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Spring Semester Starts in December!

On December 3, 2005, 157 new members were recognized for their academic efforts by being welcomed into the chapter, bringing the total for the year to 341. The newly inducted members were a cross section of the Austin community, and among them were a number of working single parent students. There was even a great-grandfather in the group! During the induction ceremony, friends and families applauded as the names of six scholarship winners were announced. The new chapter officers were introduced; their names are listed in the sidebar on the left.

Among those speaking and offering congratulations were Dr. Kathleen Christianson, ACC's Vice-President of Student Retention, Mary Kohls, Chair of the Computer Department and long-time Chapter Advisor, and our own Arthur Vargas, who is now the International President of Phi Theta Kappa.

Did You Know?

New inductees of Phi Theta Kappa are automatically nominated for inclusion in the [National Dean's List](#), a publication of college honor students. National Dean's List biographical forms have been mailed to members reported to Phi Theta Kappa International Headquarters between May 1 and November 30, 2005. Members should mail their completed forms to the National Dean's List by February 24. Members who return forms become eligible for 50 scholarships of \$250 each, awarded by random selection. Just one of the little niceties of membership!

Currently more than 600 colleges and universities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada offer more than \$36 million in transfer scholarships to Phi Theta Kappa members!

Regional Convention
Agenda Highlights

Thursday, March 9

3 PM Academic Team
Reception

4-6 PM Registration

6:45 PM Committee Meetings

7:30 PM First General
Session - Campaigning

Friday, March 10

8:30 AM Turn in Yearbooks

9:15 AM Second General
Session - Skits

10:45 AM Third General
Session

12 PM Lunch

1:15 PM Educational
Workshops

2-4 PM College Fair,
Campaigning

5 PM Dinner at ACC Eastview

6:30 PM The Kings of
Spoken Word II at EVC

Saturday, March 11

8:30 AM Advisors' Breakfast

8:30 AM Students' Breakfast

10 AM Fourth General
Session

11:15 AM Chapters Caucus

11:30 AM Voting

12 PM District Meetings

6-? PM Awards Banquet
and Program
Officers Installation
Dance

Sunday, March 12

8:30 AM New Regional
Officers/Advisors
Breakfast

ADIOS, Y'ALL!

ACC's Alpha Gamma Pi Chapter to Host Phi Theta Kappa
Texas Regional Convention

During March 9-12, hundreds of honor students and faculty advisors from all over Texas will converge in Austin to attend the annual Phi Theta Kappa Texas Regional Convention. ACC's Alpha Gamma Pi Chapter and District V will host these representatives from the eighty chapters of Texas during their time in the Capitol city. While in Austin the chapters will be recognized for their achievements, educational workshops will be held, and campaigning for the region's officer positions will be carried on. Representatives from seven colleges will present a "College Fair" for prospective transfer students.

One of the highlights of the convention will be on Friday evening when visitors will be treated to entertainment by "The Kings of Spoken Word II," which will be held at the Eastview campus. Saturday will be the big day when the voting is done, and when the awards banquet will be held. Dr. Mary Hood, Texas Regional Coordinator, will present this year's awards. Installation of the 2006-2007 Texas Regional Officers will follow the awards presentations. After the business of the evening is concluded, music will be provided by a DJ for your dancing pleasure. Highlights of the convention schedule are shown in the column to the left.

The next big function of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will be the 88th annual convention, to be held April 20-22 in Seattle, Washington. The International President for this year is none other than Arthur Vargas of Alpha Gamma Pi! In addition to Arthur's keynote speech, famous speakers include Dr. Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State of the United States, Dr. Wangari Maathai of Kenya, 2004 Nobel Peace Laureate, and Cokie Roberts, Emmy award-winning journalist, author, and cancer survivor. Phi Theta Kappa will introduce the 2006-08 International Service Program in Seattle. [Keep America Beautiful](#) is the Society's official partner for the new International Service Program.



Previews of coming Attractions: Week of 20-25 February

Tuesday, 21 Feb, 12-3 PM - PIN Bake Sale - donations appreciated!

Thursday thru Saturday - Austin Energy Science Festival - Judges needed

Friday 24 Feb, 5 AM - 8 PM - Make-a-Wish Radiothon - 4 hour shifts @ Lakeline Mall
Food, Drinks, & T-Shirts for Volunteers!

Friday 24 Feb, 5 PM - Regional Convention skit meeting @ RGS Student Lounge - NEW

Friday 24 - Regular meetings @ RGC: Officers @ 6 PM, Members @ 7 PM
SpeakerTopic: Voter Awareness

Saturday 25 Feb, 9 AM - 8 PM - Make-a-Wish Radiothon @ Lakeline Mall

THIS IS A WEEKLY OVERVIEW; FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITES:

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