red" in support of World AIDS Day.

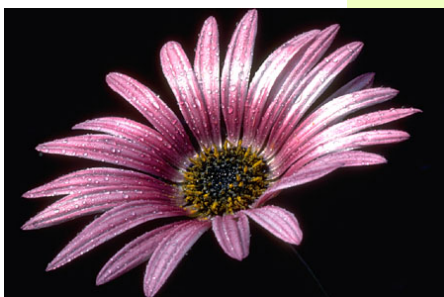
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society - Alpha Nu Omega Chapter



We're on the Web!
<http://ptk.athacc.com>

This key is the emblem of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. It consists of a golden field, which refers to the golden opportunities that abound on every hand for society members to evidence their culture and perform good works. The black band represents the three ideals that band us together: **true wisdom, aspiration** and **purity**. The wreath of oak leaves stand for stability and strength of character. The curling leaves of the Laurel signify achievement and success. The combined components of our key symbolize attributes for membership in this society. The common ideal for Phi Theta Kappans is the light of knowledge and learning.

Committee Chairs needed!



We are in need of two committee chairs. The Photography Committee and the Website Committee desperately need your help. Along with the benefit of adding this leadership position to your resume, you also automatically receive 10 service points per semester - in addition to any "work" you perform! The Photography Committee Chair is responsible for obtaining photographers for campus and chapter events or being the photographer at those events. You will upload those pictures to our

online photo album and provide the pictures to our Yearbook Committee Chair. No experience is necessary, however, your own camera equipment is necessary. The Website Committee Chair is responsible for maintaining and updating our chapter website. Our website is multi-award winning and we would love to continue that tradition. Unfortunately, our current Chair is in clinicals and cannot continue. Extensive website programming (html) knowledge is not required. The Website

Committee Chair has the option of soliciting the membership for assistance with these duties. So, if you have an interest in photography or if you are a web geek at heart, please contact our PR Secretary, Susan Lyddy, at ano-prsec@gmail.com to inquire. All necessary training will be provided to anyone who volunteers.