



Do you see green? I see green!

- ♦ Green of spring; flowers, grass, newly budding trees.
- Green for St. Patrick's Day; four-leaf clover, leprechauns.
- ♦ Green for money; the tax refund lasted for a minute....

So our first 2016 issue of the Beta Gamma Epsilon Bugle just felt like it needed.... To be GREEN!

I hope you enjoy!

Terri Cutlip

Chapter Webmaster & Temporary Newsletter Editor

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Upcoming Events

April 6-9— Phi Theta Kappa International Convention – National Harbor, MD

April 16- Chapter meeting, noon Saturday 12:00 pm—G108

April 17 – Formal Induction Ceremony. 2:00 pm—M100-101



THE ADVISOR'S CORNER



From Cherie Barth

Here we are well into the Spring 2016 semester – I hope all is going well for everyone! The Fall semester was packed full of scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship activities/events. We are now waiting to hear back from the Region and International on our chapter's Hallmark entries. We have so much to be proud of in all that we have accomplished and lives we have impacted. I was recently notified by International Headquarters and we have, once again, achieved our 5 star status!!

In January we kicked off year one (of two) of the Honors Study Topic "How the World Works: Global Perspectives." We will begin planning our chapter's next Honors in Action program based on one of the eight themes at our next chapter meeting. There are still plenty of great 'happenings' scheduled for this semester for all to be involved – we'll make sure to keep you up to date on what is going on through ANGEL and this great newsletter.

Welcome to our new Phi Theta Kappa members! You won't regret joining the best student organization on our campus. Keep an eye out for others that may be eligible and invite them to join our terrific Society. Take care and have a great semester!!



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 o 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 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: dsigmund@starkstate.edu.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



From Rebecca (Becky) Race, President





Hello Everyone!

Well, it's almost spring here in Northeast Ohio but we really haven't had much of a winter, trust me, I am not complaining.

I hope everyone's semester is going well and life is treating you well. We had our Annual Ohio Awards Convention March 4^{th} through the 5^{th} in Springfield, Ohio. For those of you who did not go, you really missed quite an event. Dr. Naureen Oasim, the advisor for Clark State *really* out-did herself. She handmade beautiful centerpieces for all of the tables, cut up all of the vegetables and fruits herself, had the most delicious food catered in for us Friday night, Saturday morning, afternoon, and evening. Our members had so much fun with the photo booth, Kappa Klatch and Cosplay evening. We had a guitarist play for us during our dinner Saturday night and then we had a DJ play after the awards ceremony. I sincerely wish for everyone to make an effort and join us for at least one convention during the year. They are full of fellowship, learning, networking, and celebration.

Our Annual International Convention is coming up April 6th through the 9th in National Harbor, MD. All I can say about this convention is that there are NO WORDS to describe this exhilarating convention. Members from all over the world come and it's nothing like you've ever seen before. Please consider coming, if not this year, next year. It's an experience you will be glad you had and one you will never forget.

We have Relay for Life coming up and there are many fundraisers happening. We have candy bars, flower bulbs, and Scentsy candle warmers and products are also being sold. We need volunteers to walk as well as fundraise.

Have you not been to a meeting or not been to one in a while? Well, please join us at our next meeting on Saturday, March 19th in room G108. We love having our members come and join in on the fun and it's especially wonderful to see new members walk in. I hope to see everyone at our next meeting, until then-take care of yourselves and good luck in your studies.



ALUMNI CORNER

PHI THETA KAPPA OHIO REGION AWARDS CONVENTION 2016



From Julie Sproul

Friday night at Awards Convention, or KappaCon as it was called, was quite well attended. Batman, Superman, the Falcon, Wonder Woman, just to name a few of the superheroes in attendance, join the Kappa attendees for a night of sharing...songs, readings, dance/baton/flag routines were just a few of the talents shared. Fun and frolic took place in the rear of the conference room in the form of a photo booth with props galore for creating your "best look" for photos with your friends! These photos were provided as keepsake to the participants in the form of a bookmark with the option to email it to yourself for further sharing! Delicious food and beverages were provided for everyone to partake.

Saturday opened with a delicious breakfast followed by the region's business. Breakout sessions provided information for all attendees. A taco/tortilla buffet preceded the afternoon assembly where candidates for office spoke and voting took place. The evening award festivities started off with, again, a wonderfully delicious meal which was followed by the presentation of Hallmark awards. It was exciting as new chapters took home recognition for a job well done and scholarships we awarded to worthy recipients!

It was a fun time for all...even with the bittersweet of moving on to new challenges!



THOUGHTS FROM OUR CHAPTER

PHI THETA KAPPA OHIO REGION AWARDS CONVENTION 2016

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From Cheri Jones



I attended my first Awards Convention last weekend at Clark State in Springfield, Ohio. I had a great time. Being that I just celebrated my first year in Phi Theta Kappa, this past February; by attending these conventions, I am getting a broader scope of what Phi Theta Kappa is all about and how things operate. It is a very informative, enriching and exciting!

The hospitality of Clark State was outstanding, along with the food. Everyone was very nice! I am so looking forward to International in April!

Cheri Jones

Beta Gamma Epsilon Recording Secretary

From Victoria Allen



I had a great time at the Ohio Region Convention at Clark State Community College. I enjoyed meeting new people and meeting old friends from the Honors in Action. There were announcements, last minute nominations for regional officers and an awards ceremony. For breakout sessions, I chose College Fish and Competitive Edge. I learned self-improvement skills. Also, I learned how network with colleges and how to find scholarships. This event helped me develop my communication skills. I am glad I went to this event because it provided me with many new opportunities. I can't wait to attend other conferences in the future.



Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter Goals 2015-2016

- ⇒ Increase member involvement in fellowship events within the chapter
 - * Mentor
 - * Movie Night
- ⇒ Increase meeting attendance
 - * Food
 - Door Prizes
- ⇒ Increase Phi Theta Kappa Awareness
 - Surveys
 - * Brochures
- ⇒ Become Most Distinguished Chapter Winner
- ⇒ Become Scholar Bowl Winner
- ⇒ Promote Competitive Edge/College Fish Awareness
- ⇒ Computer Lab Tutors
- ⇒ Long Range Goal Get to Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters in Jackson, MS
 - * 14 hour drive/3 days



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OHIO REGIONAL OFFICERS

Regional Officer Title	Outgoing Team:	Incoming Team:
President	Brenda Jarvis	Sandy Mosier
Vice-President	Brandon Cornute	Bruce Hyde
Secretary	Becca McDowell	Jessi Eberly
Northeast District Representative	DeAnne Wilson	Andrew Finefrock
Northwest District Representative	Melissa Wilson	TBD
Southwest District Representative	Sandy Mosier	Christy Graves
Southeast District Representative	Cody Lee	James Jordan
Central Representative	Nikki Culbertson	Thomas Beachy

Bittersweet.

We are sad to see our 2015 Officer Team go- they have done such a wonderful job taking care of all of us. Through teamwork and hard work they have accomplished great things for our region over the last year.

How exciting for the newly instated officer team to start their own footprint on our region. We look forward to the next coming year with you at the helm!



CLOSING

Food for Thought

"I release all things from
the past year that has
caused any negative
attachment. I prepare and
welcome new changes, new
lessons and new
adventures. I welcome new
opportunities to grow
emotionally, mentally and
spiritually."
Namaste The Buddha Way

Famous Quote

"Do not stop thinking of life as an adventure. You have no security unless you can live bravely, excitingly, imaginatively; unless you can choose a challenge instead of competence."

— Eleanor Roosevelt

Don't forget to check out our website in the new format! http://www.starkstate.edu/ptk/