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SCHOLARSHIP LEADERSHIP SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY OMICRON BETA NEWSLETTER

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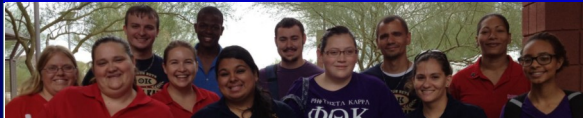
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A WORD FROM YOUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Well, it is hard to believe that we are at the beginning of the Fall semester. This has been a very productive summer for the Phi Theta Kappa Omicron Beta Executive Board. The team has been working diligently on our Honors in Action and College Project, and it is exciting to see the teams' goals starting to come to fruition. I feel honored to be serving as President to an amazing team of people who have put Phi Theta Kappa above a true summer vacation. This is going to be an amazing year, and I look forward to having all members return and become engaged in celebrating our Hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Fellowship. If you have further questions feel free to contact at Ryan McConnaughy at dc3mac1979@gmail.com

HERE IS A LOOK AT OUR NEW 2013-2014 OFFICERS



We look forward to meeting everyone!

Please feel free to contact us at any time!

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| President: | Ryan McConnaughy |
| Vice President of S&D: | Dawn Brodek |
| Vice President of Red Mountain: | Michelle Kemeny |
| Honors in Action Officer: | John Buck |
| College Project Officer: | Alisha Brown |
| Finance Officer: | Manny Banda |
| Public Relations Officer: | Valerie Le Grande |
| Executive Board Secretary: | Karina Aguilar |
| Chapter Programs Officer: | Shawn Bauer |
| Membership Recruitment Officer: | April Kunke |
| Community and Service Events Officer: | Jonathan Talos |
| Campus Events Officer of Southern and Dobson: | Jedediah Warneke |
| Campus Events Officer of Red Mountain: | Jesse Castro |
| Operations Officer of Red Mountain: | Lyndsey Dezentje |
| Alumni Relations Officer: | Heather Smyth |

UPCOMING MEETINGS

We have some special orientation meetings set up to learn about Phi Theta Kappa . We will be introducing what the Omicron Beta Chapter is .

- At Southern and Dobson they will be held in NU 101 on Tuesday September 17 at 3:30pm, and Thursday September 19 at 1:30pm and 6:00pm (Free snacks provided)
- At the Red Mountain Campus they will be held in M200 on Wednesday September 18 at 2:00pm and 5:00pm (Free snacks provided)

All General Chapter meetings:

- At Southern and Dobson: Thursdays 1:30pm — 3:00pm in Room NU 101
- At Red Mountain: Wednesdays 2:00pm — 3:30 pm-in Room M200

HONORS IN ACTION

Honors in Action is an extensive research project that uses the Honors Study Topic in order to research, identify, and solve an issue within the community, both large and small. Phi Theta Kappa creates the Honors Study Topic every two years in order to create a relevant and important topic that is affecting the world at large.

The Omicron Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has decided to focus on finding a need in the community based on education. The overarching question for the educational theme is, "What is the relationship between competition and education?"

The chapter has decided to approach this question by understanding how students compete for social status, and if this competition for labeling is a positive or negative factor affecting their educational performance. In order to answer this question, the chapter will be looking to get information from professionals in the field, schools, and other empirical data to find out who would best benefit from our help.

If you would like to be on the HiA committee please join us every Tuesday from 3:30-5:00pm. If you have further questions about HIA feel free to contact John Buck at JOH2241192@maricopa.edu or visit the webpage at ptk.org/honors.

COLLEGE PROJECT

Our College Project committee has collaborated with six different administrators, many of whom have dedicated themselves to helping to facilitate our College Project. We have worked closely with Jerry Jerome, Educational Development from Foundations for Student Success. As well as, Melissa Carpenter, the Project Director of Foundation for Student Success and head of the administration for the Title III grant.

The Title III grant is used to promote the success of students in various Reading, English and Math courses. We have decided to assist Mesa Community College to successfully integrate the grant. Research has shown that student connection leads to a greater chance of success. We will be working directly with students in Math 092 in order help to them succeed. Our members have dedicated themselves to becoming advocates for connecting math students to the college. In order to become qualified as coaches, we have received training in techniques that math students can use to thrive in their classes.

We will be teaching newly evolved math skills to help the students incorporate in their class. These include test taking strategies, stress techniques, and concepts that have been proven to help students perform better on test and in class. The committee will be attending the math classes with the students. We will also be forming groups with them outside of their class to provide a safe, confident environment for all.

If you would like to be on the College Project committee please join us every Thursday from 3:30-5:00pm. If you have any further questions about College Project, please feel free to contact Alisha Brown at ali2162337@maricopa.edu



SCHOLARSHIPS

- ◇ NAU Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship Due: Ongoing
- ◇ Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarship (\$500): Application dates:
Ongoing
- ◇ Fast Tracking the Dream (No Essay Up to \$3,000): Application date:
Ongoing; Currently there is a waitlist.
- ◇ Frank Lanza Memorial Healthcare Scholarship (\$2,500) Application dates:
February 3 - April 30
- ◇ Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise \$1,000 Application Dates:
February 3-April 30
- ◇ GEICO Business Student \$1,000 Application Dates: February 3 -April 30
- ◇ Richard L. Resurreccion Public Safety \$1,000 Application Dates:
February 3 - April 30
- ◇ Hites Transfer Scholarship (\$7,500) Application Dates:
October 1 - December 2
- ◇ Guistwhite Scholarships (\$5,000) Application Dates: October 1 - December 2
- ◇ The Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarships \$30,000 Application
Date: Still to be Determined



COMMIT TO COMPLETE

Be sure to stop by the wall this year and sign your name to the wall.

- * Students sign the C4 wall to signify that they will complete their community college education.
- * Faculty can sign the C4 wall to signify that they will help their students understand the benefits of graduating and encourage

Commit to complete your community college degree before you transfer and add to your future.



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Red Mountain

- ◆ Campus Events Officer of Red Mountain
- ◆ College Project Red Mountain Coordinator
- ◆ Honors in Action Red Mountain Coordinator
- ◆ Red Mountain Publicists

Works with both Campuses

- ◆ Historian/Yearbook
- ◆ Alumni Relations Networking Coordinator
- ◆ Alumni Relations Special Events Coordinator
- ◆ Alumni Relations Fund-Raising Coordinator

Phi Theta Kappa Serves

This Month's Campus/Community Events

Welcome Week
Aug 19 – Aug 23
7am-7:30pm
Both campuses
In the courtyard

Backyard BBQ
August 28, 2013
12pm-2pm
On S&D Campus
In the courtyard

Community Engagement Expo
September 4,5
9am-4pm
White Tent

MCC Meet and Greet Club Fest
September 4,5, 2013
9am-1pm
Red Mountain S169

MCC Meet and Greet Club Carnival
September 11, 2013
10am-2pm



**Contact Center for
Service-Learning**

**Southern & Dobson
Lower Level of the
Clock Tower**

P: 480-461-7393
F: 480-461-7114

**Red Mountain
Building: Palo Verde**
P: 480-654-7821
F: 480-654-7372



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We're on the Web!



A WORD FROM YOUR ADVISORS

We would like to welcome you to the Phi Theta Kappa Omicron Beta Chapter. It is the Honor Society for two year community colleges. Our organization encourages academic achievement, opportunities for leadership development, and increases individual growth. Our award winning chapter has proudly served both on campus and out in our community through projects and events such as: Special Olympics, Relay for Life, and many others. We challenge you to become actively involved in the Number 2 chapter in the world! This will make a positive change for yourself, your campus, and your community.

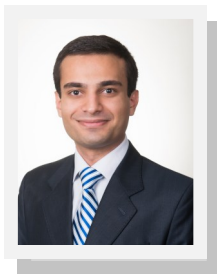
I am excited to welcome two new faculty to our Advisor Team and look forward to working with, Dr. Shereen Lerner and Dr. Amy Leer as we all support our students. We hope to see you at our upcoming meetings and look forward to serving with you!



Duane Oakes
Lead Faculty Advisor

Duane Oakes, Dr. Scott Russell, Dr. Shreen Learner, Dawn Rhodes, Christin Franco, Monica Pirshafiey, Vickie Gallegos, and Dr Ed Lipinski (Red Mountain) and Dr. Amy Leer (Red Mountain)

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT



Mesa Community College student, Sahba Zaare is one of the ten two-year college students who has been named recipients of the 2013 Phi Theta Kappa Hites Transfer Scholarship. He is the first MCC student to be selected as a Hites Scholar! Sahba Zaare will receive a \$7,500 scholarship and a medallion from Phi Theta Kappa.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

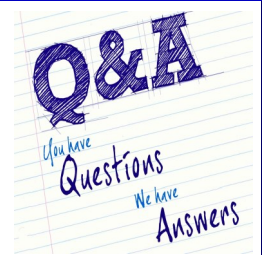
Q; Can I be part of Phi Theta Kappa if I am not a member?

A: Absolutely! This year we are offering a discount on the one time fee on membership fee just for participating even before you are eligible for membership.

Q; How involved do I have to be?

A: You can be involved in as little or as much as you like to be. Enhanced Membership is for those members who want to be informed about chapter activities and want to be active. The Enhanced Membership program encourages and rewards member participation in chapter activities.

Have questions? Please don't hesitate to email: val2143237@maricopa.edu



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