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Beta Alpha Phi Of Hudson County Community College Jersey City, New Jersey

Middle States Regional Convention



The 37th Middle States Regional Convention was held in Harrisburg on March 8 and 9. Shemia Superville, Natalia Amin Montero, Denifer Garcia, Camila Pazmino-Izquierdo. And Professor Lai were in Harrisburg.

Shemia served as the voting delegate and a Social Media Ambassador. Dennifer served a Social Medial Ambassador and played the national anthem and the Phi Theta Kappa Song.
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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. You will be afforded a variety of services so check it out!



Welcome to
 Beta Alpha Phi
 Nancie Ambion
 Abdessamad Belguebli
 Alan Chiguichon
 Katherine Espinoza
 William Garcia Augusto
 Assil Jeriouda
 Mayra Morocho Ludizaca
 Chinonso Onyebuchi
 Samantha Ortiz
 Esther Pierre
 Dalia Poblano

Chapter Officer Election
April 17
3:00 pm
Conference Room
Student Center

Must Complete At Least One
Edge of PTK Edge

Work as a Team on Honors in
Action Project, College
Project, Inductions, Meetings,
Membership Recruitment,
Involvement Fairs, and Other
Activities

Contact Professor Lai,
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candidate application.



Beta Alpha Phi
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2023-2024

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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 included with your
 membership. Additional shirts of all
 sizes from adult S to XXL are available
 for \$5.00 and \$6.00.

The white shirts have
 blue print. Blue
 sweatshirts in XL are
 available for \$6.00.



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/student-success/studentlife-leadership/ptk.html>

Beta Alpha Phi Advisor





Friends of Liberty State Park
To preserve, protect, enhance, and promote Liberty State Park

Liberty State Park Gardening Program Saturdays, 9:00 an-12:00 pm

On March 30, Denifer Garcia and Professor Raffi Manjikia volunteered in the gardening program.

Photo courtesy of Professor Manjikian



On April 6, besides gardening, there will be salt marsh cleanup near the administration building. In November, the Annual Friends of Liberty State Park 5K Run will be held.

The Friends of Liberty State Park
foaliberty@gmail.com
Friends' land line 201-792-1993 park office 201-915-3400 ext 101

VOLUNTEERS Are Needed and Welcomed To beautify LIBERTY STATE PARK

**Saturday, April 6, 2024
11 AM to 2 PM**

Our 28th annual Salt Marsh Natural Area shoreline clean-up in the Richard J. Sullivan Natural Area behind The Statue of Liberty



*Heavy Rain will postpone event until Sunday, April 7 at same time
For postponement info, please call 201-792-1993*

Sturdy shoes suggested. Snacks will be provided.
GPS location is Flag Plaza 200 Morris Pein Drive Jersey City, NJ

Please help cleanup this special natural area just across Pein Drive from LSP's Administration Building. Please park in the LSP southside main parking lot and walk to the gates in the fence near the dumpster. There's the entire salt marsh at low tide, including the narrow beach and rocky area past the beach to help pick up assorted debris and plastics which have come in with the tides.

The cleanup is co-hosted by LSP with a park naturalist on site.



On March 13, Brandon Borrero, Brianna Borrero, Samar Mohamed, Paulina Sonza, Yareldi Torres, Marolla Youakim, and others volunteered at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey.



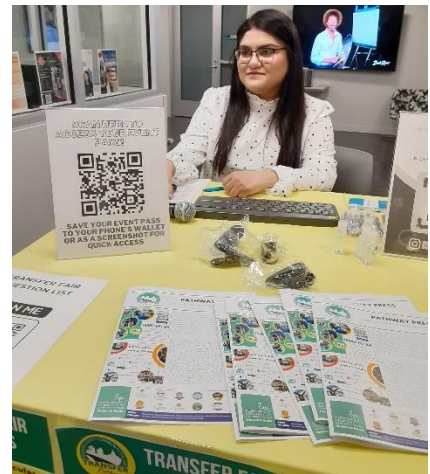
Denifer Garcia volunteered at Peace Care St. Ann's on March 16. She entertained the nursing home residents by playing the saxophone and worked with them on an art project. Denifer will be visiting Peace Care on April 20. Are you interested in volunteering with her? Photos courtesy of Denifer



Transfer Fair, March 20



Nina Maria Resurreccion and Lisa Camacho



Rimsha Bazaid, Program Coordinator, Transfer Pathways and past Beta Alpha Phi Officer



Najwa Esski, Marolla Youakim, and others volunteered at the Hoboken Shelter on March 24.



Bayonne Nature Club

On March 16, D'Metriotis Van de Mark volunteered at the Rutkowski Park cleanup. There will be a cleanup at Collins Park on April 6/



Secretary of Higher Education, March 7

Secretary of Higher Education Brian Bridges met with HCCC administrators, faculty, staff, and students to learn about the Hudson Scholars. Shemia Superville and Professor Raffi Manjikian were present.



2024 National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Conference



Alumna Jocelyn Wong-Castellano, Academic Counselor, Early College

Middle States Convention
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Phi Theta Kappa

Middle States Region
Five Star Chapter Plan
Awards

Five Star Level

To
Hudson County Community College
Beta Alpha Phi Chapter

2024



Patricio Vito Arce
Middle States Commission

Cheryl Reed
Middle States Commission

- Five Star Chapter
- Walk of Fame Chapter
- Hall of Honor Chapter Member
Birva Pinto
- Hall of Honor Chapter Officer
Najwa Essaki
- Shemia Superville
- Chapter President Recognition
Shemia Superville
- Continued Excellence Award for
Advisors

T. Lai



New Jersey Institute of Technology

On March 19, a hearing on funding for community college was held. Different colleges were present. Najwa Essaki and Shemia Superville were among the representatives for HCCC.





Catalyst 2024 will be held at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Orlando from April 4 to 6.



Keynote Speakers

Misty Copeland of the American Ballet Theatre.



Evy Poupouras, former Secret Service Special Agent, and Multimedia Journalist



PTK Catalyst 2025

April 3-5, 2025
Kansas City Convention Center
Kansas City, Missouri

PTK EDGE™

Congratulations to these members who completed an Edge in March



Haley Puyanko



Fnu Anjali Raj
Juliana Paula Lucila



Haley Puyanko



Juliana Paula Lucila
Haley Puyanko



Haley Puyanko
Fnu Anjali Raj



Haley Puyanko completed all five Edges

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Phi Theta Kappa Presents:
PTK EDGE CHALLENGE

COMPLETE ONE OR MORE PTK EDGES AND RECEIVE AN HONORS CORD FOR GRADUATION!

When you complete an Edge, Phi Theta Kappa e-mails you a digital badge. Forward the e-mail to tlai@hccc.edu and you will be added to the list for the cord.

VISIT EDGE.PTK.ORG AND START EXPLORING!

COMPLETE THEM NOW!

PTK EDGE

Complete at least one Edge and get an honor cord to wear with your cap and gown at Commencement. Complete all five Edges, receive a Phi Theta Kappa bag. See page 11.

www.ptk.org/ptk-edge

Member at Large

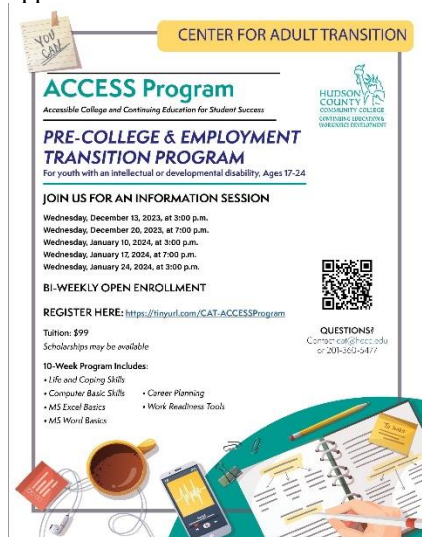
Tina Malcom
Beta Alpha Phi
Hudson County Community College
NJ

MSRAA

Tina Malcom was elected Member at Large for the Middle States Region Alumni Association at the regional convention on March 9.



Peer Mentor Program Introduction: A Peer Mentor is a Phi Theta Kappa upperclassman who can answer questions and provide support for the ACCESS Program students. This program will be offered on a paid or voluntary basis and is not mandatory. The purpose of the program is to promote unity, inclusivity, and equality among the class years, encourage involvement in clubs and organizations, and provide a support network for potential entering students continuing from the ACCESS Program. If selected, you will be assigned at least 2 mentees with whom you will be responsible for keeping in contact throughout the semester and providing guidance to as described below. Benefits and outcomes that we'd expect for both the student and Peer Mentor to gain include: Improved interpersonal skills, Improve ability to communicate effectively with different kinds of people and settings, inspire students to self-advocate and create a sense of community, Develop and explore leadership identity, Introduce HCCC clubs and organizations, and Introduce HCCC degree programs, certificate programs, and educational opportunities.



The Peer Mentor application was e-mailed to the members. If you need a copy, contact Professor Lai.

Spring Induction, 2024

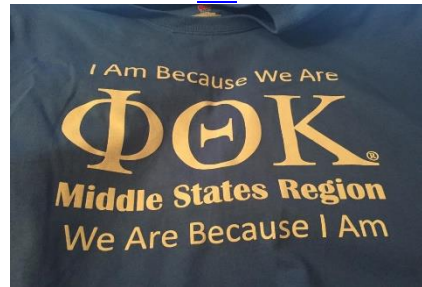
The Spring Induction will be held at 4:00 pm on April 24 at the Culinary Conference Center. Headshots from new members since November 18 are being collected. Please send to Professor Lai. Your photo will be framed.



Past Chapter President Bianelly Tellz will be the guest speaker.



Middle States Website
<https://middle-states-region.ptk.org/Default.aspx?TabID=4546>



Middle States social media



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.com

Middle States Website:
<https://msr.ptk.org/Default.aspx?TabID=4545>

Regional Leadership Development

The Middle States Regional Officer Team is working on Leadership Development programming for chapters in the region. We are asking for your feedback in areas where your chapter teams are strong and need further development. Answering this survey will help us provide chapters with quality programming based on the Region's needs.

Take Survey at:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTXdIZt6P05ymMc48Qf5f2tnl1OPjgZkTgOfbHqkigSIJHLO/viewform>



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. The next application will open in October.
www.jkcf.org

On November 15, 2022, Phi Theta Kappa hosted a webinar on the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship to help applicants to prepare a stronger application.
https://support.ptk.org/hc/en-us/articles/4409443341211-Jack-Kent-Cooke-Undergraduate-Transfer-Scholarship-Overview?utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=2021_all_Outreach&utm_source=Counselor_News



CHAPTER LEADERS Orientation
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PTK Program Resources Section

ASK ME ABOUT PTK

Once a PTK member, always a PTK member.

Looking for PTK members to share experiences, ask questions and network? Join our Facebook group: PTK members! You'll learn more about Phi Theta Kappa from PTK members across the world, and learn how to maximize your membership. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PTKmembersGroup>

These tips are good for the Fall and Spring Applications. They will also be beneficial for non-Phi Theta Kappa scholarship applications

PTK Scholarship Application
4 TIPS FROM THE EXPERTS

- 1 Request a Letter of Recommendation EARLY**
This is the most important step in the application process. Ask your recommender for a letter of recommendation as early as possible. Provide your recommender with a list of the PTK activities you have participated in and the specific skills you have developed.
- 2 Proofread, proofread, PROOFREAD**
Before you submit your application, proofread it carefully. Check for spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors. Ask someone else to proofread your application as well. Make sure you have enough time to complete your application before the deadline.
- 3 Complete Your Application**
Make sure you have completed all the required sections of your application. Double-check that you have provided all the necessary information and that you have signed and dated your application.
- 4 Submit Your Completed Application**
Once you are satisfied with your application, submit it to the PTK office. Make sure you have the correct contact information and that you have provided a return address for your application materials.

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HIDDEN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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- SALESFORCE ASSOCIATE

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For more information: Hiram Miranda hmiranda@hccc.edu 201-360-5471

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PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

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- High school graduate or GED recipient
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- Ability to attend Year Up virtual program learning alongside college course schedule
- Have not obtained a Bachelor's degree

Have Questions?
Text: (212) 202-1799 | Email: admissionsny@yearup.org

Applications are being accepted for the new session starting in January.

Genesis Castro, gcastro@yearup.org
Drew Marley, dmarley@yearup.org



PTK Edge is a free self-paced online program to help with soft skills, getting a job, doing research, and transferring to a 4-year college.

Set Yourself Apart

Competitive EDGE is all about professional development. It focuses on soft skills and career planning.

- Learn to communicate effectively
- Boost critical thinking and research skills
- Grow your emotional intelligence
- Increase your cultural awareness
- Get organized and set goals
- Test your professional etiquette

Get the Job

Employment EDGE is designed to help you successfully enter the workforce.

- Chart your career path
- Develop a resume
- Build your digital footprint
- Learn how to network
- Nail the interview
- Negotiate your salary





Transfer to a University

Transfer EDGE will prepare you to successfully transfer to a four-year college.

- Understand financial aid and student loans
- Create a personal transfer timeline
- Increase your chance at a selective college
- Make the most of your campus visits
- Submit a strong transfer application
- Create a scholarship resume

Build Research Skills

Research EDGE teaches the principles of conducting scholarly research while introducing you to Honors in Action, PTK's honors program.

- Explore the basics of Honors in Action
- Learn best research practices
- Engage in your chapter's Honors in Action project



PTK Healthcare Edge: You've decided to work in the healthcare field but need that edge that will set you apart during the interview? We got you! Our new self-paced program, Healthcare Edge will teach you how to: work with others, learn to communicate with patients and their families, work well under stress and much more! You will

also receive digital badges upon completion, win-win!

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



Community College Innovation Challenge

Advancing Student Innovation & Impact

<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 2024. In 2023, Dr. Clive Li worked with Sofia Ruseva and Justin Mosquera on the project for the Innovation Challenge. The project was a finalist.

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.

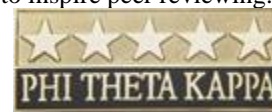
2. Update Regularly. You'll miss 100 percent of the scholarship opportunities shots that you don't take by not updating your application. Login to PTK's Scholarship App at least once a semester to update or complete your app. Keep your application updated and relevant.

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 [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.



RUTGERS



Sarra Hayoune is a 2020 Cooke Scholar. In Fall 2022, she started her doctoral studies in physics and astronomy at Rutgers. The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation will continue to provide financial support and guidance

Sarra served as a Beta Alpha Phi Chapter Vice President. She tutored and volunteered frequently at Liberty State Park. She participated in paid research internships at the American Museum of Natural History and Princeton University.

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 6, 2023

Visit www.jkef.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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<https://support.ptk.org/hc/en-us/articles/360035617233-2023-24-PTK-Scholarship-Application-Overview>



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 several summers. There are Research Experience for Undergraduates programs all over the country.



<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>



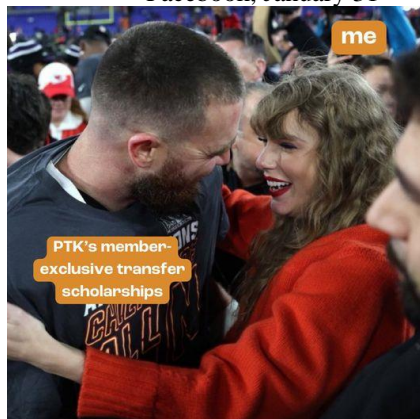
The Phi Theta Kappa Store (www.ptk.org/store) sells bags Phi Theta Kappa has frequent flash sales of 20 to 30% off. If you complete the five Edges, you will get a bag. Each Edge provides a lot of information to help you with soft skills, scholarships, transferring to four-year colleges, employment, resumes, interviewing, and research. The program is self-paced and optional.

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

Facebook, January 31



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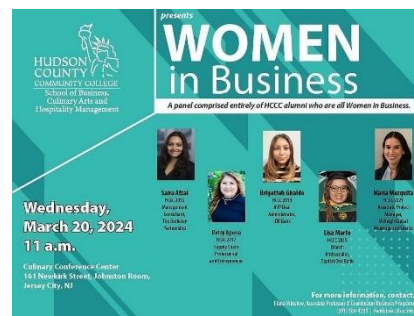
Did you know that PTK members have exclusive access to transfer scholarships at 850+ transfer institutions? Explore your transfer options now at connect.ptk.org

David Tadros

Rutgers rejected me out of high school due to low high school grades. Even NJCU rejected me. I went to Hudson County Community College, worked extremely hard, graduated as Valedictorian, and earned a PTK scholarship. I went to Rutgers as a junior, with most of my tuition covered by grants and the PTK scholarship. Thank you, PTK, for helping me accomplish a goal I literally thought would never happen. I'm an alumnus Scarlet Knight because of your help.

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.



On March 20, five HCCC alumnae served on the panel for Women in Business. Saira Afzal and Betsy Apena are Phi Theta Kappa members.





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

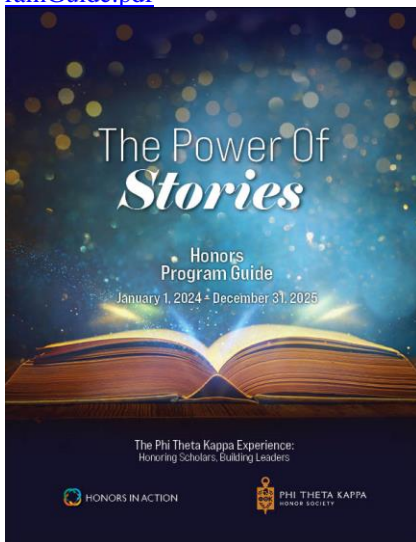
Theme 6: Stories of Persistence, Resilience, Healing, and Sorrow

Theme 7: Stories as Information, Misinformation, and Disinformation

Theme 8: Fables, Folklore, and Fairytales

For a copy of the 2022-2023, Honors in Action Guide, visit

https://connect.ptk.org/web_files/advisor/static_files/staticPagesImages/HonorsinActionResources/2024HonorsProgramGuide.pdf



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 INTERNET EXPLORER OR 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. 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>

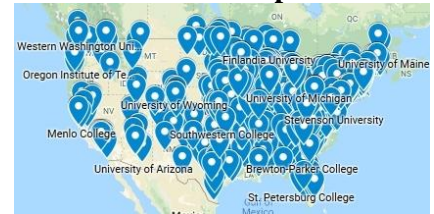


To pledge, go to

<https://www.ptk.org/Programs/CommunityCollegeCompletionCorps/TheCompletionPledge.aspx>

Send Professor Lai a screenshot of your pledge to get an honor cord.

Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarships



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



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

Scholar Snapp guides you through the scholarship application process. It allows the storage of information for your application to be used for other applications. You may be able to avoid preparing multiple applications individually. Scholar Snapp, a free service from the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, will be incorporated into PTKEdge Transfer.

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.



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Phi Theta Kappa Fall and Spring Scholarships

<https://ptk.org/scholarships/i-am-transferring/ptk-competitive-scholarships/>

Spring Programs Include

Leaders of Promise
IPSLEI

Workforce Development
Scholarships
Walgreens Technician

Deadline: May 15, 2024

Fall Programs Include

All-USA, New Century, Coca-Cola
Academic Team
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Hites
TEK
Workforce Development

Opens in the summer

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

STEM Internships



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

Search by discipline or location.

MULTIPLE REU PROGRAMS

- Boston University Photonics Center hosts the NSF REU Site in Integrated Nanomanufacturing, with interdisciplinary nanoscale research opportunities at the interface between engineering, biology, physics, and chemistry.
- The Center hosts three additional REU programs focused on heart tissue engineering, materials science, and photonics and optics.
- **All REU students work on authentic interdisciplinary research projects under the mentorship of BU faculty and graduate students.**

THE EXPERIENCE

- Hands-on research in state-of-the-art laboratories at Boston University’s Charles River Campus.
- Professional development sessions on graduate school, presentation skills, research ethics, and more. Outings and social activities. Research presentations at final poster session and certificate ceremony.

WHO SHOULD

APPLY? Undergraduate students majoring in science or engineering. Women, students from underrepresented groups, and students with limited opportunities to pursue research at their home institution are strongly encouraged to apply.



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

PTK CONNECT
YOUR NEXT STEP STARTS HERE

<p>Transfer Student-Focused PTK Connect serves as a “one stop shop” designed for transfer-bound students by college transfer experts. Review data on sites that is 100% relevant to YOU.</p>	<p>Gather College Knowledge Customize your search to locate best-fit college transfer choices. Evaluate transfer friendliness ratings. Compare college profiles.</p>	<p>Get Discovered! Demonstrate interest in four-year institutions by viewing or favoriting college profiles. Expect to hear from recruiters who aim to attract & enroll PTK members!</p>
<p>Search for Scholar Dollars Leverage your membership & secure return on investment. Find colleges offering excellent PTK transfer scholarship opportunities.</p>	<p>Career Insights Explore career pathways, including salary averages & employment stats by state. Investigate which academic majors align with your career interests.</p>	<p>Everything to Gain, Nothing to Lose Maximize your membership benefits & PTK experience by taking full advantage of this FREE, online tool accessible 24/7.</p>

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<https://www.hccc.edu/communication/submit-your-story/>

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

The **Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion** \$1,000 Scholarship will help [#PhiThetaKappa](#) members overcome unanticipated financial barriers preventing the completion of a student’s first college credential, an associate degree or certificate, while enrolled in college. It is awarded monthly. [Scholarships.ptk.org](https://scholarships.ptk.org)

Phi Theta Kappa Spring Scholarships Application is Open, Deadline: May 15

<https://www.ptk.org/scholarships/associates-degree/>

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<https://www.hackensackriverkeeper.org/activities-and-events/cleanups/>

2024 Community River Cleanups will take place from May 5 to November 3



Liberty State Park

Gardening, Saturdays, 9:00 am-noon
 March 9, Parking 6. Salt marsh cleanup near the Administration Building, 200 Pesin Drive on April 6, 11:00 am-2:00 pm and the annual 5K Run in November.

Bayonne Nature Club

www.bayonnenatureclub.org

April 6, 9-11 am Collins Park
 1st Street



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/>



<https://jcnj.galaxydigital.com/>

https://jcnj.galaxydigital.com/agency/detail/?agency_id=144315

Check the volunteer opportunities. One opportunity is on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Harsimus Cemetery.



<https://www.nyrr.org/openrun/volunteer>

Sundays at Lincoln Park
 Near the fountain



May 18, 2024
 Liberty State Park

Register to volunteer at
<https://alznj.akaraisin.com/ui/walktofightalzheimer2024/volunteer/start>



<https://events.nationalmssociety.org/>

Check for the date in 2024. Bike MS in October.



<https://zerocancer.org/>

November 16



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 about volunteer opportunities.



Saturday, May 4
 Liberty State Park

Register to volunteer at

[Opportunities | The National Multiple Sclerosis Society \(galaxydigital.com\)](#)

[Search for Walk MS in Jersey City](#)



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 56th Street, West New York 201-617-4484

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.



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2023-2024**



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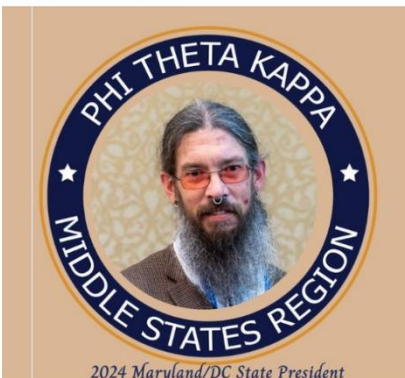
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Year Up

<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.

Year Up - New York New Jersey (YUNY|NJ)
168 Sip Avenue, D212
Jersey City, NJ 07306

Direct Line (Calls only): 646-341-6807
Cell Phone: 646-369-7400
Fax: (212) 916-1591
Enrollment team: Text (917) 982-2513 or Call 646-341-6800

Rutgers University

Rutgers Counselor at HCCC

Counselor, Admissions Office,
Rutgers University-Newark
L420, 71 Sip Avenue
Thursday, 9:30 am-3:30 pm



<https://rankinfoundation.org/for-students/eligibility-requirements/jeannette-rankin-eligibility>

- **Must be a woman age 35 or older receiving low income**
- **A U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States.**
- Application: Check in Fall 2024**



Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship honors excellence by supporting outstanding community college students with financial need to transfer to and complete their bachelor’s degrees at the nation’s top four-year colleges and universities.

UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship makes it possible for the nation’s top community college students to complete their bachelor’s degrees by transferring to a four-year college or university. The Foundation provides up to \$55,000 per year to each of approximately 85 deserving students selected annually, making it the largest private scholarship for two-year and community college transfer students in the country. In addition, up to \$150,000 will be available for graduate studies. Each award is intended to cover a significant share of the student’s educational expenses – including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees – for the final two to three years necessary to achieve a bachelor’s degree. Awards vary by individual, based on the cost of tuition as well as other grants or scholarship she or she may receive.

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

The selection process for these awards is rigorous and highly competitive with approximately 85 scholarships awarded each year out of hundreds of applicants. A review panel of distinguished university faculty and admissions professionals judge the applicants using criteria including: Achievement and academic ability

- Financial need
- Persistence
- Leadership
- Desire to help others

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be a current student at an accredited U.S. community college or two-year institution with sophomore status by December 31, 2021, or a recent graduate (since spring 2017).
- Plan to enroll full time in a baccalaureate program at an accredited college or university in Fall 2022.
- Have a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.5 or better on a scale of 4.0 (or the equivalent).
- Demonstrate significant unmet financial need. We will consider applicants with family income up to \$95,000. However, we anticipate that a majority of scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive a Pell grant.
- Have not previously been nominated for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship.
- Have not previously attended a four-year institution. You have attended but left without completing the semester, you may be eligible.

Application opens on October 6

: Application deadline: January 11, 2024.

www.jkcf.org



The Beta Alpha Phi Awards Cabinet is in S306.

The chapter hopes to receive more awards at the conventions in March and April. There are awards for members and the chapter.



<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/scholarship

National Science Foundation Garden State S-STEM Scholarship

**GARDEN STATE S-STEM SCHOLARSHIP
NOW RECRUITING!!**



Hudson County Community College was recently awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) Scholarship-STEM grant to provide additional monies for high achieving, full-time college students to enable them to devote more time to their studies and complete their associate degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and transfer to four-year institutions.



Why Be an S-STEM Scholar?

- Additional Financial Reward of \$4,000.00 per year for participating in S-STEM activities
- Comprehensive support in completing a STEM degree and transferring to a four-year institution
- Mentoring from students and faculty at HCCC and participating four-year institutions
- Monthly meetings and cross-STEM, cross-institutional programs
- S-STEM learning communities

Eligibility Criteria

- Minimum GPA of 3.5/4.00 in non-medical science STEM major
- Must be Pell Grant eligible
- An essay of 250 words minimum describing your career plans and how this scholarship will impact your studies
- Letter of Recommendation from an HCCC faculty member
- Commitment to graduating within two to three years
- Availability to participate in S-STEM activities
- Willingness to support fellow students in their academic success
- Desire to contribute to the mission and program goals of broadening diversity in S-STEM

Contact
Dr. Fatma Tat
Chemistry Instructor/S-STEM Coordinator
Office Phone: (201) 360-5412
Email: fatat@hccc.edu

Funded by the National Science Foundation, Grant Award #1643516

Contact Dr. Fatma Tat at fatat@hccc.edu for information and the application, which is also online at <https://www.hccc.edu/scholarships/garden-state-s-stem-application/>
Dr. Tat's office is S605C.

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.

Members may begin applying for this scholarship in March, and applications are due in May each year. An independent team of judges reviews the applications to determine scholarship recipients. Phi Theta Kappa notifies students selected as Leaders of Promise Scholars in August/September each year.

The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship is the Society's first scholarship program available to members to be used during the time they are enrolled in their community colleges.

Deadline: May 15



Past issues of Nota Bene are available at www.ptk.org

<https://www.ptk.org/benefits/honors-program/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.

The Ewing Citation Scholarship Award, a scholarship of \$1,000, is given to the author of the *Nota Bene* manuscript considered to be the most outstanding of all entries.

This award is named in honor of Nell Ewing, long-time Phi Theta Kappa staff member who was a driving force behind *Nota Bene*, beginning with its conceptual design and establishment. Ewing retired in 2012 after serving 26 years with Phi Theta Kappa.

One author will receive the Ewing Scholarship of \$1,000. Four authors receive the Reynolds Scholarship Awards, scholarships of \$500 each. These awards are endowed by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. They honor the memory of the late Donald W. Reynolds, founder of the Donrey Media Group.

Deadline: April 26, 2024



HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOOD PANTRY

HCCC FOOD PANTRY FALL HOURS

The pantries are open to all members of the College community – students, faculty, and staff. All must present a College ID with valid current semester sticker. We now offer fresh and frozen food options for those in need.

The pantries are located at:

JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS: 2 Enoch Place, Lower Level, Room J002 (201) 360-4109	NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS: 4900 Kennedy Blvd. Room N513A (201) 360-4709
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For more information: foodpantry@hccc.edu

#hccchudsonhelps



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
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www.aauw.org/education/fga/scholarships.cfm
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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.

2024 application 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.



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. Opens on July 1.



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 will be available on July 1 and will close on December 1.



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 201 application will open in September. 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



HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

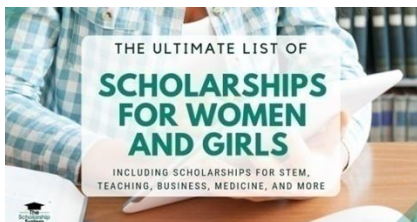
Hudson County Community College Foundation has been operating since 1997. The Foundation works to develop income for needs-based and merit scholarships and to provide seed money for new and innovative student programs at HCCC. New students entering HCCC or currently enrolled students with GPA's of 2.0 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: August 1**

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

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

Scholarship Resource

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



https://thescholarshipssystem.com/blog-for-students-families/the-ultimate-list-of-scholarships-for-women-and-girls/?fbclid=IwAR2L7kugdr1UeLLSus-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?

<p>Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>Contact: Dr. V.B. Inzill Associate Professor of Biology, Room S 509C Faculty Site Coordinator Northern NJB2B Alliance vinzill@hccc.edu Office Phone: (201) 300 - 4286</p> <p>Funded by the National Science Foundation. Grant Award #1821418389</p>
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KAPLAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

<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 2024 application will open on February 1.



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!

<https://support.ptk.org/hc/en-us/requests/new?fbclid=IwAR15y6i3mY7zlnQjuXLszWPDnfdlqCh5migU59oKPwJ9-C7yt6VAFO74bY>



Courage Lahban in the top center photo is a Past Beta Alpha Phi Chapter officer and alumnus of Hudson County Community College.

On the website, click the link at the bottom of the collage to hear the scholars' messages.

Black American Engineering Scholarship Up to \$10,000 per year.

Check for the application in Fall 2024

<https://thehelpingproject.org/scholarship/>



The Pearson Scholarship for Higher Education program provides new Phi Theta Kappa members with financial resources to help defray educational expenses while enrolled in an associate degree program at a two-year college, as well as provide continued financial support to Pearson Scholars in the transfer to a four-year college baccalaureate degree program. The program awards up to 10 scholarships of \$5,000 each, a total of \$50,000 in scholarships annually. Additionally, Pearson Education is committed to assisting students in meeting their goals of degree completion with all Pearson Scholars having access to a Pearson Mentor and complimentary access to Pearson textbooks and digital access codes. Ideal candidates will be civically engaged and committed to their community through service, demonstrate persistence and leadership, and show academic rigor and excellence. Preference will be given to first-generation students.



Walgreens Pharmacy Technician Certification Scholarship

Applicants must be enrolled in an Allied Health or Pharmacy Technician Program and intend to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam. The new application will be available in the spring.

bit.ly/PTKxWalgreensScholarship



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: August 21-March 8



<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: August 21-March 8
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.

2023 Essay Winners:
<https://www.nisod.org/2023/05/05/2023-scott-wright-student-essay-contest-winners/>

New Phi Theta Kappa Benefit

As college students, we know you may not always have the time or resources to take care of your mental health the way you would like to. With is in mind, Phi Theta Kappa is partnering with BetterHelp to provide all members, advisors, and alumni with one FREE month of online therapy with a licensed, board-certified therapist, no strings attached!

<https://www.ptk.org/benefits/better-help/betterhelp.com/ptk>



Other Benefits

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

StudyBuddy, GlobalFit, Dell Technologies, Lenovo, Enterprise Car Rental, National Car Rental, and more



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 1 to December 1, 2023

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. **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**

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Fall Application Deadline
December 1

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>

[scholarships - Benefits.gov Search Results](#)



JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION

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UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SESSION

The Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is a highly selective scholarship for community college students who want to finish their bachelor's degrees at four-year colleges. Every Cooke Scholar receives generous financial support, continuous advice, and the opportunity to network with the unique community of fellow scholars.

Don't miss out on joining us to learn more about this amazing scholarship!

APRIL 3 / 4:00 PM

HYBRID MEETING (ATTEND IN PERSON OR VIA WEBEX)

81 SIP AVE, SECOND FLOOR / CONFERENCE ROOM

WEBEX LINK WILL BE PROVIDED UPON RSVP

For more information and to RSVP, go to:



Hosted by HCCC Dreamers.

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Calendar of Events

- *April 4-6 **Catalyst**, Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center, Orlando
- *April 6 **Salt Marsh Cleanup**, Liberty State Park, 11:00 am-2:00 pm
- *April 6 **Bayonne Nature Club Cleanup**, Collins Park, 9:00-11:00 am
- *April 17 **Chapter Meeting and Election of 2024-2025 Officers**, 3:00-4:00 pm
- *May 4 **Walk MS**, Liberty State Park, See page 15
- *May 16 **Commencement**, Red Bull Arena, 10:00 am
- *May 18 **Walk to Fight Alzheimer's**, Liberty State Park
- *June 8 **Meadowlands/Solstice Cleanup**-Laurel Hill Park, 36 Laurel Hill Rd, Secaucus, 9a-12p
- *November 16 **Zero Prostate Cancer Walk**, Liberty State Park



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