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BETA GAMMA EPSILON CHAPTER



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## PHI THETA KAPPA *Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter*

### Upcoming Events:

- February 18th— Chapter meeting, noon Saturday 12:00 pm—G108
- March 17-18th— Regional Awards Convention— North Central State Community College
- March 25— Chapter meeting, noon Saturday 12:00 pm—G108
- April 6-8th— Annual Convention in Nashville, Tennessee
- April 29th— Chapter meeting, noon Saturday 12:00 pm—G108
- April 30th— Formal Induction Ceremony 2:00 pm—M100-101
- May 4th— Campus-Wide Spring Fling 11:00 am—3:00 pm
- May 21th— Graduation, Canton Civic Center 2:00 pm
- June 3rd — Relay for Life 10 am-10 pm

Victoria Allen

Chapter Newsletter Editor

**Congratulations to All  
Graduates!!**

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Congratulations to Krystal Nash and Victoria Allen for their nomination to the All-Ohio Academic Team.



## ADVISOR'S CORNER



### From Cherie Barth

Congratulations to our new Fall 2016 members who accepted their invitation to become a part of the Beta Gamma Epsilon chapter! Also, congratulations to the officer team and all the chapter members – we achieved our Five Star status once again. With a sound set of goals and the participation by each and every one of you, we will receive this very special honor again this year.

The fall semester was packed full of scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship activities/events. We are off to a great start in 2017 - our chapter Hallmarks for individuals and the Honors in Action and College Projects have been submitted for awards. We are now waiting to hear back from the Region and International on our chapter's entries. We have so much to be proud of in all that we have accomplished and the lives we have impacted over that last several months (Relay for Life, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, New Beginnings Transitional Housing – see pictures in this issue).

To our Fall Phi Theta Kappa graduates – *Congratulations* and don't be a stranger to the chapter. You are always welcome to participate in our events/activities and continue to attend our meetings. You can also become a member of Alpha of Ohio, the Ohio Region's Alumni Association. <http://www.ohioptk.org/alumni.html>.

We have kicked off our Spring new member enrollment period. 507 students have been invited to join our fantastic Honor Society. If you see or hear of a potential member, please invite them to join! As you know, they won't regret joining the best student organization on our campus!!

There are still plenty of great 'happenings' scheduled for this semester for all to be involved. One important item is the election of our 2017-18 chapter officers. Being a chapter officer is truly a rewarding experience. Please take a moment to read Dave Sigmund's article and review the officer duties. We will be taking nominations at our February meeting. As for the other activities/events, we will make sure to keep you up to date on what is going on through ANGEL, our chapter website and Facebook page, as well as this great newsletter.

Take care and have a great semester. As always, thank you for your involvement!



## PHI THETA KAPPA LICENSE PLATES!



### From Dave Sigmund

Greetings Beta Gamma Epsilon,

As you may or may not know, The Ohio Phi Theta Kappa specialty license plate has gone on sale as of June 8, 2015. The license plate costs \$35.00 more than your regular set of plates and \$25.00 of that money goes to the Ohio Region "Commit to Complete Scholarship." To get your plate, I have listed the information below:

The plate can be purchased for any private vehicle excluding motorcycles. If you wish to purchase the plate, all you have to do is go to your local BVM. This can be done at the time of your birthday or sooner if you do not want to wait. To get the plate mid-year, just tell the BMV that you desire the Phi Theta Kappa plate and they will assist you. You will have to pay the additional \$35.00 plus a \$15.00 one-time fee to get a new set of plates. The \$15.00 is the normal fee anytime you want to replace an old set. You will then receive a temporary tag until your new plates come in the mail; about a week. If you wish to buy the plate online at the time of your birthday (not trading in) go to [www.oplates.com](http://www.oplates.com) and follow these instructions:

Click on special plate availability

Check passenger car and hit "continue"

Scroll down until you see the Phi Theta Kappa plate and select it

Click "continue"

Select the option from the specialty plate availability (stock plate number or specialty) and hit "continue"

Finish the check-out procedure

Enjoy your new Phi Theta Kappa license plates!

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at: [dsigmund0108@starkstate.net](mailto:dsigmund0108@starkstate.net).



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



From Krystal Nash

Greetings fellow Phi Theta Kappans!

I hope everyone had an excellent beginning of the new semester. Many things happened between the end of 2016 and the beginning of 2017, so let's catch up a bit. Many thanks go out to all of the individuals who helped out, bought gifts, or donated food for our annual Christmas Party for the residents of New Beginnings. The party was a huge success and a wonderful time was had by everyone. The chapter received a lovely thank you note from New Beginnings thanking us for our involvement.

Hallmark Season came to a close last week. The chapter officers, Cherie, and Dave were able to complete our Honors in Action Project and College Project entries and get them submitted. Thank you again to everyone who participated in either of these projects this fall in any way, whether you helped with research, moderated one of the Table Top Discussions, or participated in some other way. We couldn't have done it without the support of our chapter.

It's the beginning of a new year, which means we're headed for a busy Phi Theta Kappa season. Nominations for 2017-2018 chapter officers opened last meeting, and will remain open until the March meeting where we will hold elections. Serving as a chapter officer is a rewarding experience that can help you grow as a leader exponentially, and it is a great way to give back to the chapter. If you have any questions about running for office or what an office entails, please feel free to contact any of the chapter officers if you have any questions.

March also brings the Ohio Region Awards Convention, our biggest regional convention. This year's convention is even more special, as the region will be celebrating its 30th birthday! Awards Convention is also where we nominate and elect regional officers for the upcoming year. It's always a wonderful experience, so even if you can't attend this one, I'd highly encourage you to attend our next conference in the summer.

In April, several chapter officers and advisors will be attending PTK Catalyst, Phi Theta Kappa's International convention, in Nashville, TN. This gathering includes over 4,000 Phi Theta Kappa members who are from all over the world. Catalyst is a great opportunity to meet fellow Phi Theta Kappans, as well as many great educational forums to attend to learn more about various topics.

We also have our induction ceremony in April. This is a very lovely ceremony where we formally induct all Phi Theta Kappa members who accepted membership this past summer, fall, and spring semesters into our chapter. We also swear in our new officers for the next year. This is not just for new members; anyone is welcome to attend.

May brings graduation, so we will need volunteers to be graduation marshals. Then June brings Relay For Life, which is going to have a brand new look in a new location. Come to our next meeting to find out more!

**Everyone have a great semester, and I hope to see you all at our next meeting!**



## ALUMNI FUNDRAISERS

Phone Pal with  
pen Stylist for \$5



Mini Tool Kits (the size of a  
pen) for \$3



From Julie Sproul

The Beta Gamma Epsilon Alumni are holding a fundraiser to fund the event and membership scholarships that it supports. How many times have you wanted to prop your phone up but had nothing on which to do so? How many times have you needed a tiny philips or flat head screwdriver for those small, handheld gadgets, eyeglasses, etc., but couldn't find one small enough? Well, we have solutions and are selling them! Both items are available now.



## WHAT? ME BE A BETA GAMMA EPSILON CHAPTER OFFICER? INSTEAD SAY, WHY NOT!

From Dave Sigmund

So now I have joined the Beta Gamma Epsilon chapter of Phi Theta Kappa; well, what's next? What am I supposed to do with this membership? Oh wait, I remember something at orientation about leadership opportunities and growing those skills! But I am brand new and I don't know anything about Phi Theta Kappa so how can I possibly be a chapter leader? Does that mean to become a chapter officer? Wow, that sounds awfully ambitious and it sounds like a lot of responsibility, and again, I don't feel I know enough. Maybe I better leave it to those who appear to be more seasoned, besides, I am kind of shy.

Have you asked yourself these same questions or have had other reservations about leadership positions? Fear not, everyone feels this way at first. Let's answer some of these questions. First, to become an officer with the chapter you do not need to know anything about Phi Theta Kappa! Let's repeat, you do not need to know anything about the society! That's one of the great things about Phi Theta Kappa; you learn as you go! There are other officers there to help you, and don't forget, you have a great advisor too! The chapter officer team is a support group, and it's just that, a team. Everyone is on the same level, in other words, the president is at the same leadership level as the secretary, the webmaster, or any other officer. Everyone has written duties, and if for some reason life catches up to you and you don't have time for a particular assignment, someone will be there to help fill in. I could go on and on, but the most significant thing about becoming a chapter officer is leadership experience, growth, development, and the engagement of the society. But think of this; Phi Theta Kappa is made up of over three-million members. What happens if you get on a job interview and the person conducting the interview is also a Phi Theta Kappa member? In addition, what if this scenario occurs; "So you are a member of Phi Theta Kappa?" "Yes I am." "What activities have you been involved with, were you an officer?" "Well no, I didn't get involved." That doesn't give you any extracurricular experience. But what if you said, "Yes, I was a chapter officer and I did this and this and this!" Organizations are looking for people with soft skills and extracurricular engagement. Leadership development is to your advantage, so why not be a Beta Gamma Epsilon chapter officer? Besides, being a chapter officer builds comradery and memories that will last a lifetime.

Remember, once a member always a member! Don't feel obligated to become an officer, we need active members too, but the opportunity is there, so why not take advantage of it? Come on, join the team and have fun! You'll be glad you did!



## OFFICER DUTIES

**Section 2.** The Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa shall have the following officers: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Web Master, and Newsletter Editor.

The **President** shall:

- Preside over all business meetings.
- Appoint and establish any necessary committees.
- Vote only in case of a tie.
- Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.
- Present business to the organization.
- Represent the organization at all times.
- Appoint a committee to review and/or revise the chapter constitution annually in conjunction with the advisor.
- Appoint a committee to work with the advisor to prepare the Annual Report to be sent to Headquarters each spring.

The **Vice President** shall:

- Perform all duties of the president in the event of his/her absence.
- Head the committee reviewing the chapter constitution and the annual report.
- Act as program chair.
- Submit online to Regional Coordinator and Headquarters reports of chapter activities and Five Star Chapter Update Forms.
- Coordinate Chapter activities relating to the Honors in Action Hallmark.
- Coordinate Chapter activities related to the College Project Hallmark.



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### The Recording Secretary shall:

- Take and read minutes of meetings.
- Maintain records of the meetings.
- Serve on the committee to prepare the Annual Report to be sent to Headquarters each spring.
- Update the Bylaws when necessary.
- Take roll at the meetings.

### The Treasurer shall:

- Coordinate all fund raising activities.
- Consult with advisor to maintain a financial account for the Chapter.
- Receive all money and deposit in account at the College.
- Present the Chapter's financial records at business meetings.
- File all financial records in the Chapter's official file with the Business Office at the College.

### The Web Master shall:

- Maintain and update website.
- Communicate with the Ohio Phi Theta Kappa website with Chapter events.
- Communicate with International Headquarters as needed.
- Keep records of Chapter events (dates, times, events, brief description, results).

### The Newsletter Editor shall:

- Prepare articles for newsletter (i.e. get articles submitted by others, etc.)
- Complete newsletter in time to be included in mailing of meeting agenda each month.
- Write news releases as necessary and submit to Advisor for final approval and submission.
- Coordinate with Web Master for posting events on website.



## CHAPTER MEMBER REFLECTS



### From Lauren Barth

Ever since I was four years old, I have been involved with Phi Theta Kappa. You see, my mom is the chapter advisor and I have been to chapter meetings, attended New Beginnings Transitional Housing Holiday parties, participated in Relay for Life, and attended a number of Ohio Region fellowship events over the years.

I really didn't understand what Phi Theta Kappa was all about until I became a member in Spring 2016. This was a truly special day because not only did my mom officially induct me as a member, she too was inducted as an Honorary Member (it was a surprise) and we shared this special moment with our family present. I understood the Fellowship and Service aspects of the Society, but did not fully comprehend the Scholarship and Leadership facets. I started to attend the chapter meetings regularly and quickly began to grasp these concepts, as well as what the organization was all about. I now know about the Five Star chapter member program, CollegeFish.org (scholarships), Five Star Competitive Edge, the Honors Study topic, what Hallmarks are, and so much more! I encourage you to attend the chapter meetings and become more involved with the chapter and its activities. My mom always says, the more involved you are, the more you get out of the organization – and you know what – she's right!! Even though I'm graduating this Spring, I still plan to be involved as an Alumnae with the Beta Gamma Epsilon chapter. I want to encourage all members to get involved – you won't regret it!

Hope to see many of you soon at an upcoming meeting!! 😊



**PICTURES**  
**LEADERSHIP IN ACTION 2016**



PICTURES

Making Strides



New Beginnings Giving Tree





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**Phi Theta Kappa Ohio Region Scholarships are open.**  
**Application Deadline: February 24th at 6pm. EST**  
For more information:  
<http://www.ohioptk.org/scholarship.html>



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and Friends