

Phi Theta Kappa
Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter Meeting
July 20, 2020

The Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa met at 7:40 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2020, via Zoom. This meeting immediately followed the Ceremony for the Induction of New Members and Installation of Officers.

ATTENDING: Jason Hanson, Matthew Defreitas, Tamar Aviv, Sherna-lee McFarlane, Kristin Adams, Jessica Wardlaw, Stephanie Seate, Dana Dixon, Jacob Williamson, Karen Dronebarger, Irma Hall, Emily Matanzo, Casey Pegram, Tyler Thompson, Monica Armonio, Eunice Irigoyen, Ola Watson, Leila Rogers, John Sharpe, Beth Carraway, Ola Watson

OPEN & CALL TO ORDER: Jason Hanson , President, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He offered congratulations and special words of welcome to new members.

PRESENTATION MADE TO NEW MEMBERS:

Jason presented information to the new members about the Chapter's current activities and benefits for PTK members:

- *The Honors In Action (HiA) project* which involves research and action about a specific topic. This year the Chapter is researching Mental Health during the Pandemic and have now narrowed our focus to the mental health issues related to COVID-19 that are affecting Horry Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) students as well as consideration of faculty and staff. We are in the process of defining needs and available resources to address mental health issues within our school population and determining if there are gaps in services.
- *College Project* is a project done by the Chapter in conjunction with HGTC Administration and other faculty and/or student services. After developing a list of potential project ideas, the Officers of our Chapter met with Dr. Fore, who is the college President, and at that meeting she voiced her concerns about students' food insecurity. The Food Pantry was one of the items on our list of potential projects, so the discussion with Dr Fore led us to choose promoting the three locations of the HGTC Food Pantry as our College Project for this year We have now joined with others at the college to develop plans to increase the amount of products available in the pantries and to promote the students' using the pantries.

- *Fundraising* for this year is in the planning stage. All ideas for virtual fundraising are welcome! An online auction, sales of Auntie Anne's Pretzels, and a multi-cultural fair are some of the ideas thus far. Jason encouraged members to contact him with suggestions and to get involved with the events as they happen.
- Benefits of EDGE for PTK members – Jason described the EDGE online resources available at no charge for PTK members. These include Research Edge, Transfer Edge, Employment Edge, and Competitive Edge. Jessica Wardlaw joined with Jason in encouraging new members to use these avenues. She cited her use of Transfer Edge and how her options of transfer colleges and universities has expanded because of Transfer Edge. Jason reminded members of information shared by Matthew Defreitas in the earlier Installation meeting about the benefits he has found from Research Edge. These programs can be found at ptk.org.

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| UPCOMING EVENTS: | Wednesday, July 22 11 a.m. | Honors in Actions meeting* via Zoom |
| | Wednesday, July 22 2 p.m. | College Project meeting* via Zoom |
| | Friday, July 24 & Saturday, July 25 | Carolinas Region Virtual Honors Institute** |

*Notes from these meetings will be posted on Facebook. Please contact Beth Carraway if you are unable to attend these meetings but would like additional information.

**If you are interested in participating in this event, you should inform Beth Carraway at the end of this meeting so that she can try to get you registered if there is a space available.

ADDITIONAL CHAPTER INFORMATION:

- **Chapter Advisors locations:**
Conway campus – John Sharpe
Grand Strand campus – Leila Rogers
Georgetown campus – Beth Carraway
Off campus – Heather Jones
- **Our Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter and the Regional Phi Theta Kappa are both on Facebook.**

ADJOURN: After again congratulating the new members and encouraging them to become involved with the work of the Chapter, Jason adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Ola Louisa Watson, Recording Secretary