



PHI THETA KAPPA

HONOR SOCIETY

ALPHA BETA CHI CHAPTER

Welcome back to the fall 2012 semester!

The chapter officers and advisors hope you have a restful and productive summer. As the semester starts, we have a lot of information to share with you. This year the chapter is working more closely with the Honors Program and Honors Club, so we will periodically share news about all three groups.

The fall semester is a busy time of transfer scholarship applications to senior institutions. If you are planning to transfer for the fall of 2013, now is the time to start looking at transfer scholarship applications.

An excellent place to start is CollegeFish.org, a Phi Theta Kappa sponsored site offering easy access to transfer resources. The site brings together community college students, admission counselors, advisors, administrators and scholarship partners in one location to help you navigate the complexities of transfer to obtain a bachelor's degree. CollegeFish.org offers planning assistance with matching community college students to colleges and universities, assistance with scholarship searches, direct access to four-year universities and tracking admission and financial aid deadlines.

One of Arizona's biggest scholarship programs is the All-USA/All-Arizona Academic Team Scholarship. Applications will be available in early October. You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5. Each Pima Community College Campus nominates two students for this scholarship, with a total of 12 students nominated. Each nominee receives an Arizona Board of Regents full-tuition scholarship at any

of the state's universities. Last year almost all of the Pima scholarship recipients were Phi Theta Kappa and Honors Program members. Additionally, the nominee's applications are sent to Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters where they enter the national competition for the All-USA scholarship and the chance to win up to \$2,500 and additional recognition. The All-USA scholarship application is part of a common application that also allows students to apply for the Guistwhite Scholarship worth \$5,000 and the Hites Scholarship worth \$7,500. Contact your campus Phi Theta Kappa advisor and visit ptk.org for more information. Pima College is proud to have had several All-USA Academic Team and Guistwhite Scholars in recent years. In 2012, a Pima student was among the first to receive the newly endowed Hites Scholarship. The All-USA/All-Arizona, Guistwhite, and Hites scholarships are merit based scholarships.

Another upcoming prestigious scholarship is the 2013 Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship. This scholarship can provide up to \$30,000 annually, and is awarded to approximately 50 community college students nationally. Applicants must follow rigorous guidelines, and the competition is intense. Those who apply must have their applications forwarded through an official nominating committee, which for our school is run through the Honors Program. The selection criteria include: academic ability and achievement, unmet financial need, leadership and service, and critical thinking ability. You must have a minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA, plan to transfer to a four-year institution to begin full-time studies in the fall of 2013, and have sophomore status by December 31, 2012 or be a recent graduate (spring 2008 or later). For the full list of criteria, please visit the Jack Kent

To unsubscribe from this distribution list, visit your subscription at <http://lists.pima.edu/mailman/options/ptk/youremailaddress> (Insert your actual e-mail address where the URL above reads *your email address*. Ex. <http://lists.pima.edu/mailman/options/ptk/me@goofymail.com>). When you reach the site, click the unsubscribe button. You do not need to include a password. You will receive an e-mail confirmation to unsubscribe. Reply to the e-mail without comment and you will be permanently removed from the list.



PHI THETA KAPPA

HONOR SOCIETY

ALPHA BETA CHI CHAPTER

Cooke Scholarship website, jkcf.org. You can also find information by visiting the scholarships section of ptk.org. Pima College is proud to have had two Jack Kent Cooke Scholars in the past four years.

In addition to these scholarships, The University of Arizona Honors College and Northern Arizona University offer Phi Theta Kappa exclusive transfer scholarships. Check with these institutions for more information.

While you are thinking about scholarships and chapter participation, Phi Theta Kappa also offers the Competitive Edge Program. This online plan is designed to provide you with resources and activities to help you increase personal and professional development skills highly sought after by four-year colleges and employers alike. Specifically, Competitive Edge focuses on communication, research, planning and team-building skills. Competitive Edge consists of five levels with each level building upon the next, but the level you reach is entirely up to you. Check it out at my.ptk.org/edge

The Alpha Beta Chi chapter has several vacant officer positions. Serving as a chapter officer helps build your leadership skills and academic resume for transfer scholarship applications as well as employment. It also helps you learn to put honors into action and reach out to the college and community in service. Contact chapter President Jessica Carbajal at jcarbajal@mail.pima.edu for more information.

At the last Business Meeting, the members voted to participate as volunteers for the 39th Tucson Meet Yourself Folklife Festival 2012, October 12-14. This year's theme is "You're your Story and Share Your World." Tucson Meet Yourself is a non-profit organization with a mission to research, document, interpret and present the living traditional arts and expressions of everyday life of the folk and ethnic communities of the multinational Arizona-Sonora region. The three-day festival requires more than 400 volunteers to help manage the operations for more than 100,000 visitors. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please sign up at www.tucsonmeetyourself.org under the 'Get-Involved' tab. To learn more about how the chapter is getting involved, contact jcarbajal@mail.pima.edu.

The Honors Club is getting started again this semester, and they are always looking for Honors Students that want to be active. For more information please contact Eryn Wuori at eryn.brittaney@yahoo.com

The Honors Program had an eventful year. The program is adding several history courses to Honors Credit offerings. Students visited the UA Honors College in the fall and spring of last year, and held Skype meetings for prospective students at ASU's Barrett Honors College and NAU's Honors College in the spring. The Program also hosted Columbia University in the spring. For more information about Pima's Honors Program, contact the Honors Coordinator at your campus.

To unsubscribe from this distribution list, visit your subscription at <http://lists.pima.edu/mailman/options/ptk/youremailaddress> (Insert your actual e-mail address where the URL above reads *your email address*. Ex. <http://lists.pima.edu/mailman/options/ptk/me@goofymail.com>). When you reach the site, click the unsubscribe button. You do not need to include a password. You will receive an e-mail confirmation to unsubscribe. Reply to the e-mail without comment and you will be permanently removed from the list.