

# Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society



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## Beta Alpha Phi

Of Hudson County Community College  
Jersey City, New Jersey

### Independence Day at Liberty State Park



Jessica Dang, alumnae Betsy Apena and Ana Estefany Polanco and their relatives, and Professor Lai volunteered at the picnic for state employees assigned to Liberty State Park on July 4. Beta Alpha Phi has volunteered at the picnic for many years.

Betsy and Ana first volunteered at the picnic when they were attending Hudson County Community College. Continued on page 3

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### Get Involved & Get Connected

Through these pages you will find scholarship information, volunteer opportunities, and general Phi Theta Kappa news. So get connected and get involved.

**GET CONNECTED** at [www.ptk.org](http://www.ptk.org). You will be afforded a variety of services so check it out!



**Welcome to  
Beta Alpha Phi**

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**Basma Abdelmalak**

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**Aaron Araza**

**Daniela Capistran**

**Shaniqua Colbert**

**Sophia Garcia**

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First row: Kenia Sandoval, Alketa Muja, Mina Abdelmaseeh, Jessica Dang

Second Row: Marolla Youakim, Moksh Borkar, Anuvhuti Bisht

### Membership Packet

Have you received

your membership  
packet?

Within a few weeks after the submission of your membership application, Phi Theta Kappa sends you a packet with your membership certificate, tassel, pin, and publications. If you have not received your packet, please inform Professor Lai.



### T-shirts

One shirt is  
with your

included



membership.

Please contact Professor Lai.

### Beta Alpha Phi Alumni Association

When you complete your studies at Hudson County Community College, you will become a member of the Beta Alpha Phi Alumni Association. To become involved, please contact Diego Villatoro at [dvillac11@gmail.com](mailto:dvillac11@gmail.com)

Phi Theta Kappa Store

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### Fall Scholarship Application Period, July 27-December 2

<https://www.ptk.org/scholarships/apply-now/>

The application covers different applications. An applicant may win more than one scholarship

### August 1-December 5

SMART Scholarship – free tuition, stipend, and employment

<https://www.smartscholarship.org/smart/en>

### PACE Summer Retreat

August 14  
Details on page 20





## Liberty State Park



Friends of Liberty State Park

To preserve, protect, conserve, and promote Liberty State Park

[www.folsp.org](http://www.folsp.org)

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Only July 27, Anuvhuti Bisht, Daniela Capistran, alumae Ana Estefany Polanco, Betsy Apean with her parents Lorenzo and Teodora and brother Victor, and Lauren Materowski with her husband Joseph and a friend volunteered at the Friends of Liberty Park picnic.







Alketa Muja, Desiree Page, Professor Raffi Manjikian, and Professor T. Lai volunteered at the blood drive in Jersey City on July 16. Alketa also volunteered at the blood drive in North Bergen on July 21.



### Thankathon, July 23

Anuvhuti Bisht, Alketa Muja, Marolla Youakim, Neivi Nunez, Andres Juarez-Ajuarez, alumnae Paulina Sonza and Joanne Rivera, and SGA President Rifaya Dubash thanked supporters of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.







### Miss Ecuador New Jersey

Jennifer Narvaez, a past chapter officer and a graduate of the nursing program was a contestant for Miss Ecuador New Jersey. On July 19, she was crowned the runner-up, Miss Virreina New Jersey. Jennifer was also named Miss Popularidad NJ and Miss World Suprain. The pageant was held in Newark.



### Dr. Asmaa Norelden



Alumna Asmaa Norelden earned her DMD from Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine in Illinois May 2025. In July, she returned to New Jersey as a PGY-1 General Practice Resident at Hackensack Meridian Health.

**IF SERVING IS BELOW YOU,  
LEADERSHIP IS BEYOND YOU.**

- Anonymous -



### Nube Cabrera

After Summer I, Nube Cabrera went on vacation to spend time with her family, chickens, and lemon and mandarin trees. On vacation, she worked on the Leadership Development Studies.



### Daryl Moreno

Alumnus Daryl Moreno graduated years ago but continues to volunteer with the chapter. He last volunteered in February. He enjoys traveling. Sometimes, he just visits nearby. In July, he made a trip to Manhattan.



July 13



February 8



# PTKEDGE™

Congratulations to these  
members who completed an  
Edge in July



Janvi Patel  
Esther Pierre



Esther Pierre  
Saori Polomino



Max Bamberger  
Sophia Garcia

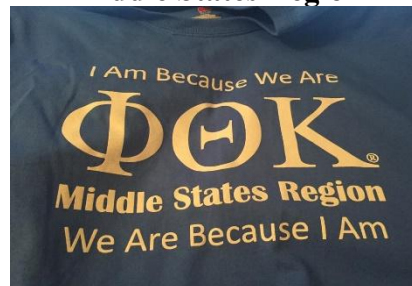


## Leadership Development Studies

Complete at least one Edge and get  
an honor cord to wear with your cap  
and gown at Commencement.

[www.ptk.org/ptk-edge](http://www.ptk.org/ptk-edge)

## Middle States Region



## Middle States social media



CONNECT WITH US

Follow the Middle States Region and the Middle  
States Region Alumni Association for important  
information and reminders.

Facebook: Middle States Region and MSRAA  
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September 25, 2024

Dear Gentle Reader,

To some, [Phi Theta Kappa](#) is an honor society for two-year colleges, an organization that recognizes student success. But to me, PTK is so much more. Let me explain.

In the fall of 2022, my chapter advisor at [Clark State College](#) in Ohio, Nina Wiley, was conducting a phone calling campaign in attempts to bring the chapter's recruitment up. At the time, I was a dually enrolled high school student, and like many high school students, I rarely checked my email. However, I am so thankful I took that call because a few hours later, I was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa.

Within a few weeks, I was not only a member of PTK, but I was also serving as a chapter officer. Nina expressed that during the previous year, members wanted to host a mental health and wellness fair, an idea that fit perfectly with the vision I had been forging in my head, "Love Letters to Ourselves." Love Letters to Ourselves was an interactive presentation and display that encouraged participants to love themselves from the perspective of someone who loves them. It aimed to show people that there was no shame in loving themselves fully and wholly for all the good and the bad, and for the story that makes them human. I had no idea that the project that I created to support others would eventually come to support me during one of the hardest times in my life; over the next year, I would lose a classmate in a tragic accident and suffer through deep depression because of it, but my relationships in PTK – especially with my mentor, Nina – and this aforementioned project would help propel me forward.

As the [International Officer candidate application](#) deadline was quickly approaching, I began to feel hope again. "Love Letter to Ourselves" reminded me that I had the power to help others and prove to myself that my life had meaning again. So, I decided to run for International President – not to win, but to show myself and others that even during one's darkest hours, you

can still find a way to keep going. I was weary and nervous, but I got the courage to tell my story at Ohio's Spring Conference, and not only did I find that I had a whole region behind me, but I also found that throughout every step, even when I felt like a mess, I had advisors and peers who believed in me for exactly who I was.

Finally, the day came. The first round of voting was in, and I had made so many friends in such a short number of months. While I was hopeful to meet all these people I came to adore so much, I wasn't confident that I would advance in the election process. Then it happened: Nina called to congratulate me on becoming a semifinalist for International President.

The day I arrived at [Catalyst](#), I was greeted by some of the most brilliant and encouraging people that I now have the privilege of calling friends. I got to meet the other candidates that I had been chatting with online for so long, and I met so many inspirational people throughout my campaign. Although Catalyst only lasted for a few days, it changed my entire life. Making it to semifinals was beyond my wildest dreams – but making it to finals and being gifted the position of International President was something I never even considered a possibility. I thought to myself in those moments after my name was called, "What if I had given up?." Thank goodness I didn't because I am forever changed by the amount of humanity I saw throughout the election process and the relationships I've forged since.

Dear Reader, I hope you take this as a sign to keep going, to believe in yourself even when life knocks you down, and to consider participating more in PTK. For all you know, maybe it'll change your life, too.

Love,\\  
Annalise Smith  
2024-2025 International President



The application for the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship closed on January 11. It will be beneficial to you if you learn more about the scholarship and to take steps to prepare for a stronger application. Apply in the fall in the year before you transfer in the following September. Deadline: 1/9/25 [www.jkcf.org](http://www.jkcf.org)

**SMART Scholarship**  
August to December application period  
<https://www.smartscholarship.org/>

**Jeannette Rankin Grant**  
Application closes: February 16, 2025  
Application and recommendation letter deadline: February 16, 2025  
Applicants notified: July 31, 2025

<https://rankinfoundation.org/national-scholar-grant/>



2025 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
Open to Undergraduate and Graduate Students

The New Jersey Chapter of the Society of Women Environmental Professionals ("NJSEWP") is pleased to announce the continuation of the NJSEWP Scholarship Program in 2025. The purpose of the Scholarship Program is to encourage women to pursue careers in an environmental field, to mentor undergraduate and graduate students who are majoring in environmental and related subjects, and to provide students with opportunities to connect with NJSEWP members for future internships and careers in the environmental industry.

A scholarship applicant must be an individual identifying as a woman and be either an undergraduate or graduate student attending an accredited New Jersey College or University. The undergraduate student must be entering their junior or senior year in the Fall of 2025 or will complete 60 credit hours as of September 2025. The graduate student must either start or continue their graduate studies related to the environment, such as science, policy, or law, in the Fall of 2025. A declared major in a field related to the environment is required.

Each scholarship award will be \$3,500 and includes free membership in NJSEWP for the duration of 2025. Scholarship money will be awarded to two graduate students and two undergraduate students.

Applications must be received by April 11, 2025. The NJSEWP Scholarship Committee will be announcing the scholarship award recipients in May 2025 and will present the awards at the NJSEWP 17th Annual Gala (date to be determined). Immediate family members of NJSEWP Board of Directors or NJSEWP Scholarship Selection Committee are not eligible to apply.

For questions or additional information contact Emily Bausher, Scholarship Chair, at [scholarship@njsewp.org](mailto:scholarship@njsewp.org) (please include "NJSEWP Scholarship" and your full name in the subject line of the email).

#### IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

The application form can be accessed here: <https://forms.als/NJSEWP/2025>

If you have any issues submitting an application via the form above, please contact Emily Bausher, Scholarship Chair, at the email listed above. Please note, that your progress through the application form cannot be saved, so we recommend completing the applicable application fields in a separate document.

**Environmental Professionals  
(NJSWEP) Scholarship Program**

Awards of \$3,500 each will be given to two undergraduates and two graduate students.

<https://www.njswep.org/njswep-scholarship-program>

Check in early 2026

Deadline: April

**PTKEDGE™**

PTK Edge is a free self-paced online professional development program.

<https://www.ptk.org/benefits/professional-development-courses/>

## Set Yourself Apart

**Competitive Edge** is a self-paced professional development course that teaches students essential workplace skills. Students will learn how to think critically, advocate for themselves, communicate effectively, operate as part of a team, and conduct themselves professionally in the workplace.

## Get the Job

**Employment Edge** is a self-paced professional development course with a primary focus of preparing participants to successfully enter the workforce. It provides coaching on the actions participants need to take to achieve employment success.

## Transfer to a University

**Transfer Edge** is a self-paced, interactive online course to prepare students of all backgrounds to successfully transfer from a two-year college to a four-year college.

## Build Research Skills

**Research Edge** is a self-paced, interactive curriculum that teaches students the basics of academic research. The course also prepares students and advisors to begin work on Honors in Action projects.

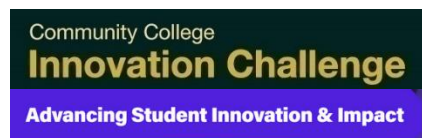
**Healthcare Edge** is a self-paced professional development course that prepares students for a successful transition from their specific academic healthcare program to employment in the healthcare field

**Advocacy Edge** is an interactive, self-paced course designed to guide





participants as they learn how to support a cause or policy. It teaches students the importance of being informed, how to collaborate, skills needed to communicate effectively, and tips for avoiding burnout.



<https://beta.nsf.gov/news/nsf-aacc-announce-2022-community-college-innovation-challenge-winners>

The Community College Innovation Challenge is led by the American Association of Community Colleges in partnership with the National Science Foundation. It is a national competition where community college student teams, working with a faculty or administrator mentor, use science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to innovate solutions to real-world problems; participate in an Innovation Boot Camp; and compete for cash awards.

Check the website for the opening in January 2026. In 2023 and 2024, Dr. Clive Li worked with students on the projects that received awards. He also guided a team in 2025.

### From the Phi Theta Kappa Reach Blog

Applying for scholarships? Phi Theta Kappa's experts offer six practical tips for making your application the best it can be.

Four things you'll need for the application.

**1. Know the Purpose.** Scholarship purposes are like shoes. Many styles exist, but the fit is dependent upon the person. Knowing the purpose is powerful in finding the right-fit scholarship. Fun fact: to find out what PTK scholarships you're eligible for, take our Eligibility Quiz at [scholarships.ptk.org](https://scholarships.ptk.org).

**2. Update Regularly.** You'll miss 100 percent of the scholarship opportunities shots that you don't take by not updating your application. Login to PTK's Scholarship App at

least once a semester to update or complete your app. Keep your application updated and relevant.

**3. Meet the Requirements.** Be honest on the eligibility quiz. Sounds so simple, right? Tricking the system to force an application open causes you to waste time if you aren't really eligible.

**4. Apply Early.** Get started working on your app as early as possible to provide ample time to finesse content before the deadline. Essays are usually the most heavily weighted item on an application. It's worth your effort to invest the most time on this portion of your application.

**5. Get Personal.** In it to win it? Let's get real — the more candid you are with telling your story and how it has motivated you in your personal and academic pursuits, the greater chance you'll have of your app resonating with a judge. Increase the odds of scoring well by telling your story well.

**6. Proofing Party.** Different strokes for different folks. Having multiple sets of eyes on your application can help strengthen entries, spot grammatical errors, and create cohesive content. Host a proofing party to inspire peer reviewing.

### Scholarship Tips To Help You Get That Bag

by *Caroline Sabsoul*, Communications Coordinator at Phi Theta Kappa.

My first experience with the PTK Scholarship application was in the Spring of 2018. My advisor had a session to go over the application, how to complete the eligibility quiz, important questions to highlight, etc. As an international student, it was a breath of fresh air knowing we could apply for scholarships, as we are rarely eligible for those, so I was eager to submit my application. However, like any other student to ever live, things got in the way, I procrastinated a whole lot, submitted my app at the last minute and, once I wasn't selected for any scholarships, got really frustrated. I knew, deep down, that I hadn't done my best to create an application that truly reflected my accomplishments. By then I was serving in leadership

positions at my chapter, doing volunteering work, basically all the tools you need to make your application shine. Fast forward to 2019. After I graduated from my community college, the scholarship team reached out asking if I wanted to be a judge for the Fall scholarship cycle. I said yes, of course. Once I found out what judges look for in a winning application, I knew exactly why mine wasn't selected, and couldn't blame the judges at all, as I hadn't done half of what I could have. Here are a few tips to help you make the most out of your application, from a PTK member and scholarship judge:

**Start early.** As students, there's nothing we love more than procrastinating. Getting things done at the last minute is a skill we often boast about, but good scholarship applications can't be done in a day. Take your time to go over the app, separate the mini-essay questions you'll need more time with, and draft your responses to give yourself time to organize your thoughts.

**It's all in the details.** As a student, I didn't really understand the difference that including details made in the application, but they are probably the most important part of it. The judges don't know you; they don't know anything about what you've done and your accomplishments. Write your answers like you are telling a story, so judges can get an exact picture of what you've done, and the impact of it. Most questions will have a 250-word limit, and if you can, use it all. Don't fluff it, though!

**Double-check the questions.** Something I love about the PTK Scholarship app is that the questions are really straight forward. Every question in the app has a blue question mark next to it with details of exactly what judges will be looking for. Make sure to answer ALL parts of the question!

**Invest in community service.** Serving your community not only feels great but also makes your application stand out! The PTK Scholarship app has a tab dedicated to volunteerism, but you can expect to see some aspect of



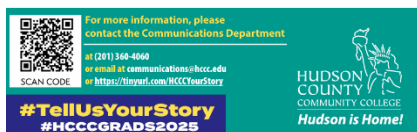


community service in any scholarship application you apply for. A great way to get some community service hours in is getting involved with your PTK chapter. The app also has a tab dedicated to your involvement with PTK, and while not having any involvement is **not** a deal breaker, getting involved can help make your app shine!

One final piece of advice to all PTK members: apply. Scholarship apps can be intimidating, but there is no chance of getting a scholarship if you don't apply for one. Check out the PTK Scholarship Resources, our YouTube Channel for scholarship webinars, and most importantly, reach out to Phi Theta Kappa if you have any questions. We are here to help every student succeed.

## Graduating This Year?

### Share Your Story



The Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship provides up to \$55,000 per year for up to three years for baccalaureate studies. Cooke Scholars are also eligible for up to \$150,000 for graduate studies.

Nest application – October 2025

Visit [www.jkcf.org](http://www.jkcf.org) for information about the scholarship, Cooke Scholars, and tips on writing stronger application. You may also sign up to be on the mailing list to get notified of the application availability.

## What are the selection criteria?

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation reviews each application individually with assistance from a panel of education experts. Among the criteria used in the selection process are:

• **Exceptional academic ability and achievement:** Strong academic record, academic awards and honors, and substantive assessments by educators providing confidential recommendations. We consider: -cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.5 or above

-participation in available advanced courses

-commitment to learning  
-intellectual curiosity

• **Unmet financial need:** We will consider applicants with family income up to \$95,000.

• **Persistence:** Determination and perseverance in the face of challenges, ability to set and remain focused on goals and to put in the effort needed to meet those goals in the face of obstacles.

• **Leadership:** Ability to organize and positively influence others in school and out-of-school areas (family, religious community, sports, arts, etc.).

• **Service to Others:** Purposeful and meaningful commitment to others which may be evidenced by participation in volunteer/community service activities.



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[www.americanneedsyou.org](http://www.americanneedsyou.org)

ANY addresses the professional development gap for first-generation college students and is changing these outcomes.



## Research Experience for Undergraduates

NSF funds a large number of research opportunities for undergraduate students through its REU Sites program. An REU Site consists of a group of ten or so undergraduates who work in the research programs of the host institution. Each student is associated with a specific research project, where he/she works closely with the faculty and other researchers.





Students are granted stipends and, in many cases, assistance with housing and travel. Undergraduate students supported with NSF funds must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its possessions. An REU Site may be at either a US or foreign location.

<https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/>

You may examine opportunities in the subject areas supported by various NSF units. Also, you may search by keywords to identify sites in particular research areas or with certain features, such as a particular location.

Hudson County Community College students have participated in the Queensborough Community College Research Experience for Undergraduates program for many summers. There are Research Experience for Undergraduates programs all over the country. Members have also participated in programs at Columbia University, Princeton University, Rutgers, and University of South Dakota.



<https://www.ptk.org/reach-blog/2019/10/02/new-leadership-development-studies-course-is-here-and-online-only/>

This is a game-changer: the sixth edition of Phi Theta Kappa's Leadership Development Studies curriculum is here, it's entirely online, and it's free for all members. Prior to the COVID-19 Lockdown, this course was not free.

You don't even need a textbook — the curriculum uses open source materials that are readily available and include readings, TED Talks, videos, podcasts, and film studies. The course is grounded in the Humanities and features Classic Cases and Leadership Profiles from history and literature, as

well as active learning exercises, discussions, and leadership journals.

"We are ecstatic to not only introduce the new curriculum but to also make it accessible to every single one of our PTK members for free," said Susan Edwards, PTK's Associate Vice President of Honors Programming and Undergraduate Research. "We have seen powerful leaders emerge from this course and believe everyone should have the opportunity to develop their own leadership potential."

There are 10 units for the course (Do Unit One first. Then the other units may be done in any order):

#### **Unit One: Developing a Personal Leadership Philosophy**

Examine different views of leadership and establish the foundation for a personal leadership philosophy.

#### **Unit Two: Leading by Serving**

This unit explores servant leadership and demonstrates that leadership in any field requires you to do more than just lead; the important thing is to serve.

#### **Unit Three: Understanding Ethical Leadership**

Learn the concepts of personal and institutional social responsibility and social responsiveness, and survey the process of ethical reasoning and its tools.

#### **Unit Four: Articulating a Vision**

Inspiring a shared vision is one of the most difficult tasks a leader faces; explore the critical link between a leader's vision and his or her ability to communicate its essence powerfully.

#### **Unit Five: Team Building**

Discover how an effective leader engages in team-building activities to increase the effectiveness of groups and the satisfaction of individuals working in groups.

#### **Unit Six: Leading With Goals**

Learn why goals are the stepping stones to personal, interpersonal, and career development and are critical for effective leadership.

#### **Unit Seven: Making Decisions**

This unit investigates the process of decision making first from a personal perspective and then from a broader perspective, when decisions will affect many.

#### **Unit Eight: Guiding Through Conflict**

You'll learn that the leader's task is not to remove conflict but to choreograph it in order to reduce its harmful side effects, maximize its positive benefits, and maintain civility.

#### **Unit Nine: Realizing Change**

Discover why one of the most important tasks of the leader is to encourage the ongoing rejuvenation of a group or organization.

#### **Unit Ten: Empowering Others**

Empowerment is an important concept for effective leadership; explore different approaches and the varied ways leaders can empower others.

Enroll at

<https://leadershipstudies.ptk.org/moodle/course/index.php?categoryid=3>

[www.ptk.org/ptk-edge](http://www.ptk.org/ptk-edge)

### **More Research Experience for Undergraduates Opportunities**

[https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/list\\_result.jsp?unitid=69&d=8001259-p=1](https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/list_result.jsp?unitid=69&d=8001259-p=1)

#### **Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society**

Did you know that PTK members have exclusive access to transfer scholarships at 850+ transfer institutions? Explore your transfer options now at [connect.ptk.org](http://connect.ptk.org)



### **HONORS IN ACTION**

The Phi Theta Kappa Experience:  
Honoring Scholars, Building Servant Leaders

Phi Theta Kappa's 2024-2025 Honors Study Topic is

The Power of Stories

**Theme 1:** Why We Tell Stories

**Theme 2:** Perspectives Shape Stories





**Theme 3:** Ways Stories Are Told

**Theme 4:** Preserving Stories

**Theme 5:** Representations Through Stories

**Theme 6:** Stories of Persistence, Resilience, Healing, and Sorrow

**Theme 7:** Stories as Information, Misinformation, and Disinformation

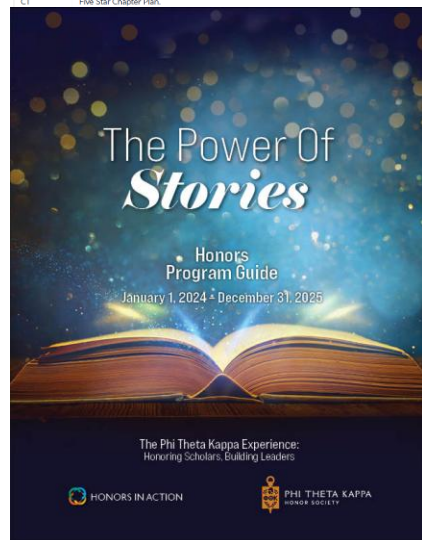
**Theme 8:** Fables, Folklore, and Fairytales

For a copy of the 2024-2022, Honors in Action Guide, visit

[https://connect.ptk.org/web\\_files/advisors/static\\_files/staticPagesImages/HonorsinActionResources/2024HonorsProgramGuide.pdf](https://connect.ptk.org/web_files/advisors/static_files/staticPagesImages/HonorsinActionResources/2024HonorsProgramGuide.pdf)

[Advisor Calendar » Phi Theta Kappa](#)

Date/Time	Description
June 10th at 3:00p.m. CT	<b>Chapter Officer Orientation</b> - Chapter Officer Orientation is designed to equip newly elected chapter officers with the tools, knowledge, and confidence to lead their chapter successfully. Officers will learn about PTK Programs and explore strategies for effective implementation, team collaboration, communication, and member engagement. By the end of the orientation, officers will be prepared to lead with purpose and contribute meaningfully to their chapter's success.
June 17th at 1:00p.m. CT	<b>PTK Virtual Transfer Fair Featuring Graduate School Programs</b> - Once a member, always a member! This session highlights graduate school programs at PTK partner colleges that offer scholarships exclusively for PTK members and alumni. Explore opportunities to fund your advanced degree and connect 1-on-1 with institutions ready to support your academic journey beyond a bachelor's degree.
June 18th at 3:00p.m. CT	<b>Membership Recruitment and REACH Rewards</b> - Join us to help you grow a strong, engaged chapter - We'll cover outreach tactics, effective messaging, and ways to promote the value of PTK membership through events, social media, and campus connections and how the REACH Rewards program will help your chapter REACH it's membership goals!
June 24th at 3:00p.m. CT	<b>Five Star Chapter Plan</b> - The Five Star Chapter Plan gets to the heart of the PTK Experience. It engages chapters in Phi Theta Kappa programs and celebrates their accomplishments. We will discuss the "why" and provide overviews of the College and Honors in Action Projects which are part of the Five Star Chapter Plan.



**Participate in the Honors in Action Project. Contact an officer.**

**Unofficial Transcripts**

To retrieve or print your Unofficial HCCC transcript

Follow the following steps:

- 1) Login to your: My Hudson County Community College Portal
- 2) Go to right side tab: Liberty Link
- 3) Click on Liberty Link For Students
- 4) Select the fourth option: My Academic Profile
- 5) Select Unofficial Transcript
- 6) Select College Level Transcript and click Submit
- 7) Right click on your laptop touch pad and select print or use the keyboard short cut : Ctrl + P
- 8) If you are using EDGE: On the pop-up Printing page, click on the drop-down menu in the top left corner where it said "Printer"
- 9) Select: Microsoft Print to PDF
- 10) Click print in the bottom left: It will prompt you to save the file as a PDF in your computer
- 11) If you are using chrome: On the pop-up menu change the destination from the default printer to PDF and click SAVE

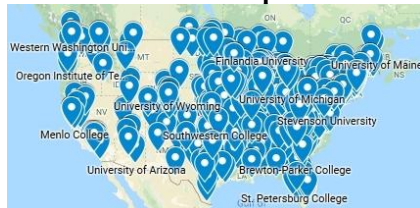
## Membership Certificate

For the digital copy of your membership certificate, login at [www.ptk.org](http://www.ptk.org). Then click on your name in the upper right corner. On the left, go to Membership & Participation. Click on Membership Details. Scroll down and Generate Membership Certificate.

If you want a replacement hard copy of the certificate, purchase it from the Phi Theta Kappa Store.

<https://www.ptk.org/Store.aspx>

## Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarships



<https://www.ptk.org/Scholarships/TransferScholarshipSearch.aspx>

## Research Experience for Undergraduates

<http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/physics/reu.html>

<https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/>

# Scholarship AMERICA®

<https://scholarshipamerica.org/>  
Scholarship America manages various scholarships.

<http://www.hccc.edu/scholarships/> Check the site for scholarships.



Phi Theta Kappa's FREE online search tool for transfer scholarships, colleges and career pathways



[https://ptk.org/Default.aspx?TabID=6034&fbclid=IwAR1ROB7qicqtm4mY4p78v4nn3E\\_Ufb0p7ZP3SiZD\\_5-1ld2Nx927Hum\\_Qlw](https://ptk.org/Default.aspx?TabID=6034&fbclid=IwAR1ROB7qicqtm4mY4p78v4nn3E_Ufb0p7ZP3SiZD_5-1ld2Nx927Hum_Qlw)





<https://www.hackensackriverkeeper.org/rivercleanupprogram>

The cleanups schedule is now available. August 16, 9 am-12 pm  
Rutkowski Park, Bayonne, 440 entrance.

Register online.

### Bayonne Nature Club

[www.bayonnenatureclub.org](http://www.bayonnenatureclub.org)

August 16 Rutkowski Park, 48<sup>th</sup> Street entrance. 9:00-11:00 am



### Hoboken Cove Community Boathouse

<https://sites.google.com/hobokencoveboathouse.org>

1100 Sinatra Drive North  
Hoboken, NJ 07030

Hoboken Cove Community Boathouse is run by volunteers. Its mission is to provide free water sport programs and access to local waterways for all to enjoy. It also has beach cleanups.

Cleanups are every weekend an hour before the public paddle days. Sign up at <https://www.meetup.com/Hoboken-Cove-Community-Boathouse/>



The New Jersey Reentry Corporation (NJRC) is a non-profit agency to assist citizens returning from incarceration to join the workforce. Contact Jada Fulmore, Director of NJ ReEntry Kearny at [jfulmore@njreentry.org](mailto:jfulmore@njreentry.org) about volunteer opportunities.



The Open Run is held on Sundays at Lincoln Park and other locations. Volunteers are needed.

[nyrr.org/openrun/volunteer](http://nyrr.org/openrun/volunteer)

**Dvine Konektion Community Development Corporation**  
611 56<sup>th</sup> Street. West New York 201-617-4484

[www.dvinek.org](http://www.dvinek.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/dvinekwny/>

Each month, a Health and Wellness Community Fair is held to groceries, free medical screenings, and other supplies, and services. Contact to volunteer.



<https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/org989749.jsp>

Online and in person volunteer opportunities.



Sunday, October 19



October 11, Liberty State Park  
[https://volunteer.zerocancer.org/opportunities/uCILmZ3gJZ?%24web\\_only=true&\\_branch\\_match\\_id=1445686041613965430&\\_branch\\_referrer=H4sIAAAAAAAAAA8soKSkottLXr9BLz0nJ08vM10%2FVT3GuLM4pMUw2C0yyrytKTUstKsrMS49PKsovL04tsnXLBrlVwAAfh1ZjoAAA%3D](https://volunteer.zerocancer.org/opportunities/uCILmZ3gJZ?%24web_only=true&_branch_match_id=1445686041613965430&_branch_referrer=H4sIAAAAAAAAAA8soKSkottLXr9BLz0nJ08vM10%2FVT3GuLM4pMUw2C0yyrytKTUstKsrMS49PKsovL04tsnXLBrlVwAAfh1ZjoAAA%3D)



Friends of Liberty State Park

To preserve, protect, conserve, and promote Liberty State Park

Gardening, Liberty State Park,  
9:00 am-12:00 pm

Register at [www.jerseycares.org](http://www.jerseycares.org)

The Friends of Liberty State Park needs volunteers at Bergen Square Day on September 13 and at the 5K Run/Walk on November 1. Contact Prof. Lai



PFF Walk, August 2

Liberty State Park

[PFF Walk Volunteer Interest Form](#)  
[Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation](#)



Roxy Arrojo  
Executive Director  
[roxy@educationalartsteam.org](mailto:roxy@educationalartsteam.org)  
201-428-2466

[educationalartsteam.org](http://educationalartsteam.org)  
300 Morris Pesin Drive  
Jersey City, N.J. 07305

### Mission

We engage young people with arts based programs that connect creativity with critical thinking in order to stimulate personal growth and academic achievement by making their learning experience more meaningful.

**Education Arts Team welcomes volunteers. Contact Roxy Arrojo.**



## International Officers 2025-2026



**Elijah Bishop, International Vice President – Division I**, Beta Alpha Tau, Community College of Baltimore County, Dundalk Campus

**Raymond Philip, International Vice President – Division II**, Collin College, Alpha Mu Tau

**Lulu McGowan, International President**, St. Louis Community College – Forest Park, Xi Epsilon

**Dakota McLaughlin, International Vice President – Division III**, Ivy Tech Community College

**Anna Maria Dennis, International Vice President – Division IV**, Central Arizona College, Alpha Theta Delta

**Catalyst, Baltimore**  
March 26-28, 2026

## Middle States Regional Officers, 2025-2026



**Adam Deinhardt, Middle States Regional President**

**Laura Cook, Delaware State President**

**Briana Ebie, New Jersey State President**

**Benjamin Sang, Maryland State President**

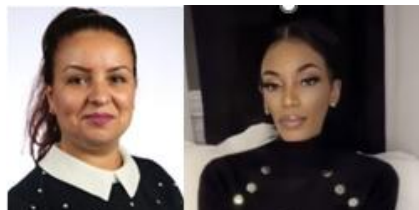
**Latisha Kelly, Pennsylvania State President**

**Middle States Regional Convention, Baltimore**  
March 25, 28, 2026

## Beta Alpha Phi Alumni Association



**President- Diego Villatoro**  
**Vice President – Marlenne Andalia**



**Vice President- Sarra Hayoune**  
**Vice President - Tiana Malcolm**

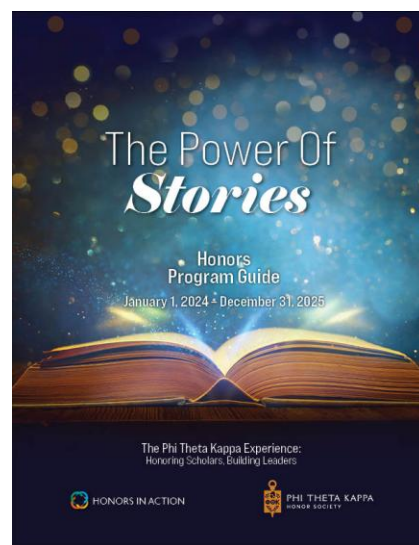
Department of Defense (DoD)  
Scholarship-for-Service Program  
**DoD STEM Scholarships & Grants**  
**- SMART Scholarship**  
August 1-December 8

**Spring Scholarship Application**  
**[scholarships.ptk.org](https://scholarships.ptk.org)**  
**January 6-May 15**

## How Honors in Action® Works

Connect with the chapter officers and other students to identify and research a theme from the current Honors Study Topic and an issue on your campus or in your larger community. Then, you'll turn that research into a plan of action that meets a specific need in your area. You'll expand your worldview and be able to give back through service — a win-win.

Through these experiences, students build practical and academic skills. By working closely with both their peers as well as campus and community leaders, students will learn not only how to research an issue but also how to utilize resources and build professional relationships.



For a copy of the Honors Program Guide

**[https://connect.ptk.org/web\\_files/advvisor/static\\_files/staticPagesImages/HonorsinActionResources/2024HonorsProgramGuide.pdf](https://connect.ptk.org/web_files/advvisor/static_files/staticPagesImages/HonorsinActionResources/2024HonorsProgramGuide.pdf)**

## The College Project: Becoming Your College's Best Ally

The College Project is designed to help your chapter develop and/or strengthen a supportive working relationship with your college administration.

Administrative support is essential for all active Phi Theta Kappa chapters — funding their travel, granting access to campus resources, and celebrating in person the chapter's inductions. Instead of asking for a handout, *this* is your opportunity to offer a hand with whatever the college needs to support its mission.

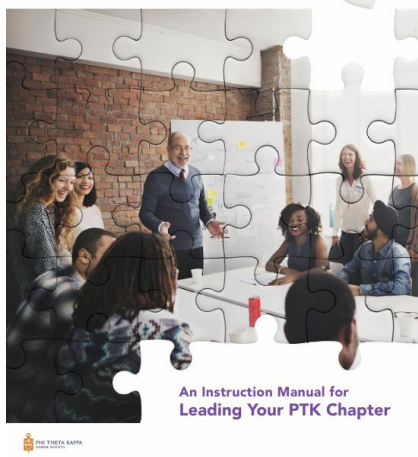
The project can be *anything* that benefits the college and is *approved* by the college administration — preferably the campus president/CEO.







### Activity Guide for Chapter Leaders



<https://connect.ptk.org/content/shared/ActivityGuide>

This guide breaks down the most important activities of an engaged Phi Theta Kappa chapter with easy-to-follow instructions, samples you can customize to meet your needs, and lots of ways to build your leadership skills while you're growing a strong chapter.

### Year Up

<https://www.yearup.org/>

"Year Up enables young adults to move from minimum wage to meaningful careers in just one year."

"Year Up's mission is to close the Opportunity Divide by ensuring that young adults gain the skills, experiences, and support that will empower them to reach their potential through careers and higher education."

A six-month internship is part of the program.



[Jeannette Rankin National Scholar Grant - Jeannette Rankin \(rankinfoundation.org\)](https://jeannetterankin.org/)

**•Must be a woman or nonbinary age 35 or older meeting the financial requirements**

- A U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States.  
Application: Opens on November 11

### Graduating in 2025-2026 Academic Year?

**Apply for the Fall Scholarships, not the Spring Scholarships.**

**Deadline: December 2**

[scholarships.ptk.org](https://scholarships.ptk.org)



The Beta Alpha Phi Awards Cabinet is in S306.



<https://www.smartscholarship.org/smart>

SMART Scholars are provided with the tools required to pursue their STEM education and begin their career in a prestigious civilian position with the Department of Defense (DoD).

**Benefits include:** Full tuition and education related educational expenses (meal plans, housing, and parking not included)

- Stipend paid at a rate of \$25,000 - \$38,000 a year depending on degree level (may be prorated depending on award length)

- Summer research internships ranging from 8 to 12 weeks
- Health Insurance allowance of up to \$1,200 per academic year
- Miscellaneous allowance of up to \$1,000 per academic year
- An experience mentor at one of the Sponsoring Facilities
- Employment placement at a DoD facility upon degree completion.

### Application period August 1 to December 1

Some requirements are United States citizenship, 18 years old by August 1, 2022, degree in STEM, and minimum GPA of 3.0

You may apply for the scholarship for undergraduate and graduate studies at the same time.



<http://hsf.net>

<https://apply.hsf.net/>

[https://www.hsf.net/en\\_US/scholarships](https://www.hsf.net/en_US/scholarships)

### Honors Case Study Challenge

<https://portal.ptk.org/Programs/HonorsinAction/HonorsCaseStudyChallenge.aspx>

Award: \$500

Deadline: November 7

- Read online or print newspaper articles of varying viewpoints between January 1 and November 1, 2023.
- Select five newspaper articles with varying viewpoints on a single topic related to the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Study Topic, *To the Seventh Generation: Inheritance and Legacy*.

Go to the website for more information.



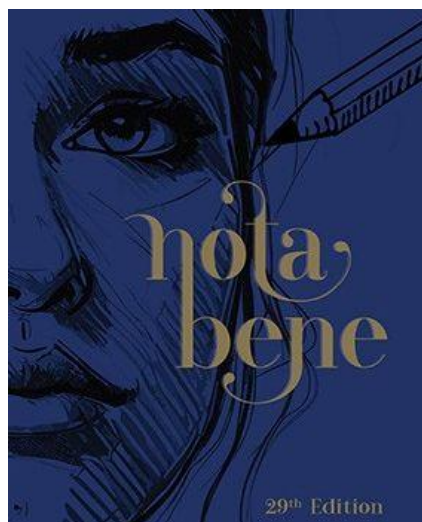
## Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship

The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise scholarship program provides new Phi Theta Kappa members with financial resources to help defray educational expenses while enrolled in a two-year college in order to develop leadership potential through participation in Phi Theta Kappa programs.

The program awards up to 200 scholarships of \$1,000 each, a total of \$200,000 in scholarships annually. Of these awards, 25 scholarships are earmarked for current members of the military or military veterans.

The Phi Theta Kappa Global Leaders of Promise scholarship program provides new Phi Theta Kappa members who are international students with financial resources to help defray educational expenses while enrolled in a two-year college in order to develop leadership potential through participation in Phi Theta Kappa programs. Applicants must be eligible for the Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise scholarship program and will apply on the same application.

New application in early 2026. Deadline: May 15



Past issues of Nota Bene are available at [www.ptk.org](http://www.ptk.org)

<https://www.ptk.org/scholarships/nota-bene-literary-competition/>. *Nota Bene*, Latin for "note well," is Phi Theta Kappa's honors anthology. It recognizes outstanding writing of Phi Theta Kappa members and demonstrates to the literary public the academic excellence and commitment to scholarship found at two-year colleges. The first issue of *Nota Bene* was published in 1994; it has been published annually ever since. Some authors will receive \$500 or \$1,000.

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Opens in Fall 2025



[www.hacu.net](http://www.hacu.net)

Resource for scholarships, internships, and other opportunities for students of any ethnicity. Hudson County Community College is a member of HACU.



Phi Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarship will help Phi Theta Kappa members overcome unanticipated financial barriers preventing the completion of a student's first college credential, an associate degree or certificate. Visit [scholarships.ptk.org/](http://scholarships.ptk.org/)

## Scholarship Resources

[www.collegescholarships.org](http://www.collegescholarships.org)

[www.brokscholar.com](http://www.brokscholar.com)

[www.cksf.org](http://www.cksf.org)

[www.free-4u.com](http://www.free-4u.com)

[www.collegeraptor.com](http://www.collegeraptor.com)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

[www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net)

[www.knowhow2go.org](http://www.knowhow2go.org)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.scholarshipamerica.org](http://www.scholarshipamerica.org)

[www.TRPI.org](http://www.TRPI.org)

[www.zinch.com](http://www.zinch.com)

[www.jkcf.org](http://www.jkcf.org)

[www.hccc.edu/scholarships](http://www.hccc.edu/scholarships)

[www.hccc.edu/countyscholarships](http://www.hccc.edu/countyscholarships)

[www.aauw.org/education/fga/scholarships.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/scholarships.cfm)

[www.sciencewise.com](http://www.sciencewise.com)

[www.aicpa.org](http://www.aicpa.org)

[www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)

## FREYA MOSKOWITZ STERN SCHOLARSHIP

Finch College Alumni Association

**\$5,000 scholarship, awarded in two disbursements, for females at least 22 years old transferring to any accredited 4-year college in September. The 2026 application will be available in early 2026. deadline: May 1**

<https://www.finchcollege.org/scholarship>

**Required documents: application, essay, resume, transcript, proof of age, proof of United States citizenship or permanent residence, two letters of recommendations.**

## Scholarship Resource

<http://www.benefits.gov/benefit/s/browse-by-category/category/17>





America Needs You is an American non-profit organization with headquarters in New York City. ANY pairs low-income college students, who are first in their family to go to college, with mentors. It provides professional development mentoring and job placement services to its clients.

Are you an ambitious first-generation college student? The America Needs You (ANY) Fellows Program is an intensive two-year program for high-achieving, low-income, first-generation college students. The program has four components:

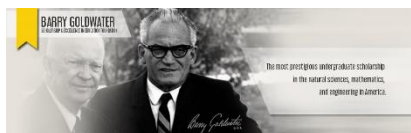
1. **Intensive Career Development:** ANY follows a best in class curriculum focused on professional skills, career exploration, college completion, and personal growth. The program provides up to 28 full-day workshops over the course of two years.
2. **One-on-One Mentorship:** Each student (Fellow) is matched one-on-one with a mentor (Mentor Coach), who attends full-day workshops with the Fellow, resulting in up to 220 hours of mentoring over the two-year program. Mentor Coaches provide industry insight and connections as well as help Fellows set goals and stay on track academically and professionally.
3. **Robust Networks:** Fellows interact with thousands of diverse professionals through workshops, Career Days (on-site employer visits), and internship/job opportunities at companies. These opportunities allow Fellows to grow their professional,

academic and social networks.

4. **Holistic Support:** ANY supports Fellows in overcoming personal and academic challenges, such as transfer support for Fellows enrolled in community college. The program also provides up to \$2,000 in grants and in-kind contributions over the two years, including business attire.

<https://www.americanneedsyou.org/our-programs/programs-overview/>

Check in January for the 2023 program.



### Goldwater Scholarship

<https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org/>

**The 2024 application opened in September 2023. Deadline: January 2024**

The Goldwater Scholarship Program, one of the oldest and most prestigious national scholarships in the natural sciences, engineering, and mathematics in the United States, seeks to identify and support college sophomores and juniors who show exceptional promise of becoming this Nation's next generation of research leaders in these fields.

The characteristics the Foundation seeks in a Goldwater Scholar include: strong commitment to a research career in the natural sciences, mathematics and engineering, effective display of intellectual intensity in the sciences, mathematics and engineering, and potential for a significant future contribution to research in their chosen field.



The All-USA Community College Academic Team recognizes high achieving two-year college students who demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom to benefit society. Twenty team members are named annually with each receiving a \$2,500 scholarship, a total of \$50,000 in scholarship awards. In addition to scholarships, team members are featured in the USA TODAY newspaper and presented at the annual President's Breakfast held during the American Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention. July 28-December 2



The Guistwhite Scholarships recognize Phi Theta Kappa members for outstanding academic achievement, leadership accomplishment and engagement in Phi Theta Kappa programs and is designed to assist in the members' attainment of baccalaureate degrees. Phi Theta Kappa annually awards up to 20 scholarships of \$5,000 each.

The application period: July 28 to December 2.



### HITES SCHOLARSHIP

The Hites Transfer Scholarship recognizes outstanding academic achievement, engagement in college and community activities, and leadership accomplishment of Phi Theta Kappa members preparing to transfer to senior institutions in pursuit of baccalaureate degrees. Phi Theta Kappa annually awards up to 10 scholarships of \$7,500 each. The application is opened: July 28-December 2  
Eligibility

The All-USA Academic Team, Hites Scholarship, and Guistwhite Scholarship are part of the Fall Common Application closes on December 1st [www.ptk.org](http://www.ptk.org)

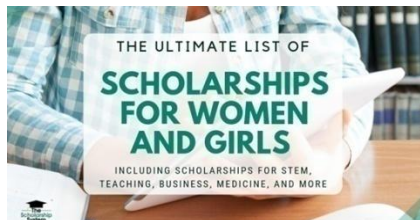
## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Hudson County Community College Foundation has been operating since 1997. The Foundation works to develop income for needs-based and merit scholarships and to provide seed money for new and innovative student programs at HCCC. New students entering HCCC or currently enrolled students with GPA's of 2.0 to 4.0 are eligible for scholarships. ESL & Academic Foundations students are eligible for scholarships. Hudson County Community College Foundation offers a variety of scholarships to qualified applicants. Students may receive one Foundation Scholarship in a given semester. Scholarships must be used in the academic year for which they are

awarded. Students receiving scholarships must be enrolled in a degree-seeking matriculated program. Students may reapply for scholarships each spring. **Deadline: July 1**

The website lists scholarships from Hudson County Community College and other sponsors.

<https://www.hccc.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships/index.html>



[https://thescholarshipssystem.com/blog-for-students-families/the-ultimate-list-of-scholarships-for-women-and-girls/?fbclid=IwAR2L7kugdriUeLLSus-6JddB0PrTTA\\_v7TAFEAZcut-IS2GXrkM4aMAWvSo](https://thescholarshipssystem.com/blog-for-students-families/the-ultimate-list-of-scholarships-for-women-and-girls/?fbclid=IwAR2L7kugdriUeLLSus-6JddB0PrTTA_v7TAFEAZcut-IS2GXrkM4aMAWvSo)

Northern New Jersey Bridges to the Baccalaureate is

## NOW RECRUITING!!

Hudson County Community College was recently awarded a Bridges to the Baccalaureate (B2B) grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to support students from under-represented backgrounds in their completion of Associate degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and transfer to four-year institutions.

### Why Be B2B?

**Benefits**

- Comprehensive support in completing a STEM degree and transferring to a four-year institution
- Paid Research Experiences - A select number of Hudson County Community College B2B scholars are eligible for summer and semester-long work experiences at four-year institutions
- Paid Leadership Experiences/Campus Jobs - Positions include Program Ambassador, Web Master, Social Media Coordinator, Departmental Liaison, Career Events Assistant, etc.
- Mentoring from students and faculty at Hudson County Community College and participating four-year institutions
- Financial Rewards for participating in B2B activities

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Major or intend to major in a non-medical science STEM major
- Commit to graduate within two to three years
- Available to participate in B2B activities
- Willing to support fellow students in their academic success
- Desire to contribute to the mission and program goals of broadening diversity in STEM

**Contact**  
Dr. V. B. Josail  
Associate Professor of Biology, Room 5 505C  
Faculty Site Coordinator Northern NJB2B Alliance  
[vjosail@hccc.edu](mailto:vjosail@hccc.edu)  
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Faculty Site Coordinator Northern  
NJB2B Alliance  
[fkahouo@hccc.edu](mailto:fkahouo@hccc.edu) (201) 360 -  
5348, 5505

## LUPE Latina Leadership Scholarship

<https://www.lupenj.org/scholarship>

Scholarships for women attending college in New Jersey

Deadline: June 17



<http://www.kaplanedfoundation.org/become-a-scholar/apply-to-be-a-kaplan-scholar/>

The Kaplan Leadership Program removes many of your financial burdens, allowing you to complete your associate's degree and earn a bachelor's degree. The Kaplan Leadership Program shows you how to take control of your future, change your life, and achieve your academic and career goals. Program benefits include:

- \*Academic advising and transfer admissions support to help you transition from your associate's degree program to a bachelor's degree program
- \*Financial support that allows you to focus on school
- \*Personal development, training, and mentoring
- \*Cultural Enrichment Opportunities

The 2025 application will close on September 8.



Students at NISOD member colleges are invited to participate in the Student Graphic Design Contest and design the official Conference Program for NISOD's 2022 International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, the definitive gathering of community and technical college faculty, administrators, and staff seeking best and promising practices designed to improve student achievement.

It is at each member college's discretion how it determines what artwork is submitted to NISOD for consideration.

Award: \$1,000 and more  
Up to \$400 USD toward travel to Austin, Texas

Up to three nights lodging (Saturday, Sunday, Monday nights only) and one complimentary conference registration.

For more information, go to  
<https://www.nisod.org/membership/student-graphic-design-contest/>





### Application: Opens in August



<http://nisod.org/?q=scott-wright-student-essay-contest>

Student authors are asked to describe a faculty member, staff member, or administrator who encouraged them to complete a course, finish a semester, or graduate from college, and how that encouragement helped them reach their goal(s) in 500 words or less.

### Application: Opens in August 3 Awards

Each winner and the essay's subject will get \$1,000, a complimentary conference registration to the International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence (May in Austin, Texas), complimentary hotel room (maximum three nights), and up to \$400 towards transportation costs to the conference. Each winning student author's college will receive a complimentary membership. The winning student essays will be published on *Community College Week's* and NISOD's websites along with the photos and names of the winning student authors; the featured employees; and the winning student authors' college presidents.

### Member Benefits

<https://www.ptk.org/benefits/member-discounts/>

Check [www.ptk.org/store](http://www.ptk.org/store) for discounts

### Chapter's Website

Phi Theta Kappa webpage on the Hudson County Community College website:

[Phi Theta Kappa \(PTK\) | Hudson County Community College \(hccc.edu\)](http://Phi_Theta_Kappa_(PTK)_|_Hudson_County_Community_College_(hccc.edu))

## The Women on Par Scholarship

The "Women on Par" Scholarship Program, provided by the LPGA Foundation, was established in 2007 by the EWGA Foundation (now the LPGA Amateur Golf Association) to provide financial assistance to "non-traditional" female students. These scholarships are intended for women, aged 30 and older, who are attending a college or university for the first time or returning to school after an absence to complete their technical/vocational, Associate, or Bachelor's degree. The scholarships are designed to help these women get "on par," or get an equal footing, with their peers, friends, and other women who have had a chance to complete their college education.

Check in 2026

<https://lpgaamateurs.com/membership/s/scholarship/>

## Military Honor Cord



Phi Theta Kappa is so honored to provide no-cost military honor cords to all veteran and active duty PTK members. Thank you for your service!

To request a military cord, e-mail your military service proof to [store@ptk.org](mailto:store@ptk.org).

## Spring Scholarships Webinar Also Good Tips for the Fall Scholarships

In 2022, Phi Theta Kappa hosted a webinar to assist with the preparation of the Spring Scholarship Application.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XUcwGh\\_iDE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XUcwGh_iDE) Membership Card

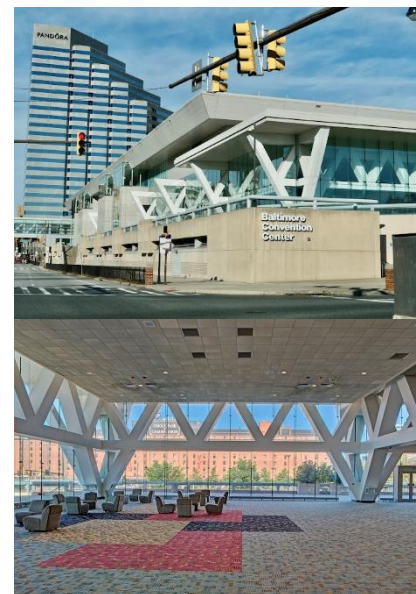
Calling all members and alumni! You can now be a card-carrying member of PTK - check Phi Theta Kappa's new membership card under your profile when you log into [connect.ptk.org](http://connect.ptk.org).



### PTK Scholarship Application 4 TIPS FROM THE EXPERTS

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<b>Request a Letter of Recommendation EARLY</b>	<b>Proofread, proofread, PROOFREAD!</b>	<b>Complete Your Application</b>	<b>Submit Your Completed Application</b>
<p>It is a good idea to request your letter of recommendation as early as possible. This gives your recommender more time to write a strong letter. It also gives you time to provide any necessary information to your recommender.</p>	<p>Before you submit your application, proofread it carefully. Check for spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors. Ask someone else to proofread it as well. A well-written application is more likely to be successful.</p>	<p>Make sure you have completed all required sections of the application. Double-check that you have provided all necessary information and that your application is complete.</p>	<p>Once you have completed your application, submit it as soon as possible. This ensures that your application is received on time and increases your chances of being considered for the scholarship.</p>

## Conventions



The Middle States Regional Convention and Catalyst will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center. The regional convention will be held on March 25 and 27. Catalyst will be held from March 26 to 28.



## Scholarships Administered by Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa administers scholarships using a common application. Applicants may apply for one scholarship on the common application or multiple scholarships at the same time. The Fall Scholarship Application opens in the summer and the Spring Application opens in the winter. [www.scholarships.ptk.org](http://www.scholarships.ptk.org)

### Fall Scholarships

All scholarships administered on the Fall Scholarship Application are for use by students who are almost finished with their associate degree coursework and intend to enter the work force or intend to transfer to an accredited four-year college to complete a baccalaureate degree for the following upcoming academic year. When you begin an online application, you will first be required to take and pass an eligibility quiz which will help you determine your eligibility for the following scholarships.

**July 27- December 2**

Hites Transfer Scholarship

Guistwhite Scholarship

All-USA Community College Academic Team

Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team

New Century Scholars

All-State Community College Academic Team

### Spring Scholarships

Scholarship Application are for use by students who are relatively new community college students and plan to attend the community college for associate degree coursework for the upcoming academic year. When you begin an online application, you will first be required to take and pass an eligibility quiz which will help you determine your eligibility for the following scholarships. **Opens in January, Deadline: May 15**

Frank Lanza Memorial Scholarship

Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise

Richard L. Resurreccion Public Safety Scholarship

**Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarship  
awarded each month**

[scholarships.ptk.org](http://scholarships.ptk.org) #PTKScholarships

Fall Application Deadline  
December 2

Spring Application Deadline  
May 15

Phi Theta Kappa Spring Scholarships - the application is open

<https://portal.ptk.org/Scholarships/AssociateDegreeScholarships.aspx>

<https://portal.ptk.org/Scholarships/OtherScholarships.aspx>

<https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>





## Calendar of Events

- \*August 2 **Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (PFF) Walk**, Liberty State Park
- \*August 14 **PACE Summer Retreat**, North Hudson Campus, 8:30 am-5:30 pm, see below
- \*August 16 **Hackensack Riverkeeper Cleanup**, Rutkowski Park, 9 am-12 pm
- \*August 16 **Bayonne Nature Club Cleanup**, Rutkowski Park 9-11 am
- \*September 13 **Bergen Square Day**
- \*October 11 **Zero Out Prostate Cancer**, Liberty State Park, 200 Pesin Drive
- \*October 19 **Out of the Darkness Walk**, Stevens Institute of Technology
- \*October 19 **Bike MS**, Manhattan, Pier 76
- \*November 1 **Friends of Liberty State Park 5K Run/Walk**
- February 17 **Lunar New Year Parade**, Chinatown
- \*March 25 and 27 **Middle States Regional Convention**, Baltimore Convention Center
- \*March 26-28 **Catalyst**, Baltimore Convention Center

**President's Advisory Council on Institutional Engagement and Excellence (PACE)**  
invites you to the


**2025 SUMMER RETREAT:**  
*Reflect, Engage, and Renew*

**Thursday, August 14, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**  
North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Multipurpose Room N203, Union City, NJ 07087

Join us for a transformative day of reflection, connection, and growth. Dr. MarTeze Hammonds will lead an interactive and energizing session exploring how each of us can help build a more inclusive and compassionate campus community. The day will continue with multiple opportunities for planning, meaningful engagement, and learning.



If you're able to attend, please RSVP by Thursday, August 7, using the link below:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/Hsdpc3wJXm>

**GUEST FACILITATOR**  
**MarTeze Hammonds, Ed.D.**  
Owner/Principal Consultant, MDH Consulting Group, LLC



Lunch and refreshments will be provided

All College services and programs are intended to be inclusive and accessible for all college community members. Accommodation requests related to a disability or health condition should be made by Thursday, August 7, to the Office of Accessibility Services by calling (201)360-4157 or e-mailing [AS@hccc.edu](mailto:AS@hccc.edu).

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=X3KnydgkwEa-3PkwMv5GA6qm\\_j9AhHIQ3IU9sBJUQkc3SzNNNEgwQkM5NDVVCV1pGRUdWNFdKW4u&](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=X3KnydgkwEa-3PkwMv5GA6qm_j9AhHIQ3IU9sBJUQkc3SzNNNEgwQkM5NDVVCV1pGRUdWNFdKW4u&)

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**2024-2025 Honors Study Topic,**

**The Power of Stories**

**For full details visit**  
[www.ptk.org/honors/guide](http://www.ptk.org/honors/guide)

**Friends of Liberty State Park Gardening Program**  
**9:00 am-12:00 pm**  
**Saturday**  
**201-915-3402 ext. 101**  
**Sign up at**  
[www.jerseycare.org](http://www.jerseycare.org)

[www.ptk.org](http://www.ptk.org)

[middle-states-region.ptk.org](http://middle-states-region.ptk.org)

**Facebook Group:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/322464417875149/>

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