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Stark State College Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society



From the President

BY: JENNIFER HENSLEY

Greetings fellow Phi Theta Kappans,

As we embark on a new year and new semesters ahead, I wanted to reflect on a few things that I have learned along the way. Throughout the past year we have continued to meet virtually and deal with all that the pandemic has challenged us with. We started with a group of officers and have cycled through a few more. At this juncture this includes myself. I was hoping to share this in person/via Zoom, but as life would have it, we will have to resort to this announcement. It is with excitement and sadness that I share the news that once we start this new semester, I will no longer be your President. I took an opportunity to graduate early and did so in PTK style. For those who did not know, I was a Transient student here at Stark. I previously obtained my two-year degree from Stark State in Business Management and while working on my four-year degree you can attend a local community college at the same time to have cheaper tuition. I have completed my B.S. double major in Management and Leadership/Business Administration with a 4.00 GPA. I say this to let you know, never stop working towards your goals and dreams. Never let someone say your idea is too silly or make you feel bad. This just means you are in the wrong place with the wrong people. This was something that Franklin University shared through different speakers on my graduation day, and I cannot be more thrilled to be associated with such a wonderful organization.



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From the President (con't)

PTK will always have a special place in my heart as it allowed me to challenge myself. Time flies, and in a blink of an eye, all of you will be graduating and moving on to your next adventures soon enough. Please take the opportunities that PTK provides to get involved, learn, and expand your network. Attending different conferences will allow you to meet some of the great people throughout the organization. I cannot say enough great things about not only PTK but our local chapter. I know it has not been easy over the past year, but here we are, we did it, and it was rewarding. Make sure you take every opportunity to apply for scholarships!! Encourage each other through each hurdle and get those new members involved right away!! Thank you for your endless support over this past year, again I know it was a rollercoaster ride but YOU ALL ROCK!! Dave and Shari, you are the glue that keeps us together here at Beta Gamma Epsilon!! Thank you for your countless contributions, guidance, leadership, and mentorship. We have the best Chapter hands down!

I would like to thank Tammy Monroe for heading up our Box-up Books initiative and Ella George for spear-heading our Giving Tree College Project. A special thanks to Brett Tipton for tackling our HIA Project! The officer team here in our local Chapter has been amazing and I cannot thank you enough. Again, Dave and Shari thank you so much for all that you do to make us so great! Kappans, please know that as you move on to the next set of goals within PTK that you have support along the way. If you are interested in helping on any future projects, please reach out to Dave Sigmund or Shari Brooks for more details.

In closing, thank you again for all your contributions and I wish you all the best. Do not be afraid to take risks or challenge yourself. This is not a practice round, you only get one go at this life, so make it big. Take it from someone who knows, you will have setbacks along the way, but just dust yourself off and keep moving forward. Let life guide you into your purpose and make an incredible change and positive impacts wherever you go.

Keep climbing!!

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The top of one mountain is always the bottom of another.
Marianne Williamson - Spiritual Teacher

INSIGHT OF THE DAY





From the Webmaster

Hello Phi Theta Kappa readers. My name is Joshua I am the web master for Phi Theta Kappa's Beta Gamma Epsilon and I want to talk about my experience going to the Ohio regional conference in Wilmington college. I got the opportunity to sign up for the Wilmington college regional conference late last year. It was well worth the 3 hours of traveling to southern Ohio and the waiting for the event to start because I grew as a person from this experience. When you go to a regional conference it feels much more professional and serious then any event that I can think of I have been to. At the same time we did games that were both fun and helped me develop critical thinking skills that I would never learn in my highschool or normal college classes. People got the opportunity to speak in front of a large crowd who may have never spoken to so many people before and developed skills they can use later in life.

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JOSHUA CREWES

Word from the Editor

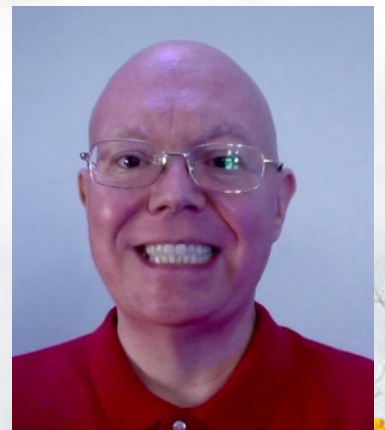
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BRETT TIPTON





Honors In Action

We successfully completed our Honors in Action project for 2021. We looked into vaccine mandates in schools. Let me share a quote from our project that sums up our findings:

“There is a strong case to be made that mandating children to become vaccinated to attend school protects the public. There is also a strong case that the individual has sovereignty over the body. Since both sides have a valid argument, there is a need to educate and discuss the issues and come up with policy that balances both perspectives. The biggest question in our minds is whether that is possible in our current divisive political climate.”

We should soon start working on our 2022 project. At least according to what I’ve been hearing, it sounds like it may be an interesting one.

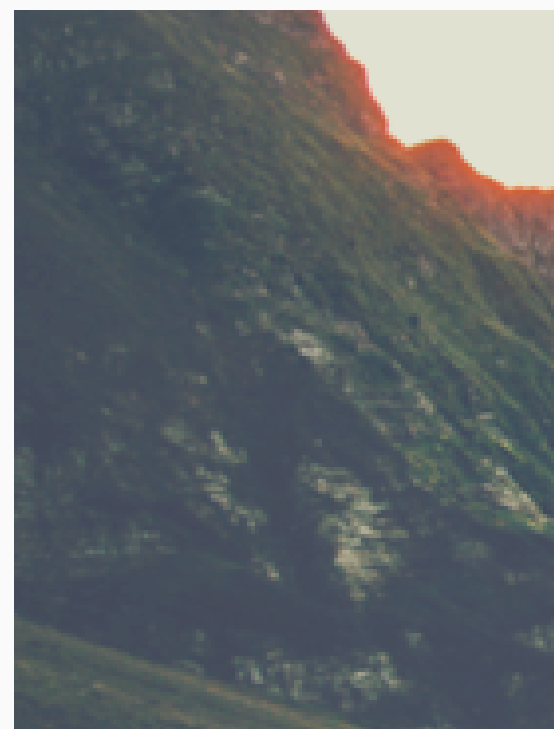
College Project

Many of you were involved in with the College Project. Let me share with you a brief description of what we did from the college project application form:

“A small percentage of Stark State students are experiencing homelessness and the effects of the pandemic. A significant percentage of Stark State students deal with food insecurities on a daily basis, resulting in not knowing where their next meal is going to come from. Taking these factors into consideration, we wanted to help get information out to the general student population regarding the resources available on campus and help them navigate the process of obtaining assistance for these food insecurities. It was decided that the main project we would tackle would be the Mitten Tree this year. Based on last year’s meeting with advisors Shari Brooks and Dave Sigmund we decided to continue with last year’s following goals. Our first goal was to educate students on food insecurity and eliminate the stigmas associated with needing help from food pantries. The second goal was to generate more awareness about the resources available to students. The third goal was to generate an increased usage of the school’s cupboard Spartan’s Cupboard. Our fourth goal was to work directly with the advisors and the members of the counseling office regarding the food pantry. Our final goal was to continue and improve the ongoing project from last year.”

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A word from our Advisor

Greetings Beta Gamma Epsilon,

I want to start by saying that I am happy to see a new Bugle finally being published! Thank you, Brett!

This has been a rough two years and we are still not out of the woods. The pandemic can't last forever, but I did read that we will never be without Covid. Even though we will eventually beat it, Covid will always be around. OK, enough with the downer stuff!

I am happy to say that the chapter now has a third advisor, Dr. Angela Adkins! Her primary focus will be to oversee the Honors in Action project. Her background and expertise are perfect for that role, and I see great things ahead. She is excited to get started!

Shari, Angela, and I are looking forward to a fresh start this spring. We have a new Honors Study Topic in which I am very excited! "The Art and Science of Play." It consists of seven Themes, and I cannot wait to share them with the chapter!

We are also looking forward to the Ohio Region Awards Convention being held at Clark State College in Springfield, OH, March 4-5, 2022. This will be the 35th Anniversary celebration for the Ohio Region and Clark State College and the regional officer team are pulling out all the stops. Many former advisors, alumni, and past regional officers have already committed to attend. One keynote speaker will be Justin Oberndorf. His parents are the benefactors of the Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarship. We are working on a second keynote but that won't be announced until the individual commits. Cost information and registration will be forthcoming soon.

Along with the beginning of a new year, the chapter will be nominating new officers in February and elections will take place in March. Consider running for office, even if you are new. A chapter officer position is the best way to learn about Phi Theta Kappa, develop leadership skills, and there is support so you are not out on a limb.

Lastly, I would like to say to the new members of Phi Theta Kappa, welcome to the honor society. With leadership opportunities, scholarship opportunities, and just plain old Fellowship, you made the right choice!

Stay safe and stay warm!

Dave

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DAVE SIGMUND





Announcements

The Ohio Region Awards Convention will be held on March 4-5, 2022 at Clark State College in Springfield, OH. It is also a celebration of the 35th Anniversary of the Ohio Region founded in 1987 with only 16 chapters. Today we are 40 chapters strong, 38 in Ohio and two located in West Virginia. Therefore, Phi Theta Kappa Regions are not contained within a state but by designated area.

The Convention will host Justin Oberndorf, who is a former award-winning teacher and is now a life coach for young adults. His parents, Louis and Rosemary Oberndorf, established the Phi Theta Kappa International Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarship for students in need. We are also working on a second keynote speaker, but we cannot say as they are yet to commit.

Past advisors, regional officers, and alumni have been invited to come and celebrate. There will be presentations about the Region and also a panel where accomplished Phi Theta Kappans will be asked questions about their experiences. Cost and registration are yet to be announced.

In addition, Phi Theta Kappa Catalyst 2022 will be held April 7-9, 2022 at the Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center | Denver, Colorado. This will be the first time in three-years that we will be meeting face-to-face! An exciting time!

Calendar of Events:

Spring 2022 Chapter Meetings- 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3pm (Feb 11 @ 3pm)

Formal Induction Ceremony – TBA

Campus Wide Spring Fling – April 27 – 11:00am-3:00pm – Courtyard

May 22 – Graduation, Canton Civic Center – 2:00pm

Conventions

March 4-5, 2022 – Ohio Region Awards Convention – Clark State College – Springfield, OH

April 7-9, 2022 – Phi Theta Kappa Catalyst – Gaylord Rockies – Aurora, CO



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