

KAPPAN NEWS

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FROM YOUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Phi Theta Kappans,

Welcome to the Fall 2010 semester at HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College. I hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer, and you are ready for the excitement of this upcoming year. The Chapter officers, campus liaisons, advisors and I have been busy over the summer attending the Regional and International Honors Institutes, and planning what activities we should be continuing, which ones we would like to discard, and which ones we would like to start. We believe we have planned a great balance of scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service activities to reflect our four Hallmarks.

I hope to see you all participating in at least one of the service opportunities. Your

service means so much to so many people. Quite often, you can even do the service in your own home and you do not need to travel to one of our campuses or another location to complete the service. So, please do not be shy about volunteering.

I want to encourage you to also volunteer with Chapter committees and College ceremonies. The Chapter and College depend upon you to implement various events and ceremonies. If we do not have enough volunteers, then those events and ceremonies may not happen. We absolutely need *your* help this year to complete everything at the level of reliability and reputation that Alpha Nu Omega has received. As Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

I wish to thank everyone for your continued support and confidence in me as your Chapter President. I am indeed honored to serve a third term and look forward to not only the Chapter's growth this year, but also your growth and mine. It is definitely true that you get out of something what you put into it. I have invested a lot of my time and effort since becoming an officer and have indeed grown – not only as a leader, but as a person.

Take care and I hope to see every one of you at our first general meeting on Sunday, August 29th at 2:00 p.m. and at a future event this year. I know that together, we can absolutely make a difference! Good luck with your studies!

Susan Lyddy



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Chapter President

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CONGRATULATIONS 2010-2011 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Officers

Susan Lyddy, Chapter President

Michelle Gandy, Executive Vice President

Michael Shoemaker, Vice President of Programs

Christine Barnes, Interim Vice President of Operations

Tracy Nagy, Recording Secretary

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Hannah Frisbie, Treasurer

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Carrie Davis, York Co-Liaison

James Shearer, York Co-Liaison

If you would like to contact an officer, liaison, or advisor, simply go to our website, ptk.athacc.com, and click on Contacts at the top of the page.

GET TO KNOW YOUR CHAPTER'S OFFICERS



In this issue, we would like to give a warm welcome to our new Recording Secretary, Tracy Nagy.

Tracy is a non-traditional student who has worked as an LPN since 1986, and started her nursing major at HACC in 2007.

She has been married for 22 years to her husband Mike and has two wonderful daughters and a Doberman named Lady. She enjoys learning/reading, traveling, working

on her house, gardening, and cars/motorcycles. She likes to travel and visited Kenya in 1991, for 3 months.

In her own words: "I wear my faith on my sleeve, which is why I enjoy Phi Theta Kappa so much! Being involved over the past year has given me opportunities to grow as a person and get to know others through fellowship – International Convention was a blast!

Although studies come first, my heart is in my family – my grown

daughters and my husband, without them I could not do any of this.

I look forward to meeting more Phi Theta Kappa members, without you we cannot be the best WE can be! We really need all of you to stay involved!"

Alpha Nu Omega Chapter Committees:

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*For details about each, or to sign up, log into **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 being in the committee 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 hon-

ors, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

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

Members are encouraged to volunteer for 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 CHAPTER MEETINGS.

JUXTAPOSITION OF THOUGHT, THEORY AND TRUTH

Juxtaposition of Thought, Theory and Truth is the title of the 2010-2011 Middle States Regional Honors in Action Program. This program was created by the 2010-2011 Middle States Regional Officer Team to explore Phi Theta Kappa's 2010-2011 Honors Study Topic, The Democratization of Information:

Power, Peril, and Promise.

Simply put, "Honors in Action" means that scholars are engaging with their communities using the Phi Theta Kappa Hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Fellowship to research the many and varied issues affecting the world we live in as they

relate to the Honors Study Topic.

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 and look at the 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 pass-

word 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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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** 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 includ-

ing 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. Stay tuned, in the future, this will also allow you to electronically submit your points, another way Phi Theta Kappa is changing to be more "eco-friendly."

