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# THE BUGLE

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*Quarterly newsletter of the Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Stark State*



## PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIPS

*Written by Abbie Crawford*

Phi Theta Kappa is a great organization to be a part of if you want to get more involved at your school, add an extracurricular to your resume, or gain leadership experience. On top of all of these great opportunities PTK has to offer, they also offer a wide range of scholarships. PTK offers over 246 million dollars of scholarships, which are eligible for PTK members. PTK offers both Spring and Fall Scholarships, with the closest scholarship deadline being December 1st, 2023 for Fall Programs.

# PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIPS

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The Fall Program Scholarships are...

- All-USA/New Century/Coca-Cola Academic Team
- AMSA Pre-Med Scholarship
- Guistwhite
- Hites
- TEK
- Workforce Development
- Regional Scholarships

The scholarships listed above are nationwide scholarships for PTK members, but we also have various regional scholarships that are offered. These include...

- Buckeye Scholarship- \$500 for service involved Phi Theta Kappans
- John C. Kesler Scholarship- \$750.00 for Catalyst Registration and Travel Support
- Dorthy C. Lanier Scholarship for Ohio Region- \$1000 for Leadership from controversy/challenge
- Cindy L. Carbone Scholarship- \$500 for newly involved first-year members
- Cherie Barth Completion Scholarship- \$1000 and 25 hours of graduating
- Nina and Steven Wiley Scholarship- \$750 to help 1 recipient continue their community college studies
- Most Valuable Member Scholarship- \$250 non-officer and nominated by others
- Ohio Golden Opportunity Scholarship- National & Regional Membership Fee waived plus free March Convention Registration

If you are interested in learning more about specific scholarships a great resource to learn more about eligibility and requirements is <https://www.ptk.org/scholarships> for PTK-wide scholarships and <https://ohioregion.ptk.org/YourRegion/RegionalScholarships.aspx> for Ohio Region scholarships. Although it may seem like you have a one-in-a-million chance to be chosen for a scholarship, your chances of winning a scholarship through PTK are much higher! A lot of PTK members don't know about scholarships or don't apply in time for them, especially the regional scholarships, so oftentimes there are very few applicants. This is why Stark State's PTK chapter urges every member to spend a little bit of time researching scholarships and applying to what seems like a good fit for you. In fact, some of our very own chapter officers have won scholarships through PTK! If you have any questions you can reach out to your Stark State PTK officers or advisor Dave Sigmund who is the Ohio Region Coordinator for PTK, and a great resource for questions regarding regional scholarships.



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## MEET THE WEBMASTER

*Written by Benjamin Nash*

Hello Stark State Phi Theta Kappans! My name is Ben Nash and I'm thrilled to be returning for a second year as a Beta Gamma Epsilon officer. Last year I had the privilege of serving as your chapter vice president alongside current president Tammy Monroe who was chapter treasurer. I'm proud of everything we accomplished. This year, I'm excited to be taking the role of chapter webmaster. I have already updated the webpage, [starkstateptk.org](http://starkstateptk.org), to improve its usefulness as a resource to find out what's going on with the chapter. I plan on adding additional resources to help our members find ways to get involved that interest them.

I am currently working towards obtaining a certificate in Training and Development Technology which I will be finishing this spring as well as an associate degree in Cybersecurity and Computer Forensics for which I have not yet determined a graduation date. I have a bachelor's degree in Middle Childhood Education from Cleveland State University with concentrations in teaching Math and Language Arts. Before that, I studied Mechanical Engineering at Case Western Reserve University and business management at Lakeland Community College. It's taken me a while to find my direction but I'm confident that Stark has me on the right path.

I work full-time as a Parts Sales Manager at AutoZone in Canal Fulton. I'm no mechanic but I've seen a lot and would gladly point any Phi Theta Kappans in the right direction with any automotive issues you may have. I have previously worked for a company called RGIS counting and running store inventories, and dial-up internet technical support for a company called Martintel in Painesville, as an assistant store manager at Radio Shack, and in several other shorter-term jobs. I am ready to move away from retail and very excited about the opportunities my studies at Stark State are opening for me.

I live in Perry Township with my wife, Krystal, and my dog, Rory. I've been married to Krystal for nine years, ten in May. She preceded me in Phi Theta Kappa serving as our chapter secretary, chapter president, and regional president. Krystal and the life I'm building with her are my main motivations for achieving academically and advancing professionally. She inspires me daily and is without a doubt in my mind the best thing to have ever happened to me. Rory is among the cutest and smartest dogs to have ever existed (I may be a little biased). He's a redheaded (some say apricot) miniature poodle that Krystal and I rescued at the Wayne County Humane Society several years ago. He was extremely skittish and timid at first but his personality has blossomed since we've had him.

With Phi Theta Kappa I've traveled throughout Ohio. I've met many great people, heard some incredible stories and speeches, won awards and a scholarship, and learned a lot about myself. I'm looking forward to Catalyst this year in Orlando, Florida. Even more, I'm looking forward to welcoming you, the Phi Theta Kappans who have yet to learn about the opportunities available to you!

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## WHAT IS PHI THETA KAPPA CATALYST?

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*If you are interested in attending, we highly encourage you to look into the event in more detail and see if it is something that you would be interested in.*

According to the PTK website, “PTK Catalyst is Phi Theta Kappa's annual transfer student convention. Catalyst features guest speakers, the Hallmark Awards, educational forums, college and career fairs, and more.”

This past year our chapter was lucky enough to have a few members attend PTK Catalyst which was located close to home in Columbus, Ohio. The convention was a weekend in April and allowed our members to meet with other chapters and advisors, discuss goals and plans, and join in on PTK fun! Members were able to hear Geena Davis and Manti Te'o give motivational speeches and discuss their journeys.

On top of getting to know other PTK chapters, hearing speakers, attending award ceremonies, and learning more about college options, you also have the opportunity to explore a new city! According to attendees of the 2023 PTK Catalyst, Columbus was a great city to explore and there were many things to do during free time! Although PTK Catalyst may be related to school, it is almost like a fun weekend trip!

In the year of 2024, Catalyst will be located in Orlando, Florida. If you are interested in attending, we highly encourage you to look into the event in more detail and see if it is something that you would be interested in. Not only is it fun, but it is also a great learning experience and allows you to get more involved with PTK!

If you have any questions or want to learn more you can go to the PTK website or you can talk to any of your offices or advisors, and we would be happy to answer your questions!



# HOW TO NAVIGATE OUR WEBSITE

*Written by Benjamin Nash*

As Chapter Webmaster, I have the privilege of introducing you all to the revamped Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter website for the 2023-2024 academic year. To begin with, our landing page has been updated. When you visit [www.starkstateptk.org](http://www.starkstateptk.org) you no longer land on an about page. Instead, you land on a welcome page with pictures of our campuses, a map of where they're located, and menus guiding you to the other pages on our site.

The previous landing page/about page can be reached by clicking the about link in the menu. It has been edited to include Greek letters and an emphasis on our four PTK hallmarks: scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship. It also includes a link to the Become a Member page. The About tree on our website also has a link to a page with Phi Theta Kappa's Mission Statement.

The Second tree in the webpage menu also has two links. It links to a page with a video informing people about the benefits of Phi Theta Kappa Membership. It also links to a page with information on how to join PTK.

The Chapter Events link is potentially the one you'll want to make the most use of. This link takes you to a calendar of all the events our chapter is involved in. The information about these events should include location, time, whom you can contact about them and how to contact them, and any other relevant information you might need to know like dress code and supplies necessary. This events calendar will be kept up to date throughout the school year.

The News link is where you'll find your favorite quarterly organizational newsletter, the Bugle, as currently edited by Beta Gamma Epsilon chapter secretary/newsletter editor, Abbie Crawford. The Bugle, for those who don't know, is a great way to learn about what the chapter has been doing, what plans the chapter has for the next few months, and learn more about your chapter officers, advisors, and other things of interest to local Phi Theta Kappans. You can find the most recent version of the Bugle on our site as well as a growing archive of older issues to serve as a record of our chapter's history.

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have plans to  
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further with more  
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detailed  
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additional pages  
on how members  
can get involved.*



## HOW TO NAVIGATE OUR WEBSITE (CONTINUED)

*Written by Benjamin Nash*

The Resources and Links tree of the webpage menu has five links. The first link is our chapter bylaws, which is useful for all members and especially officers to be aware of. The second connects to a page with information and links for scholarship applications and opportunities. The third resource goes to our Officers Page. On the Officers page you can find pictures of all our current chapter officers and advisors. Look for this to be moved to the About tree and brief bios to be added. The fourth resource is a Q/A page with many commonly asked questions and their answers. Several answers have been recently updated to reflect changes in personnel and policy since the last update. Finally, the fifth resource is a page with past recorded meetings that is not currently functional. I will fix or remove this page soon.

The last link along the webpage menu is a for a Privacy Policy page. This explains what information may be collected when you browse our webpage and how we will or will not use that information.

On the left side of the screen is an additional menu showing the headlines of all the recent blog posts that have been posted on our webpage. Current posts include information about the Regional Awards last Spring, a Welcome to our Honorary member, Randy Shipman, who was inducted this summer, and a nod to the post about our chapter president, Tammy Monroe, who was featured on Stark State's website and social media accounts.

In the future, I have plans to enhance our site further with more pictures, more detailed information, and additional pages on how members can get involved. These may include information on signing into our Microsoft Teams accounts and information about our College Project and Honors In Action project. I am open to any additional suggestions about how the site can be made a more useful tool for you. Just send an email to [bnash0106@starkstate.net](mailto:bnash0106@starkstate.net).

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH PHI THETA KAPPA

*Written by Tammy Monroe*

HAVEN'T GOTTEN INVOLVED YET WITH PHI THETA KAPPA?

HERE ARE 5 REASONS TO KICK START YOUR INVOLVEMENT:



1. You are probably already enrolled. Your invitation is just waiting in the mail. "You Got Mail!" . If your invitation expired, just reach out to us. To enroll, just click the link to complete your enrollment and create your account <https://join.ptk.org/>

2. We know your time is valuable and you are studying hard to keep making those good grades. Your best experience will come from engaging in activities like:

- Giving an Hour to Box Up Books for our Better World Books Fundraiser
  - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH 3 PM – 4:30 PM
  - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH 3 PM – 4:30 PM

3. Scholarships - Through PTK you have access to over \$246 million in transfer scholarships. With the help of our PTK Advisor, you can navigate through the application process.

4. Competitive Edge- Build your professional competitive edge by utilizing Phi Theta Kappa's Competitive Edge Program.

5. And lastly, join the fun, and experience of networking with other PTK professionals like yourself. Mark your calendar

- a. Regional meetings
  - OHIO REGION AWARDS CONVENTION- March 8-9, 2024 @ Eastern Gateway Community College
  - PHI THETA KAPPA CATALYST 2024- April 4-6, 2024 @ Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Orlando, FL
  - OHIO REGION HONORS IN ACTION CONFERENCE- Summer 2024 @ Lakeland Community College
- b. Catalyst 2024
  - NEXT YEAR PTK CATALYST WILL BE APRIL 4-6, 2024 at Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Orlando, Florida

PTK is not all work and no play!!

All this and more is waiting for you at PTK Stark State!

\*\*Chapter Meetings are the First Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. Check our website and newsletter for access to the Zoom link

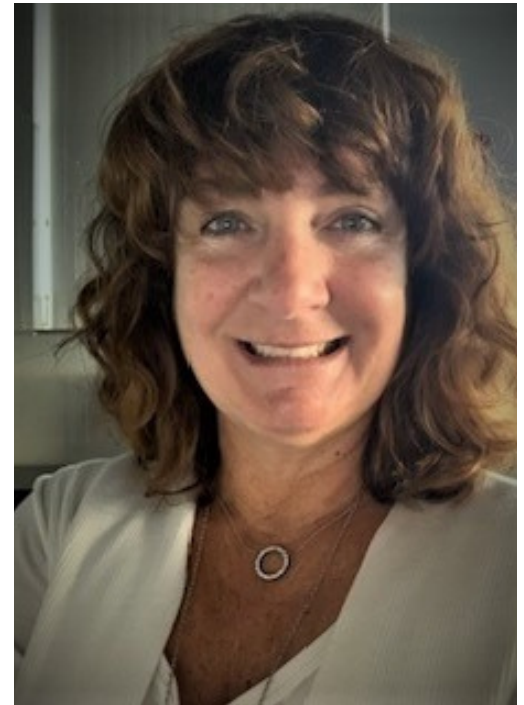
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## ADVISORS CORNER

*Written by Dr. Therese Revlock*

Hello! My name is Therese Revlock. I am an associate professor in Arts and Sciences here at Stark State College. I have a lot of experience with research both internally here at the College, with Ph.D. candidates at other universities, and with my own published research studies. I am one of your new advisors in PTK to assist you with the research requirements for your bee habitat project and for the Play project. I have been here at Stark State for 20 years and in the education profession for more than 30. I have a lot of experience with research and hope to help you make a difference in this distinguished chapter of PTK. Personally, I have three children, all grown and graduated from college. Two have careers directly related to research and a third with a leadership position in our active-duty military. I live right here in Stark County, so I am easily accessible any time one of you needs my help. I look forward to working together with you to continue our PTK record of excellence.



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*Written by Dave Sigmund*

Greetings Beta Gamma Epsilon,

The Ohio Region Leadership In Action Conference was a huge success and Clark State College did a magnificent job hosting the event! As a chapter, we had two officers, two alumni, and two advisors present. In addition, Liam Blakeway, 2023-2024 International President, joined us for the day. Regional events are a special time, as it offers members a chance to get to know other Phi Theta Kappa members from all over the region. It also provides additional information on the opportunities that abound within our society. One past attendee stated it best, "Going to a regional event brings to light what Phi Theta Kappa is all about!"

Our next regional event will be the Ohio Region Awards Convention which will be held at Eastern Gateway Community College on March 1-2, 2024. Consider becoming involved with the chapter, if you are not already, and make the trip to Eastern Gateway with us. I promise it will be a good time! Until then, the weather is getting colder so stay warm!

Dave





# Help support Ohio Region Scholarships!



**Vehicle Type:** passenger vehicles, non-commercial trucks, recreational vehicles, house vehicles and non-commercial trailers

**Fees:** \$25.00 contribution, \$10.00 BMV

**Eligibility:** any Ohio motorist

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# NOVEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Chapter Meeting	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans' Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

# DECEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Chapter Meeting	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Book Boxing	15 Book Boxing	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
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