# Thi Theta Kappa International Honor Society

September 2025 Volume 29 Issue 1



# Beta Alpha Phi

Of Hudson County Community College Jersey City, New Jersey

### **Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation Walk**



On August 2, Aaron Matthew Araza, Anuvhuti Bisht, Yamileth Rojas, Alero Tetevi, and Professor Lai volunteered at the PFF Walk at Liberty State Park. They placed covers on the tables, registered the walkers, distributed t-shirts, served along the route, prepared the refreshments tables, and served lunch. Continued on page 3

### **Inside this issue:**

| PFF Walk                          | 1, 3        |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| PTK Info, New Members             | 2           |
| Open Run, Greenville BBQ          | 3           |
| Queensborough CC REU              | 3           |
| PACE Summit Retreat               | 4           |
| Radiology Graduation              | 4           |
| <b>College Service Day</b>        | 4           |
| Convocation, Princeton            | 4           |
| Chime Scholar, NY Triath          | lon 4       |
| Election                          | 5           |
| Middle States Region              | 6           |
| PTK Edge                          | 6-8         |
| Scholarships 2, 8                 | 8-11, 13-19 |
| Internships                       | 9-11        |
| Leadership Development            | 10          |
|                                   | 10-11, 13   |
| Community Service                 | 12          |
| Regional &Intern'l Officer        | rs 13       |
| Alumni Association                | 13          |
| <b>Activity Guide for Leaders</b> | 14          |
| NISOD Contests                    | 17-18       |
| Conventions                       | 18          |
| Calendar of Events                | 20          |

# 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. You will be afforded a variety of services so check it out!

Welcome to Beta Alpha Phi Brenda Aguilar **Lorenis Canga Alexus Cintron Angella Cintron** Freddy Cuello Medina Angieli Del Rosario Castro **Alexander Cruz** Lauren Edwards Paul Estrada Sabrina Francis Daniella Garcia **Deicy Garcia Maria Gomes** Rofidah Khamis Victoria Lenga Joshua Manosalvas Kaseem McRae **Yousef Mohammed** Trinece Nesmith Jason Oliveira Isabel Ortiz Aarya Patel Lena Planche-Odry John Jay Rama **Talianne Rosario** Joshua Sebro Georgina Sotomayor

Fall Scholarship Application Period, July 27-December 2

Julian Vargas

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

Beta Alpha Phi Officers 2025-2026

President Kenia Sandoval ksandoval8688@live.hccc.edu

Vice President Alketa Muja amuja3683@live.hccc.edu

Vice President of Leadership

Vice President of Fellowship

Vice President of Scholarship Marolla Youakim myouakim8099@live.hccc.edu

Vice President of Public Relations Moksh Borkar mborkar6277@live.hccc.edu

Secretary
Anuvhuti Bisht
abisht8016@live.hccc.edu

Vice President of Social Media

Vice President of Service



First row: Kenia Sandoval, Alketa Muja 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

Phi Theta Kappa Store

ptk.org/shop

Chapter's Webste https://www.hccc.edu/studentsuccess/studentlife-leadership/ptk.html

### **Beta Alpha Phi Advisors**

Ms. Angela Tuzzo
Office: B104, 81 Sip Avenue
201-360-4197
atuzzo@hccc.edu
Professor Theodore Lai
Office: S305, 263 Academy
Street
201-360-4264

### tlai@hccc.edu **Liberty State Park**



www.folsp.org





Continued from page 1









On August 3, Aaron Matthew Araza was one of two volunteers at the Open Run at Lincoln Park on August 3. Several volunteers are needed each week. The New York Road Runners only has one Open Run in New Jersey. Volunteers are needed at 8:30 am at Lincoln Park. Runners are advised to check in at 8:45 am. Open Runs are free.



Aaron with Koby

### **Greenville BBQ**

Aaron Matthew Araza and alumna Alison Robinson volunteered at the annual Greenville BBQ on August 9





Marolla Youakim presented her research project on August 8. She participated in the Research Experience for Undergraduates at Queensborough Community College. https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/







Phi Theta Kappa members were invited to the PACE 2025 Summer Retreat. It was held at the North Hudson Campus on August 14. Anuvhuti Bisht, Alketa Muja, and Sonam Dorji are among the members who accepted the invitation. Professor Raffi Manjikian is a PACE Co-Chair.





### ASSOCIATE DEGREE RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM WHITE COAT CEREMONY



Carethia Mulling receiving one of her awards on August 14.



Congratulations to **Naoual Daoud** for being recognzed as one of the first Chime Workforce Scholar. The Chime Workforce Scholarship a new Phi Theta Kappa scholarship. Apply at

https://www.ptk.org/scholarships/chime-workforce-scholarship/

### College Service Day, August 22



Raffle winners: Angela Tuzzo and Anuvhuti Bisht

### New Student Convocaton August 27



### **PRINCETON** UNIVERSITY



Moksh Borkar, Sebastian Valdivieso, Samara Bashore, and Victoria Lenga participated in the Transfer Scholars Initiative at Princeton University from June 28 to August 15.



August 10



# BECOME AN OFFICER

### **APPLY NOW**

Available positions:

- VP of Social Media
- VP of Fellowship
- VP of Service
- VP of Leadership

# **ELIGIBILITY**

- PTK active member
- Completed at least 1 Edge
- In Good Standing (GPA 3.5 or above)
- Must be able to complete one full term (Fall 2025-Spring 2026)

### Join our team to create opportunities within this chapter

For more information email us: ptk@hccc.edu

Link Address:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/Res ponsePage.aspx?id=X3KnydgkwEa-3PkxwnMvbjntbox7O5lCkB6ddIvY9 yxUNDI5UjQ2UFNVVTNBVEI1OUhF NFg3NTAyNC4u

QRCode



Congratulations to these members who completed an **Edge in August** 



**Dynasty Gonzalez** 



**Angella Cintron Dynasty Gonzalez** Khushi Patel



**Dynasty Gonzalez** Sofia Munyan



Sofia Munyan Khushi Patel



Max Bamberger **Dynasty Gonzalez** Khushi Patel



Nancy Parekh Khushi Patel **Esther Pierre** Natasha Reyes Ramos Alyssa Sisk



Khushi Patel completed all six **Edges** 

### **Leadership Development Studies**

**Nube Cabrera and Khushi Patel** completed 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

### **Middle States Region**



Middle States social media

IF SERVING IS BELOW YOU, LEADERSHIP IS BEYOND YOU.







### **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 Instagram: Middle States Region and MSRAA MSRAA Email: middlestatesptkalumni@gmail.co



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 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

# JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER SCHOLARS

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

### Jeannette Rankin Grant

Application closes: February 16, 2025 Application and recommendation letter deadline: February 16, 2025 Applicants notified: July 31, 2025 <a href="https://rankinfoundation.org/national-scholar-grant/">https://rankinfoundation.org/national-scholar-grant/</a>



amounce the continuation of the NISWB Scholarship Program in 2025. The purpose of the Scholarship Program is the encourage warens to pursue casers in an environmental field, to make under undergraduate and graduate students who are majoring in environmental and related subjects, and to provide students with apportunities to connect with NISWID members for future internalisps and careers in the environmental industry.

A scholarship applicant must be an individual identifying as a worman and be either an undergraduate or graduate student alrending an accreded New Inersy College of University. The undergraduate student must be entering their junior or serior 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 studen 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 for required.

Each scholarship award will be \$3,500 and includes free membership in NJSWEP 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 NUSWEP Scholarship Committee will be announcin the scholarship award recipients in May 2025 and will present the awards at the NUSWEP 17th Annual Gala (date to be determined, Immediate family members of NUSWEP Board of Directors or NUSWEP Scholarship Selection Committee are not eligible to apply.

For questions or additional information contact Emily Bausher, Scholarship Chair, at scholarship@nswep.org (please include "NJSWEP Scholarship" and your full name in the subject lin

### IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

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 for

# **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-

https://www.njswep.org/njswepscholarship-program

Check in early 2026 Deadline: April



PTK Edge is a free self-paced online professional development program. <a href="https://www.ptk.org/benefits/professional-development-courses/">https://www.ptk.org/benefits/professional-development-courses/</a>

### **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, selfpaced 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.

# Community College Innovation Challenge

**Advancing Student Innovation & Impact** 

https://beta.nsf.gov/news/nsf-aaccannounce-2022-community-collegeinnovation-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.
- 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 <u>Caroline Sabsoul</u>, 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 we love nothing 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.

# JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP

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 <a href="www.jkcf.org">www.jkcf.org</a> 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.



### Contact

Genesis Castro, gcastro@yearup.org

Drew Marley, dmarley@yearup.org





### www.americaneedsyou.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/reachblog/2019/10/02/new-leadershipdevelopment-studies-course-is-hereand-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

### More Research Experience for Undergraduates Opportunties

https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/lis t\_result.jsp?unitid=69&d-8001259-

<u>p=1</u>

### 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



### 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

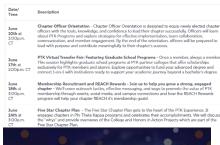
**Theme 7:** Stories as Information, Misinformation, and Disinformation

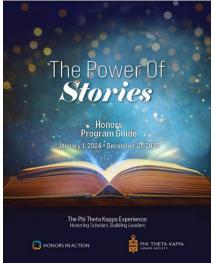
**Theme 8:** Fables, Folklore, and Fairytales

For a copy of the 2024-202, Honors in Action Guide, visit

https://connect.ptk.org/web\_files/advis or/static\_files/staticPagesImages/Hono rsinActionResources/2024HonorsProg ramGuide.pdf

### Advisor Calendar » Phi Theta Kappa





# 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 <a href="https://www.ptk.org">www.ptk.org</a>. 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.

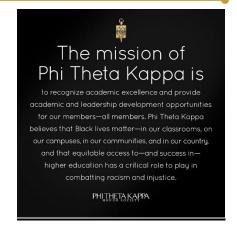
https://scholarshipamerica.org/ Scholarship America manages various scholarships.

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

### **August 1-December 5**

SMART Scholarship – free tuition, stipendm, and employment

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





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





https://ptk.org/Default.aspx?TabID=6 034&fbclid=IwAR1RQB7qicqtm4mY 4p78v4nn3E\_UfB0p7ZP3SiZD\_5-11d2Nx927Hum\_Qlw



https://www.hackensackriverkeeper.or g/rivercleanupprogram

The cleanups schedule is now available.
Register online.

### **Bayonne Nature Club**

www.bayonnenatureclub.org
DiDomenico 16th Street Park Cleanup
September 13, 9:00-11:00 am



# Hoboken Cove Community Boathouse

https://sites.google.com/hoboke ncoveboathouse.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 <a href="https://www.meetup.com/Hoboken-Cove-Community-Boathouse/">https://www.meetup.com/Hoboken-Cove-Community-Boathouse/</a>



### **Out of the Darkness Walk**

October 19 Stevens Institute of Technology



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 <a href="mailto:jtilmore@njreentry.org">jtilmore@njreentry.org</a> about volunteer opportunities.



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

nyrr.org/openrun/volunteer

# Dvine Konektion Community Development Corporation

611 56<sup>th</sup> Street. West New York 201-617-4484

www.dvinek.org

https://www.facebook.com/dvinekw nv/

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.





October 11, Liberty State Park

https://volunteer.zerocancer.org/op portunities/uClLmZ3gJZ?%24web\_ only=true&\_branch\_match\_id=144 5686041613965430&\_branch\_referr er=H4sIAAAAAAAAAASoKSkottL Xr9BLz0nJ08vM10%2FVT3GuLM 4pMUw2C0yyrytKTUstKsrMS49P KsovL04tsnXLBIrlVwAAfhh1ZjoA AAA%3D



Friends of Liberty State Park

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

Register at www.jerseycares.org

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



September 14 Rockefeller Park, NY

https://url.us.m.mimecastprotect.com/s /EYcQCpYj1VtKBMEPSPfPiGvhNv? domain=volunteer.stjude.org



Education Arts Team welcomes volunters. 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

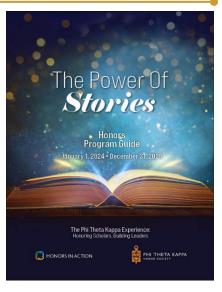
Department of Defense (DoD)
Scholarship-for-Service Program
DoD STEM Scholarships & Grants
- SMART Scholarship
August 1-December 8

Spring Scholarship Application scholarships.ptk.org 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/ad visor/static\_files/staticPagesImages/ HonorsinActionResources/2024Hon orsProgramGuide.pdf

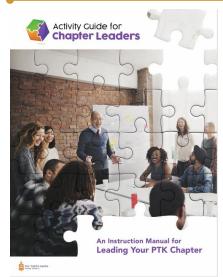
### The College Project: Becoming Your College's Best Ally

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.





# 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)

- 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



The Beta Alpha Phi Awards Cabinet is in S306.

# SMART SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Defense Created by Scientists and Engineers

https://www.smartscholarship.org/sma rt

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 August1, 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/scholarshi p

### Honors Case Study Challenge

https://portal.ptk.org/Programs/ HonorsinAction/HonorsCaseStu dyChallenge.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

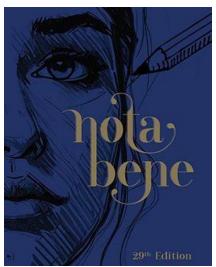
The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise scholarship program provides new Phi Theta Kappa members with financial resources to help defray educational expenses while enrolled in a two-year college in order to develop leadership potential through participation in Phi Theta Kappa programs.

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

# 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 received \$500 or \$1,000.

Opens in Fall 2025



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/

**Scholarship Resources** www.collegescholarships.org www.brokescholar.com www.cksf.org www.free-4u.com www.collegeraptor.com www.fastweb.com www.finaid.org www.hsf.net www.knowhow2go.org www.scholarships.com www.scholarshipamerica.org www.TRPI.org www.zinch.com www.jkcf.org www.hccc.edu/scholarships www.hccc.edu/countyscholarships www.aauw.org/education/fga/schola rships.cfm www.sciencewise.com www.aicpa.org www.studentscholarships.org

### FREYA MOSKOWITZ STERNSCHOLARSHIP

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-bycategory/category/17



America Needs You 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 twoyear program for high-achieving, lowincome, 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.
- **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 connections as well as help Fellows set goals and stay on track academically professionally.
- 3. Robust Networks: Fellows interact with thousands of diverse professionals through workshops, Career Days (onsite employer visits), and internship/job opportunities at companies. These opportunities allow Fellows to grow their professional,

academic and social networks.

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

https://www.americaneedsyou.org/our -programs/programs-overview/

Check in January for the 2023 program.



**Goldwater Scholarship** 

https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org/

# The 2024application 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 scholarships, addition to 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 community activities, 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 1at <a href="https://www.ptk.org">www.ptk.org</a>

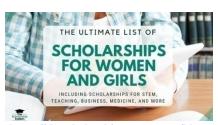
# HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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://thescholarshipsystem.com/blogfor-students-families/the-ultimate-listof-scholarships-for-women-andgirls/?fbclid=IwAR2L7kugdrIUeLLSus-6JddB0PrTTA\_v7TAFEAZcut-IS2GXrkM4aMAWvSo



Contact Professor Fidelis Kahouo, Faculty Site Coordinator Northern NJB2B Alliance fkahouo@hccc.edu(201) 360 – 5348, S505

### LUPE Latina Leadership Scholarship

https://www.lupenj.org/scholarship

Scholarships for women attendng 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 2027 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.

discretion how it determines what artwork is submitted to NISOD for consideration. Opens on September 3 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.

It is at each member college's

For more information, go to https://www.nisod.org/membership/st udent-graphic-design-contest/

### **Application: Opens in August**



http://nisod.org/?q=scott-wrightstudent-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 September 3 Awards

Each winner and the essay's subject will get \$1,000, a complimentary conference registration to 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. 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/memberdiscounts/

Check <u>www.ptk.org/store</u> 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)

### 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 "nontraditional" 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
<a href="https://lpgaamateurs.com/membership">https://lpgaamateurs.com/membership</a>
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.

### 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=0 XUcwGh\_iDEembership 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.



## PTK Scholarship Application 4 TIPS FROM THE EXPERTS



### **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

### 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 #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

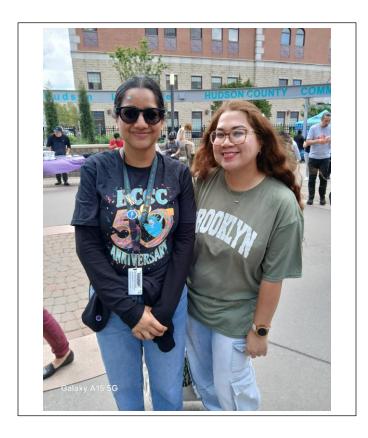
https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx

### Calendar of Events

- \*September 3 NISOD Essay and Graphic Arts Contests Open
- \*September 13 Bergen Square Day
- \*September 14 St. Jude Walk, Rockefeller Park, Manhattan
- \*October 1 Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Opens
- \*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



Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society 263 Academy Street, S305 Jersey City, New Jersey07306 2024-2025 Honors Study Topic,

**The Power of Stories** 

For full details visit 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.jerseycares.org

www.ptk.org

middle-statesregion.ptk.org

Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/322

464417875149/

**X**:

http://www.twitter.co m/ptkbap Instagram: @HCCC PTK

Snapchat: phithetakappa2017

