

L~S~F~S News

Alpha Sigma Rho Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Reading Area Community College



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New Officer Team Elected

The Officer Team for 2007/2008 was elected at the Alpha Sigma Rho chapter meeting on Saturday, May 19.

The Chapter President Elect is Tara Braam, the Vice President Elect is Therese M. Iezzi, the new Public Relations Officer is Jessica Cho, Melissa McIlroy will serve as Treasurer and Michael Mlodoch will continue in his capacity as Secretary.

These new officers will assume their duties at the June 9 Chapter meeting.

The officer team will now be qualified to attend the Phi Theta Kappa Officers Academy to be held in June at Trinity College in Washington D.C.

The Officers' Academy is a multi-day training session that is designed to give new leaders the skills they need to run a successful chapter program and information about the national organization.

Alpha Sigma Rho inducts 1000th New Member

Dr Donna Singleton, Chapter Advisor, announced during the Spring Induction Ceremony May 18 that the inclusion of this group of inductees results in the number of chapter members reaching a numerical milestone.

The Spring 2007 Ceremony was the thirty third such induction at Reading Area Community College and the combined Fall and Winter term candidates bring the total number of Alpha Sigma Rho members to 1031.

First Recipients of Enhanced Membership Scholarships Announced

The winners of the First Alpha Sigma Rho Enhanced Membership Scholarships were announced at the Spring Induction May 18.

Three awards of \$250 each were given to chapter members who demonstrated a high level of involvement in chapter activities.

Lou Zmroczek, Peggy Mull and Rick Weinoffer received the scholarships which can be used to help defray educational costs at RACC or at other colleges upon student transfers.

The selections were made from the submissions of enhanced membership surveys and short essays. Qualifying activities included chapter meetings, participation in RACC activities, such as fund raisers, Game Night, Phone-a-thon, Spring Fling and other services to the chapter, to RACC and the community at large.

Attention $\Phi\Theta\Kappa$ Members

The next meeting of the Alpha Sigma Rho Chapter will be held on Saturday, June 9 at 10 o'clock in the River Room. The Installation of the new Officer team will take place and all members are urged to attend in order that quorum is reached and all official business can be conducted. Graduation regalia may be obtained at this important meeting.

From the Advisor's Desk

Picking Up Stoles and Planning for the Future

Graduates: The gold stoles and tassels have arrived! Graduates who ordered their stole and tassel through our chapter may pick them up at the chapter meeting on Saturday, June 9. If not attending the meeting, members may pick them up from my office, Yocum 110. Office hours are T Th from 5:00-6:00 and W from 10:00-1:00 p.m. I am in my office many other hours. Call 610 372-4721 x5096 if you need to arrange another time.

Other members: As you relax from studies this summer, keep in mind that you can begin planning for future scholarship opportunities such as the ALL-USA ALL-PA scholarships, Guistwhite Scholarship, the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship, the Coca Cola Scholarship, and Leaders of Promise Scholarship. Go to the Phi Theta Kappa website, www.ptk.org to get details early for next year's applications. Avoid the last minute rush by planning in advance for the deadlines which vary.

Dr. Donna Singleton

A Few Words from Our Chapter President...

Now that my term as president is ending, I have some promises to make. To the new officer team, I promise that you will look back a year from now and be amazed how much you have grown in leadership. I promise that you will have found four new friends in your fellow officers. I promise that you will look back with pride at all the things your leadership has helped the chapter achieve. I promise that you will be proud to tell people that you are a member of Phi Theta Kappa. I promise that Phi Theta Kappa will offer you opportunities for growth. I promise that there will be times when the going gets tough, and you will be tough enough to get going. I promise that along the way you will find more laughter than tears, more support than discouragement, and more accomplishments than failures.

To chapter members, I promise that if you become active in Alpha Sigma Rho chapter, you will be able to join the officer team in this great new adventure. I can't promise that you will become an officer for 2008-09, but I can promise that you will seriously consider it.

On behalf of the outgoing 2006-07 officer team, I wish to extend our wishes for good luck to the officer team, Dr. Singleton, and the membership.

Lou

Chapter Calendar 2007

- June 9** **8:30 a.m. Officer Meeting @ River Room**
June 9 **10:00 a.m. Chapter Meeting @ River Room**
 *** Installation of Officers
June 13 **RACC Graduation – Wednesday evening**
 ***ΦΘΚ members needed as Ushers at Graduation

As always, the regular chapter meetings will be suspended during the summer but rest assured that the officer team will be busy making plans for the upcoming school year.
See you in September.

It's just my opinion...

Congratulations and good luck to the new chapter officer team.

I can speak from experience and say that you are about to have one of the most challenging and most rewarding years of your life.

Work hard, work together and be successful!

Rick

The Alpha Sigma Rho chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, The National Honor Society of the two year colleges is pleased to announce that the following RACC students have become members.

Sylvia Acevedo ΦΘΚ Colleen Ahearn ΦΘΚ Caleb Aaron Assemes
Tabythia Lynn Balash ΦΘΚ Luis I. Colon ΦΘΚ Nicole Ann Conley
Juan Alexander Cortes ΦΘΚ Corey William Cronrath ΦΘΚ Josephine Marie Edgar
Valerie Michelle Gehman ΦΘΚ Dawn Elaine Gieringer ΦΘΚ Aimee R. Gilmore
Svetlana O. Hagans ΦΘΚ Sara Hartline ΦΘΚ Monica Ann Heltzinger
Michele L. Hubert ΦΘΚ Robert R. Kelly ΦΘΚ Elinda Mary Lado
Janet I. Lamborn ΦΘΚ Stefanie Lysakowski ΦΘΚ Nathan Bradford Mannino
Abby Virginia McFerran ΦΘΚ Melissa Beth McIlroy ΦΘΚ Patricia J. McKelvey
Chad A. Moyer ΦΘΚ Kimberly D. O'Keefe ΦΘΚ Angela Lynn Phillippy
Lisa Anne Raysor ΦΘΚ R. Douglas Sewell ΦΘΚ Sarah Anne Shane
Anne Marie Uczynski ΦΘΚ James Valdez ΦΘΚ Ben Paul Zuber
Katrina Daniel Alden ΦΘΚ Lori A. Bamberger ΦΘΚ James J. Cibroski
Sherri Christina Colton ΦΘΚ Valerie Sharon DellAngelo ΦΘΚ Megan Joy Domanski
Gary Richard Eckert ΦΘΚ Maria Fontanez ΦΘΚ Kristina Taylor Foster
Heath A. Grogg ΦΘΚ Stephanie Marie Haldeman ΦΘΚ Brenda L. Heck
Lori A. Heisey ΦΘΚ Alicia Jane Hunter ΦΘΚ Therese M. Iezzi
Janelle Diane Lessig ΦΘΚ Veneica Colleen Neil ΦΘΚ Arianna Ravenswood-Estes
Herlinda Ruiz ΦΘΚ Fatou Saine ΦΘΚ Traci L. Steffey
Hanni Ann Swisher ΦΘΚ Sal Trinchillo ΦΘΚ Shawn James Van Goethem
Prudence Zorrila ΦΘΚ Shuyu Xu ΦΘΚ Timothy Dietrich, Jr.

Also two students from other community colleges requested a transfer of membership to our chapter:

ΦΘΚ Donna Moskal ΦΘΚ Jennifer Richardson ΦΘΚ

Chapter Activity Highlights 2006/2007

- June 1-12, 2006:** Project Graduation collection resulted in 76 books, 70 food items, 87 non-food items which were donated to Berks Women in Crisis.
- June 2:** New Officer Team installed.
- June 9:** Alex's Lemonade sale at The Spring Fling raised \$110 for Pediatric Cancer Research.
- June 21:** Alpha Sigma Rho members served as ushers at the First Annual Solar Flair Art Walk.
- September 8-10:** Chapter Officers and Dr. Singleton attended the RACC Student Leadership Retreat at Camp Conrad Weiser.
- October 18:** Bake Sale in Berks Hall raised \$138 to benefit the Senior Citizen Gift Bag Project.
- November 3:** Fall Induction ceremony welcomed 30 new chapter members.
- December 9:** Gift Wrapping at Borders in Wyomissing raised funds for Gift Bag Project.
- December 16:** Chapter officers and Dr. Singleton began working on Hallmark Essays.
- December 18:** All campus student leaders attended a day long Leadership workshop.
- January 7:** Hallmark Essays completed.
- January 21:** Bake sale in Berks Hall Lobby raised \$101.50 for Chapter travel expenses.
- January 25:** Game Night at RACC with residents of the Children's Home of Reading.
- February 26:** The first of a series of Brown Bag Lunches gave student leaders a chance to socialize and discuss concerns and opportunities at RACC.
- March 1-3:** Mid States Mini Honors and Convention held in Valley Forge.
- March 14:** Bake sale in Berks Hall raised \$124.85 for chapter travel expenses.
- March 15-30:** Better World Books project collected 386 used textbooks for redistribution.
- April 13-14:** The Alpha Sigma Rho'd Crew raises \$3577.50 for the Annual Relay for Life.
- April 28:** Chapter members worked with Reading neighborhood residents in Amanda's Garden which is a project of the Berks County Conservancy.
- May 12:** In partnership with the International Students Club, Kappans took a bus trip to New York City to visit Ground Zero, The United Nations, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
- May 18:** The Spring Induction Ceremony welcomed 33 new members which brings the total number of chapter members to 1031.
- May 19,** The officer team for 2007/2008 was elected and work was completed on the flowerbeds along the walkway to the Yocum Library.