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Commencement, May 21



Lida Khayrulina gave the valedictory address and Marlin Cesar sang the national anthem. It was the fourth time Commencement was held at the Sports Illustrated Stadium, formerly the Red Bull Arena. More photos on pages 5-6

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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**

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Max Bamberger
Anthony Besta
Tariq Butler
Daniel Camarillo
Sophia Colta
Naoual Daoud
Rosie Defressine
Rominna Diaz
Matias Faundez
Amanda Garas
Darali Garcia
Emily Hernandez
Diego Idrovo
Zaria Keith
Hammad Khan
Ngoc Le
Eddy Lopez
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First row: Kenia Sandoval, Alketa Muja, Mina Abdelmaseeh, Jessica Dang

Second Row: Marolla Youakim, Moksh Borkar, Anuvhuti Bisht, Eman Mahmoud

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 Website

<https://www.hccc.edu/student-success/studentlife-leadership/ptk.html>

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Liberty State Park



Friends of Liberty State Park

www.folsp.org

On April 26, Isra Ibrahim volunteered in the gardening program.

On May 4, Kenia Sandoval, Isra Ibrahim, and alumna Ana Estefany Polanco attended the 19th Annual Friends of Liberty State Park Recognition Luncheon at Liberty House.



On May 28, Anuvhuti Bisht and Marolla Youakim participated in the golf clinic at the Skyway Golf Course.

Clothing Drive

A clothing drive was held in April and May. On May 29, Ryan Cotter, Rashida Lee, Desiree Page, Khushi Patel, Joanne Rivera, and Kenia Sandoval organized the clothes to deliver to Mercy for my Neighbors.



Marolla Youakim was accepted into the Research Experience for Undergraduates at Queensborough Community College.

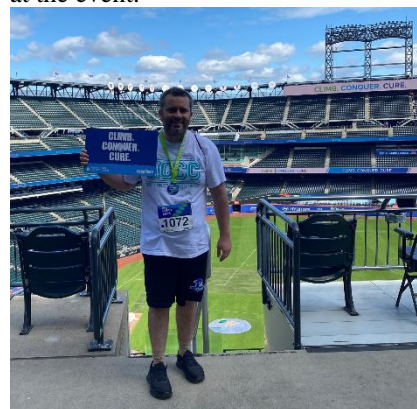
IF SERVING IS BELOW YOU,
LEADERSHIP IS BEYOND YOU.

— Anonymous —



LEUKEMIA &
LYMPHOMA
SOCIETY®

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Big Climb was held at Citi Field on May 18. Professor Raffi Manjikian represented the Beta Alpha Phi Chapter at the event.



Budget Hearings

Rifaya Dubash Khajamohidee, Dr Nicholas Chiaravalloti, Eman Mahmoud attended the budget hearing for community college funding in Trenton.





Induction, May 9



Academic Achievement and Excellence Recognition Luncheon, May 9



Hudson B.E.S.T. Awards, May 7



Pershing Field Park

Nube Cabrera and her daughter assisted in plantings at Pershing Field Park on May 31.



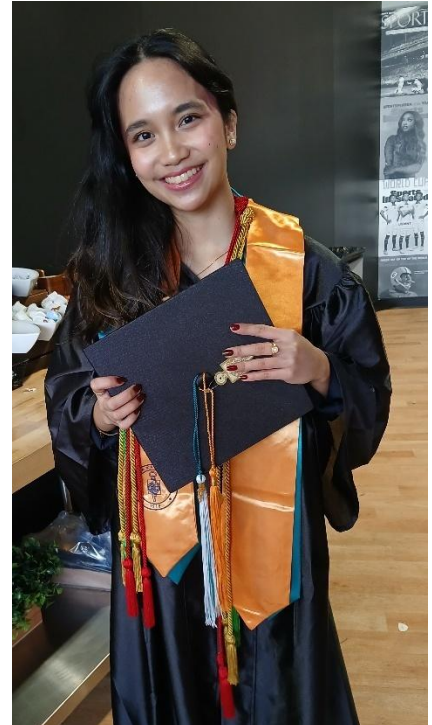


Commencement

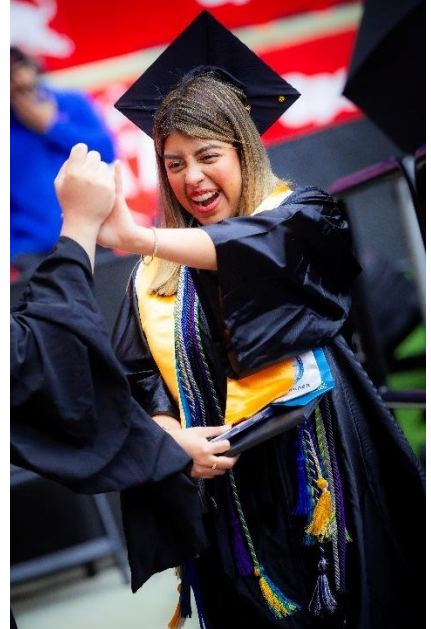
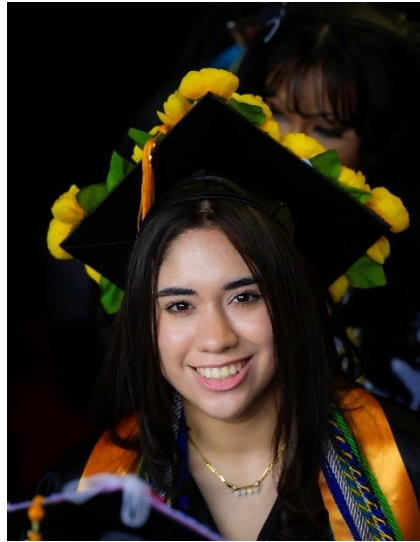
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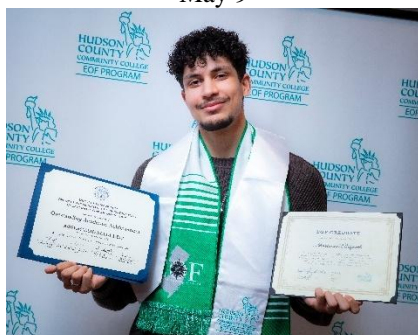
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EOF Graduation

May 9



Assistant Director Tejah Parekh is a Beta Alpha Phi alumna.

PTKEDGE™

Congratulations to these
members who completed an
Edge in May



Leonardo Amador
Heba Elsayed
Vanessa Gil
Yudelka Morales
Newton Sanchez
Tanushree Srivastava



Melany Leon



Heba Elsayed
Veronica Ledesma
Melany Leon
Kenia Sandoval



Kenia Sandoval completed all six
Edges.



Alexander Aguinaldo
Nihal Bendary
Heba Elsayed
Melany Leon



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

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7th Annual Great Jersey City Cleanup, May 31

Alero Tetevi, Seiko Bando, and alumna
Alison Robinson volunteered at
different locations.



Seiko Bando at the Spring Induction on
April 27. Having just completed her
first semester as a part-time student,
she is not eligible for membership yet
but she attended the induction in
support her friends who were inducted.

September 25, 2024

Dear Gentle Reader,

To some, [Phi Theta Kappa](http://www.ptk.org) 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](http://www.clarkstate.edu) in Ohio, Nina
Wiley, was conducting a phone calling
campaign in attempts to bring the
chapter's recruitment up. At the time, I



was a dually enrolled high school student, and like many high school students, I rarely checked my email. However, I am so thankful I took that call because a few hours later, I was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa.

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

As the [International Officer candidate application](#) deadline was quickly approaching, I began to feel hope again. "Love Letter to Ourselves" reminded me that I had the power to help others and prove to myself that my life had meaning again. So, I decided to run for International President – not to win, but to show myself and others that even during one's darkest hours, you can still find a way to keep going. I was weary and nervous, but I got the courage to tell my story at Ohio's Spring Conference, and not only did I find that I had a whole region behind me, but I also found that throughout every step, even when I felt like a mess, I had advisors and peers who believed in me for exactly who I was.

Finally, the day came. The first round of voting was in, and I had made so many friends in such a short number of

months. While I was hopeful to meet all these people I came to adore so much, I wasn't confident that I would advance in the election process. Then it happened: Nina called to congratulate me on becoming a semifinalist for International President.

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

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

Love,\\
Annalise Smith
2024-2025 International President



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

www.jkcf.org

SMART Scholarship August to December application period

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

Jeannette Rankin Grant

Application closes: February 16, 2025

Application and recommendation

letter deadline: February 16, 2025

Applicants notified: July 31, 2025

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



2025 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Open to Undergraduate and Graduate Students

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

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

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

For questions or additional information contact Emily Bausher, Scholarship Chair, at ebaushe@njswep.org (please include "NJSWEP Scholarship" and your full name in the subject line of the email).

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

The application form can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/Med3t8m1mWUJAZv9>

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

Environmental Professionals (NJSWEP) Scholarship Program

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

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

Check in early 2026

Deadline: April



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

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

Set Yourself Apart

Competitive Edge is a self-paced professional development course that teaches students essential workplace skills. Students will learn how to think critically, advocate for themselves,



communicate effectively, operate as part of a team, and conduct themselves professionally in the workplace.

Get the Job

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

Transfer to a University

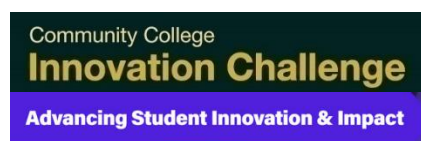
Transfer Edge is a self-paced, interactive online course to prepare students of all backgrounds to successfully transfer from a two-year college to a four-year college.

Build Research Skills

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

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

Advocacy Edge is an interactive, self-paced course designed to guide participants as they learn how to support a cause or policy. It teaches students the importance of being informed, how to collaborate, skills needed to communicate effectively, and tips for avoiding burnout.



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

The Community College Innovation Challenge is led by the American Association of Community Colleges in partnership with the

National Science Foundation. It is a national competition where community college student teams, working with a faculty or administrator mentor, use science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to innovate solutions to real-world problems; participate in an Innovation Boot Camp; and compete for cash awards.

Check the website for the opening in January 2025. In 2023 and 2024, Dr. Clive Li worked with students on the projects that received awards. He has started working with students on a project for 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 [Caroline Sabsoul](#), Communications Coordinator at Phi Theta Kappa.

My first experience with the PTK Scholarship application was in the Spring of 2018. My advisor had a session to go over the application, how to complete the eligibility quiz, important questions to highlight, etc. As an international student, it was a breath of fresh air knowing we could apply for scholarships, as we are rarely eligible for those, so I was eager to submit my application. However, like any other student to ever live, things got in the way, I procrastinated a whole lot, submitted my app at the last minute and, once I wasn't selected for any scholarships, got really frustrated. I knew, deep down, that I hadn't done my best to create an application that truly reflected my accomplishments. By then I was serving in leadership positions at my chapter, doing volunteering work, basically all the tools you need to make your application shine. Fast forward to 2019. After I graduated from my community college, the scholarship team reached out asking if I wanted to be a judge for the Fall scholarship cycle. I said yes, of course. Once I found out what judges look for in a winning application, I knew exactly why mine wasn't selected, and couldn't blame the judges at all, as I hadn't done half of what I could have. Here are a



few tips to help you make the most out of your application, from a PTK member and scholarship judge:

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

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

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

Invest in community service. Serving your community not only feels great but also makes your application stand out! The PTK Scholarship app has a tab dedicated to volunteerism, but you can expect to see some aspect of community service in any scholarship application you apply for. A great way to get some community service hours in is getting involved with your PTK chapter. The app also has a tab dedicated to your involvement with PTK, and while not having any involvement is **not** a deal breaker, getting involved can help make your app shine!

One final piece of advice to all PTK members: **apply**. Scholarship apps can be intimidating, but there is no chance of getting a scholarship if you don't

apply for one. Check out the [PTK Scholarship Resources](#), our [YouTube Channel](#) for scholarship webinars, and most importantly, [reach out to Phi Theta Kappa](#) if you have any questions. We are here to help every student succeed.

Graduating This Year?

Share Your Story



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

Nest application – October 2025

Visit www.jkcf.org 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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PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

- 18-29 years old
- High school graduate or GED recipient
- Eligible to work in the U.S.
- Able to attend Year Up virtual program learning alongside college course schedule
- Have not obtained a Bachelor's degree

Have Questions?
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Research Experience for Undergraduates

NSF funds a large number of research opportunities for undergraduate students through its REU Sites program. An REU Site consists of a group of ten or so undergraduates who work in the research programs of the host institution. Each student is associated with a specific research project, where he/she works closely with the faculty and other researchers. Students are granted stipends and, in many cases, assistance with housing and travel. Undergraduate students supported with NSF funds must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its possessions. An REU Site may be at either a US or foreign location.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Unit One: Developing a Personal Leadership Philosophy

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

Unit Two: Leading by Serving

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

Unit Three: Understanding Ethical Leadership

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

Unit Four: Articulating a Vision

Inspiring a shared vision is one of the most difficult tasks a leader faces;

explore the critical link between a leader's vision and his or her ability to communicate its essence powerfully.

Unit Five: Team Building

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

Unit Six: Leading With Goals

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

Unit Seven: Making Decisions

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

Unit Eight: Guiding Through Conflict

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

Unit Nine: Realizing Change

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

Unit Ten: Empowering Others

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

Enroll at

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

www.ptk.org/ptk-edge

More Research Experience for Undergraduates Opportunities

https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/list_result.jsp?unitid=69&d-8001259-p=1

[Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society](#)



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



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

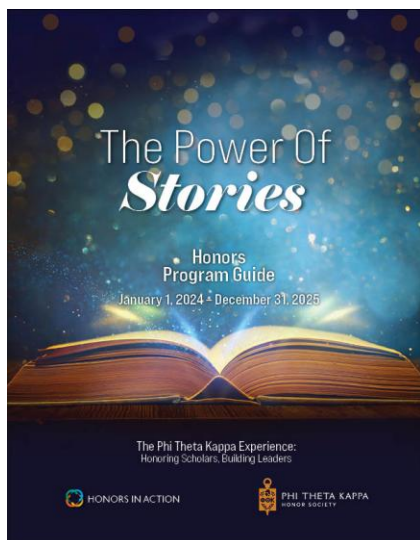
Theme 8: Fables, Folklore, and Fairytales

For a copy of the 2024-2025, Honors in Action Guide, visit

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

[Advisor Calendar » Phi Theta Kappa](#)

Date/Time	Description
June 10th at 5:00p.m. CT	Chapter Officer Orientation - Chapter Officer Orientation is designed to equip newly elected chapter officers with the tools, knowledge, and confidence to lead their chapter successfully. Officers will learn about PTK Programs and explore strategies for effective implementation, team collaboration, communication, and member engagement. By the end of the orientation, officers will be prepared to lead with purpose and contribute meaningfully to their chapter's success.
June 17th at 1:00p.m. CT	PTK Virtual Transfer Fair: Featuring Graduate School Programs - Once a member, always a member! This session highlights graduate school programs at PTK partner colleges that offer scholarships exclusively for PTK members and alumni. Explore opportunities to fund your advanced degree and connect 1-on-1 with institutions ready to support your academic journey beyond a bachelor's degree.
June 18th at 5:00p.m. CT	Membership Recruitment and REACH Rewards - Join us to help you grow a strong, engaged chapter. We'll cover outreach tactics, effective messaging, and ways to promote the value of PTK membership through events, social media, and campus connections and how the REACH Rewards program will help your chapter REACH it's membership goal!
June 24th at 5:00p.m. CT	Five Star Chapter Plan - The Five Star Chapter Plan gets to the heart of the PTK Experience. It engages chapters in Phi Theta Kappa programs and celebrates their accomplishments. We will discuss the "why" and provide overviews of the College and Honors in Action Projects which are part of the Five Star Chapter Plan.



Participate in the Honors in Action Project. Contact an officer. Unofficial Transcripts

To retrieve or print your Unofficial HCCC transcript

Follow the following steps:

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

Membership Certificate

For the digital copy of your membership certificate, login at www.ptk.org. 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/crssprgrm/reu/>

Scholarship AMERICA®

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

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





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

PTK CONNECT
YOUR NEXT STEP STARTS HERE

Transfer Student-Focused
PTK Connect serves as a "one stop shop" designed for transfer-bound students by college transfer experts. Review data & info that is 100% relevant to YOU.

Gather College Knowledge
Customize your search to locate best-fit college transfer choices. Evaluate transfer-readiness ratings & compare college profiles.

Get Discovered!
Demonstrate interest in four-year institutions by viewing & favoriting college profiles. Expect to hear from recruiters who are interested in you!

Search for Scholar Dollars
Leverage your membership & secure return on investment. Find colleges offering exclusive PTK transfer scholarship opportunities.

Career Insights
Explore career pathways, including salary averages & employment status by state. Investigate which academic majors align with your career interests.

Everything to Gain, Nothing to Lose
Maximize your membership benefits & PTK experience by taking full advantage of this FREE, online tool available 24/7.

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Spring Scholarships Webinar Also Good Tips for the Fall Scholarships

In 2022, Phi Theta Kappa hosted a webinar to assist with the preparation of the Spring Scholarship Application.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XUcwGh_iDE

The **Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion** \$1,000 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, while enrolled in college. It is awarded monthly.
[Scholarships.ptk.org](https://scholarships.ptk.org)

PTK Scholarship Application 4 TIPS FROM THE EXPERTS

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Request a Letter of Recommendation EARLY It might take a couple of weeks to receive your letter of recommendation. Don't wait until the last minute to request it. Ask your recommender as soon as possible. Provide your recommender with a copy of the Scholarship Application form to fill out and a copy of the PTK form.	Proofread, proofread, PROOFREAD! Before you submit your application, proofread it twice. Get a friend to proofread it. Double-check for typos, missing information, and incomplete sections. Ask your recommender to proofread it as well.	Complete Your Application You are now ready to complete your application. Make sure you have all the required information. Double-check that you have completed all the required sections. Submit your application as soon as possible.	Submit Your Completed Application Once you have completed your application, submit it. Make sure you have all the required information. Double-check that you have completed all the required sections. Submit your application as soon as possible.

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SPRING 2025**

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- Innovation-Based Projects
- Community-Based Projects
- Tutorial Building
- Professional Development
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- Career Planning
- Future Job Placement

Apply Now!

Interested? SCAN HERE!
Info Session: March 5
Apply by: March 11



STEM Internships
Search by discipline or location.

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

Graduate Formal, May 19





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

The cleanups schedule is now available. June 14, 9 am-12 pm Meadowlands/Solstice Cleanup 36 Laurel Hill Rd, Secaucus. Register at

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/a9ju5g3lp/a40604d4-0371-4999-87ec-99e52c56ce7e>

Bayonne Nature Club

www.bayonnenatureclub.org

Check each month of the cleanup. There will be a cleanup at Rutkowski Park in June,



HCCB

Hoboken Cove Community Boathouse

<https://sites.google.com/hobokencoveboathouse.org>
1100 Sinatra Drive North
Hoboken, NJ 07030

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

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



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



<https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/or989749.jsp>

Online and in person volunteer opportunities.



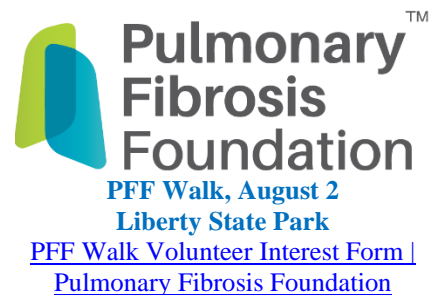
October 11, Liberty State Park
https://volunteer.zerocancer.org/opportunities/uCILmZ3gJZ?%24web_only=true&_branch_match_id=1445686041613965430&_branch_referrer=H4sIAAAAAAAAAA8soKSkottLXr9BLz0nJ08vM10%2FVT3GuLM4pMUw2C0yyrytKTUstKsrMS49PKsovL04tsnXLBIRlVwAAfh1ZjoAAA%3D



Friends of Liberty State Park

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

Gardening, Saturdays, 9:00 am-noon
Register to volunteer at www.jerseycares.org before Friday.



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

Register at www.jerseycares.org

Volunteers will be needed at picnics at Liberty State Park on July 4 and 27.



Hudson County Community College
Sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, Nursing Club, and American Chemical Society

Wednesday, July 16th
10:30 AM – 4:30 PM

HCCC – STEM Building
263 Academy Street, Jersey City
Appointments encouraged: walk-ins welcome!



Sign up at nybc.org/drive
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Catalyst, Baltimore
March 26-28, 2026

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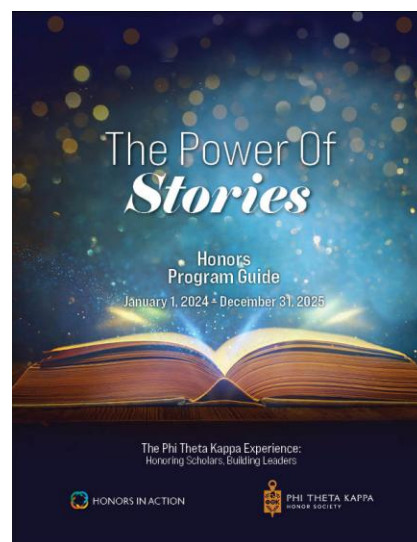
Department of Defense (DoD)
Scholarship-for-Service Program
DoD STEM Scholarships & Grants
- **SMART Scholarship**
August 1-December 8

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/advvisor/static_files/staticPagesImages/HonorsinActionResources/2024HonorsProgramGuide.pdf

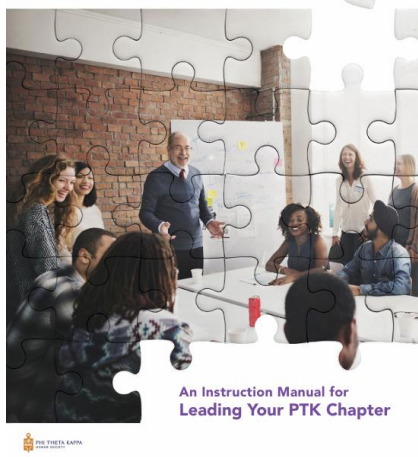
The College Project: Becoming Your College's Best Ally

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

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

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



 Activity Guide for
Chapter Leaders


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

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

Year Up

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

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

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

A six-month internship is part of the program.



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

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

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

Graduating in 2025-2026 Academic Year?

Apply for the Fall Scholarships, not the Spring Scholarships.

Deadline: December 3

scholarships.ptk.org



The Beta Alpha Phi Awards Cabinet is in S306.



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

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

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

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

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

**Application period
August 1 to December 1**

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

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



<http://hsf.net>

<https://apply.hsf.net/>
https://www.hsf.net/en_US/scholarship

National Science Foundation Garden State S-STEM Scholarship

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



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 3.50/4.00 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. Fatima Tati
Chemistry Instructor/S-STEM Coordinator
Office Phone: (201) 360-5412
Email: ftati@hccc.edu

Funded by the National Science Foundation, Grant Award #1843516

Contact Dr. Fatma Tat at ftat@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

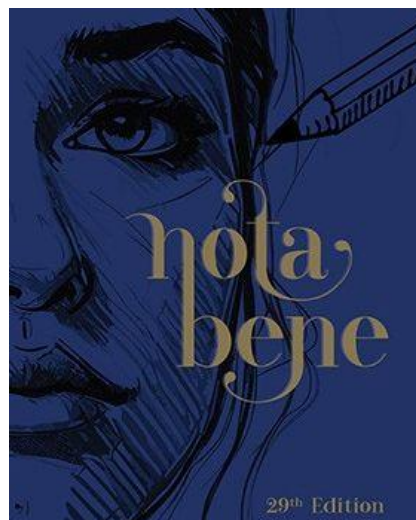
The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise scholarship program provides new Phi Theta Kappa members with financial resources to help defray educational expenses while enrolled in a two-year college in order to develop leadership potential through participation in Phi Theta Kappa programs.

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.

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. New application in early 2025. 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.

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.

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
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www.zinch.com
www.jkcf.org
www.hccc.edu/scholarships
www.hccc.edu/countyscholarships
www.aauw.org/education/fga/scholarships.cfm
www.sciencewise.com
www.aicpa.org
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.

2025 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 at www.ptk.org

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

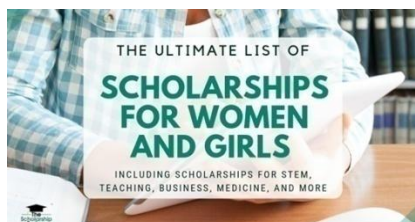
Hudson County Community College Foundation has been operating since 1997. The Foundation works to develop income for needs-based and merit scholarships and to provide seed money for new and innovative student programs at HCCC. New students entering HCCC or currently enrolled students with GPA's of 2.0 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/benefit/s/browse-by-category/category/17>



https://thescholarshipssystem.com/blog-for-students-families/the-ultimate-list-of-scholarships-for-women-and-girls/?fbclid=IwAR2L7kugdrIUeLLSus-6JddB0PrTTA_v7TAFEAZcut-IS2GXrkM4aMAWvSo

Northern New Jersey Bridges to the Baccalaureate is
NOW RECRUITING!!

Why Be B2B?

Benefits

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

Eligibility Criteria

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

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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 2025 application will close on September 8.

Middle States Regional Officers

ALL ABOUT ME	
	MY NAME: LATISHA KELLY BIRTHDAY: JANUARY 25TH
ALPHA SIGMA RHO FUN FACT ABOUT ME I CAN SING REALLY WELL, AND I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A WEDDING SINGER	MY FAVORITES FOOD: PIZZA COLOR: BLUE ANIMAL: CAT SEASON: FALL DRINK: ICED CARAMEL COFFEE
WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BECOME A THERAPIST / COUNSELOR, SPECIALIZING IN ADDICTION AND PREVENTION	MY HOBBYS -PAINTING -READING -WRITING

ALL ABOUT ME	
	MY NAME: ADAM DEINHARDT BIRTHDAY: JANUARY 30TH
ALPHA PI THETA FUN FACT ABOUT ME CARD ENTHUSIAST- COLLECTING RARE SPORTS CARDS	MY FAVORITES FOOD: NEW YORK CHEESECAKE COLOR: CERULEAN FROST ANIMAL: PANDA SEASON: FALL DRINK: RASPBERRY LEMONADE
WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO TRAVEL TO EUROPE	MY HOBBYS - SALTWATER FISHING - PICKLEBALL -FOODIE -ASTRONOMY- STAR GAZING -RONOTICS- BUILDING ROBOTS

ALL ABOUT ME	
	MY NAME: LAURA COOK BIRTHDAY: MAY 10TH
ALPHA EPSILON ZETA FUN FACT ABOUT ME I HAVE TRAVELED TO MORE THAN 11 COUNTRIES!	MY FAVORITES FOOD: TACOS COLOR: GREEN ANIMAL: PENGUIN SEASON: FALL DRINK: DR. PEPPER
WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE	MY HOBBYS - FOOTBALL -READING -HIKING -TRAVELING -SPENING TIME WITH MY DOG

ALL ABOUT ME	
	MY NAME: BENJAMIN LANG BHAN SANG BIRTHDAY: NOVEMBER 14TH
BETA ALPHA TAU FUN FACT ABOUT ME WHEN I TALK ABOUT BIOLOGY, I MAY NEVER STOP TALKING :)	MY FAVORITES FOOD: PORK / BEEF CURRY COLOR: GOLD BLACK BLUE ANIMAL: DOG, CAT SEASON: FALL DRINK: MANGO SMOOTHIE
WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE A MEDICAL ONCOLOGIST	MY HOBBYS -BIOLOGY -ACRYLICS -GARDING -DIGITAL DESIGNING -READING -MUSIC

ALL ABOUT ME	
	MY NAME: BRIANA ERBE BIRTHDAY: MAY 26TH
ALPHA PSI PI FUN FACT ABOUT ME I WAS IN DANCE AND GYMNASTICS GROWING UP AND I AM ORIGINALLY FROM OHIO.	MY FAVORITES FOOD: PASTA / STEAK COLOR: PINK ANIMAL: CAPYBARA / SEA OTTER SEASON: SPRING / SUMMER DRINK: WATER / ARNOLD PALMER
WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BECOME A CLINICAL PSYCHOLIST	MY HOBBYS - READING -WORKING OUT -BOXING -SKETCHING -COOKING/BAKING

NISOD
National Institute for Staff and
Organizational Development

Annual Conference
May 24-27



Felix Cintron won the Student Essay Contest. He wrote about Professor Manjikian. The new contest will open in August.

<https://www.nisod.org/membership/student-essay-contest/>

Professor Manjikian received the NISOD Excellence Award.



MONTCLAIR
STATE UNIVERSITY

May 9

Past chapter officer Marlenne Andalia earned her bachelor's degree from Montclair State University.



UConn

May 11

Racco Angelo Maristela earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut.





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

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

Award: \$1,000 and more

Up to \$400 USD toward travel to Austin, Texas

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

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

Application: Opens in August



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

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

Application: Opens in August

3 Awards

Each winner and the essay's subject will get \$1,000, a complimentary conference registration to the International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence (May in Austin, Texas), complimentary hotel

room (maximum three nights), and up to \$400 towards transportation costs to the conference. Each winning student author's college will receive a complimentary membership. The winning student essays will be published on *Community College Week's* and NISOD's websites along with the photos and names of the winning student authors; the featured employees; and the winning student authors' college presidents.

2024 Essay Winners:

<https://www.nisod.org/2023/05/05/23-scott-wright-student-essay-contest-winners/>

Member Benefits

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

Check www.ptk.org/store for discounts

LUPE Latina Leadership Scholarship

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

Scholarships for women attending college in New Jersey

Deadline: June 17

The Women on Par Scholarship

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

Check in 2026

<https://lpgaamateurs.com/membership/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!

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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.



Chapter's Website

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

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



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.

Opens in the Summer Deadline: December 3

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: June 16**

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 3

Spring Application Deadline
June 16

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

- *June 14 **Hackensack Riverkeeper Cleanup**, Laurel Hill Park, 9 am-12 pm
- *July 4 **Picnic for Liberty State Park Employees**
- *July 27 **Friends of Liberty State Park Picnic**
- *August 2 **Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (PFF) Walk**, Liberty State Park
- *August 16 **Hackensack Riverkeeper Cleanup**, Rutkowski Park, 9 am-12 pm
- *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
- *September 13 **Bergen Square Day**
- *November 1 **Friends of Liberty State Park 5K Run/Walk**

New York Blood Center

Blood Drive

Hudson County Community College
Sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, Nursing Club, and American Chemical Society

Wednesday, July 16th
10:30 AM – 4:30 PM

HCCC – STEM Building
263 Academy Street, Jersey City
Appointments encouraged: walk-ins welcome!

Prepare to donate

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
- Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit nybc.org/eligibility

Sign up at nybc.org/drive
Sponsor code #10588

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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

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