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# PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY OMICRON BETA NEWSLETTER

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## OMICRON BETA ALUMNI CHAPTER CHARTERING

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Welcome Home Alumni!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 5, 2013 4:00pm-7:00pm.

On October 5th, Omicron Beta will be chartering a brand new Alumni Chapter during MCC's Homecoming Event. It will be located in the Big White Tent at MCC's Southern and Dobson campus. We will be hosting an Induction Ceremony and Reception for Phi Theta Kappa Alumni, past Advisors, and their families. After the reception, our esteemed colleagues will be honored on the football just before kick-off. Just don't forget to stay for the Big Game against Phoenix College.



Jennifer Blalock will be attending as our special guest from Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters in Jackson, Mississippi. Jennifer is the Chief Student Support Officer of Phi Theta Kappa and it is a great honor to have her in attendance for the chartering of the new Alumni Chapter.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Alumni Induction and Reception, please contact our Alumni Relations Officer, Heather Smyth at [hea2157125@maricopa.edu](mailto:hea2157125@maricopa.edu).



## COCA-COLA LEADERS OF PROMISE RECIPIENTS

The purpose of the Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship program is to provide new Phi Theta Kappa members with financial resources to help defray educational expenses while enrolled in a two-year college. Karina Aguilar and Jovani Hernandez each received \$1,000.



Students who apply for Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship that are declared business majors may apply for a GEICO Business Student Scholarship. The two top scoring Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise applicants who are declared business majors will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Valerie Le Grande was declared the first ever MCC Student to receive the GEICO Business Student Scholar.

## GENERAL CHAPTER MEETING

All General Chapter meetings:

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



## HONORS IN ACTION



Honors in Action has made some huge changes to our path this month. After discussing with community partners and clubs on campus at the Community Engagement Expo and Meet and Greet Event, the Honors in Action committee has decided to switch from the topic of bullying to human trafficking.

Living in Arizona gives us a Unique opportunity to explore this topic, as we are one of the top states in the US for human trafficking. This allows us to raise awareness of this issue and work closely with a wide range of community partners. The

Honor Study Guide theme for this project will be under the question of Economy: “How does competition shape economics?”

The Honors in Action committee meets every Tuesday at 3:30—5:00pm at room AS193. If you would like to come and get more information about the Honors in Action endeavor and help us complete our project, come and get involved! 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.

### Contact Center for Service-Learning

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We're on the Web!



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## COLLEGE PROJECT

After seeking out administration and faculty to find the need on our campus that beckoned the most, our team found it: Developmental Math. We were approached by Melissa Carpenter from the Foundation of Student Success with the grim statistic reported from last semester: fifty-three percent failure rate among first-time MAT 092 students. Our chapter's College Project is called Peer Advocates for Student: Success Math, a peer-based program that connects students in higher level math classes to students in developmental math classes, with the aim to improve retention and success rates within those classes. This summer, the College Project Committee dedicated itself to hours of training on the content of 'Winning at Math' by Dr. Paul Nolting. The textbook gives tactical advice on studying, test-taking, and managing one's time. Last month, we recruited eighteen Peer Advocates—nine at Red Mountain and nine at the Southern and Dobson campus. This month we will hold training sessions for those new to the team and start heading into classes here at Southern and Dobson. We will also begin holding workshops that will be open to all Mesa Community College students on the various techniques we've learned this summer.

On the part of the entire Executive Board, thank you to all the new Phi Theta Kappans who are stepping up. Omicron Beta wouldn't be a chapter without you! Also, a shout out to our team at Red Mountain, whom are already integrating themselves into math classes, and making a difference!

If you would like to be on the College Project Committee, please join us every Thursday from 3:30-5:00pm in room AS193. If you have any further questions about College Project, please feel free to contact Alisha Brown

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

We have several Coordinating Positions open that we are looking to fill. This is a great way to get involved and we can work within your schedule. Please stop on by the Center for Service Learning office and pick up your application today!

## SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLY  
NOW!

- ◇ The Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarships \$30,000  
Application Dates: Now Open
- ◇ Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarship (\$500): Application dates: Opens October 1
- ◇ Hites Transfer Scholarship (\$7,500) Application Dates:  
Opens October 1 - December 2
- ◇ Guistwhite Scholarships (\$5,000) Application Dates:  
Opens October 1 - December 2
- ◇ Fast Tracking the Dream (“No Essay” Up to \$3,000): Application date:



## COMMIT TO COMPLETE



We now have over 100+ signatures and counting! Be sure to stop by the wall this year and sign your name to the wall.

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



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## A WORD FROM YOUR ADVISORS



Have you ever wanted to thank a faculty or staff member at Mesa Community College for making a positive influence on your education or personal life? *Here is your chance!* Consider nominating him or her as a Phi Theta Kappa Omicron Beta Chapter Mentor. The person you nominate will be invited to the Fall 2013 Induction Ceremony, and will receive a certificate and lapel pin to acknowledge their outstanding leadership.

**Note:** Nominating a Mentor is an added benefit reserved only for new members and officers of the ΦΘΚ Omicron Beta Chapter. Only one nomination will be allowed per new member or officer.

Please visit the Center for Service-Learning, located in the lower-level of the Kirk Student Center, for the Mentor form and instructions on how to submit your nomination.

### Advisors

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)

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This Month's  
Campus/Community  
Events

Homecoming Event  
October 5  
4:00pm-7:00pm  
White tent

