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If you are truly interested in helping to change a person’s life, you can by providing Phi Theta Kappa the resources to reach and engage more students. Few organizations have a track record of helping to change lives more than Phi Theta Kappa.

Although you are reading this in the spring, it is being written in the fall, due to deadlines and publishing demands. We are approaching the end of a year that has brought challenges to Phi Theta Kappa and community colleges.

Overall, community college enrollment is up, which in times past would be good news for community colleges, and a reflection of bad news for the economy. People return to college in times of economic uncertainty, to improve their current skills or find new careers. More high school graduates are turning to community colleges, drawn by affordable tuition and the rising confidence in the quality of academic programs. On the downside, this enrollment boom has surpassed institutional capacity and state funding support is declining when more need access, such as returning adult, first-generation, low-income and minority students.

Certainly 2008 has been a year of loss.

In September, we said goodbye to our longtime and dearly loved Board of Directors Chairman, Dr. Shirley Gordon. Shirley was a great leader who made the welfare of Phi Theta Kappa members and advisors her chief concern. She cared deeply about students and was a champion of community colleges, well-known and highly respected in national education circles.

Shirley was Board Chairman when the Leadership Development Studies Program was launched, when the Center for Excellence was dedicated, and when the Guistwhite and Leaders of Promise Scholarships were created. She was instrumental in developing the current structure of the Mosal Awards. Shirley was Phi Theta Kappa’s leading financial donor. We are a stronger and better Society because of her leadership and stewardship, and we will miss her.

In October, we lost another leader, Anthony “Tony” Sadberry. Tony was the first African American to serve as a Phi Theta Kappa National Officer. His devotion to Phi Theta Kappa kept him in close touch long before the alumni program was established. Tony was a frequent speaker at Texas Regional events, and also was a presenter at the 1986 Honors Institute. He was Alumni Representative on the Phi Theta Kappa Board of Directors from 1990-1996, serving with Dr. Gordon.

Both Shirley and Tony were charter Trustees of the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation. They understood the importance of providing financial support to Phi Theta Kappa. In the weeks and months ahead, support will become even more crucial. We will need everyone’s help to ensure that the quality and scope of our opportunities and programs will be maintained, that our programs increase in relevance, and that our membership remains affordable.

Over the past year we have sought to integrate Phi Theta Kappa’s four Hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship into “The Phi Theta Kappa Experience: Honoring Scholars, Building Servant Leaders.” While exploring Phi Theta Kappa
College was initially not part of Rod Risley’s plans, and when he did enroll at San Jacinto College in Texas, he expected to become a forester. Phi Theta Kappa changed that plan – after serving as 1974-75 National President, Risley joined Headquarters, becoming Executive Director in 1985. Under his leadership the Society has grown in size and scope and enjoys a growing reputation as an international community of scholars and servant leaders.

In this issue you will meet alumni and friends who are making a difference in the world because the Phi Theta Kappa Experience made a difference in their lives. And we can provide more than testimonials - the Phi Theta Kappa Experience is also making an impact - more than 1,000 tons of carbon erased; 83,947 hours volunteered for the environment; $2.7 million raised to fight cancer; 535,000 food items and 410,000 books collected.

Your support of the Foundation will make it possible for the Phi Theta Kappa Experience to continue to enrich the lives of students worldwide.
“My Faculty Scholar experience has been the most meaningful professional development experience of my career,” says Dr. Liesl Ward. “The program is outstanding. Headquarters staff members work hard to bring in top-notch speakers.”

Honors Institute Lectures Ensure Quality Programming
Phi Theta Kappa’s Fedor Honors Institute Lecture Endowment was established to ensure that the Honors Institute would continue to offer quality programming and secure speakers known internationally for their expertise in various interdisciplinary areas of the Honors Study Topic.

Previous Honors Institute speakers supported by the Lecture program include Arun Gandhi, Reza Aslan and Beverly Sills.

To support the Honors Institute Lectures
make your gift online at www.ptkfoundation.org or contact Dr. Nancy Rieves, Executive Director of the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation, at 1.800.946.9995, ext. 3537, or nancy.rieves@ptk.org.

Faculty Scholar
Although she is an accomplished professor and department chair, Dr. Liesl Ward admitted that when it came to Phi Theta Kappa, she didn’t have as much experience as others and in the beginning felt a little out of her league.

“The first time I applied to be a Faculty Scholar I didn’t make it - it’s very competitive,” said Liesl Ward, advisor at Jefferson State Community College in Alabama.” However, she persevered, was accepted as a Faculty Scholar in 2006 and 2007, and proved herself to be a very quick study in the world of Phi Theta Kappa success stories.

Her chapter was a mere six years old when named the Society’s Most Distinguished in 2008 and member Maggie Webster was elected Division II International Vice President. Ward said she felt her advisor responsibilities became more clear because of her opportunity to serve as a Faculty Scholar, and some of her chapter’s success can be attributed to the education she received in that role.

Each year 24 community college faculty members are selected to serve as Faculty Scholars. They attend the Faculty Scholar Conference, an interdisciplinary honors training program that prepares them to serve as seminar leaders for Phi Theta Kappa’s International Honors Institute, a week-long honors education opportunity for students and faculty.

“When I first came to the Faculty Scholar Conference I felt a little intimidated – the advisors who were the ‘superstars’ of Phi Theta Kappa were there. But they were very welcoming – they take you in instantly,” Ward said. “The conference was life-changing.”

After arriving at the Honors Institute, Ward had the opportunity to put what she learned at the Conference into practice, and said she enjoyed working with the students. “For a lot of them it’s the first time they’ve ever
Dr. Liesl Ward serves as Chair of the Department of Communications and English at Jefferson State Community College’s Shelby Campus where she teaches composition and literature and has served as advisor of Phi Theta Kappa’s Beta Lambda Delta Chapter for five years. She has also served as a Faculty Scholar for the Society’s Honors Institute and is a certified instructor for the Leadership Development Studies Program.

done anything like that. It’s quiet, scholarly – they go into depth. It helps them to think and sharpen their thoughts.” She said of the small seminar group format, “It helps to expose them to people different from themselves. They learn to have thoughtful debates and disagreements, which I think is good.”

She brought her Honors Institute experience home with her, and continues to put it into practice back in Alabama. “Being a Faculty Scholar definitely enhanced my experiences as a faculty member at Jefferson State,” she said. “The interdisciplinary nature of the Faculty Scholar Conference allowed me to look at issues in new and complex ways. This enabled me to approach my own discipline with greater depth.”

As a capstone to her achievements during her short time as an advisor, in the summer of 2008, Ward was appointed to serve on Phi Theta Kappa’s distinguished Honors Committee. “I am simply honored to be serving with such an outstanding group of educators,” she said. “They have already challenged me in so many ways.”
For Brady Surles, The Phi Theta Kappa Experience Has Been the Greatest Teacher

“Supporting Phi Theta Kappa financially is certainly important for me. I benefited from the support and contributions of members, faculty, and alumni when I was a member,” says Brady Surles.

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Honor Our Past and Secure Our Future

With the celebration of our 90th Anniversary in 2008, we proudly introduced the 1918 Anniversary Club and a challenge by the Hites Family Community College Scholarship Foundation. Through this challenge, Phi Theta Kappa has an opportunity to establish an endowment for transfer scholarships.

Join the 1918 Anniversary Club today, realizing that your gift will be matched by the Hites Foundation, increasing the impact of each dollar.

Make your gift online at www.ptkfoundation.org or send your gift to Phi Theta Kappa Foundation, 1625 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211

Expanding the Honors Experience

Brady Surles has enjoyed a long and productive Phi Theta Kappa journey since he was inducted as a member at Bluefield Junior College, Virginia, during his freshman year in the spring of 1957. In the 50-plus years since his induction he has served as a chapter advisor, Faculty Scholar, Virginia Regional Coordinator, member of the Honors Committee, and member of the Society’s Board of Directors. Yet, after all these years he still recalls where his Phi Theta Kappa Experience began – and understands what it can still mean for today’s members.

Surles said as a member he learned to become comfortable working with faculty in his academic work, gained leadership experience as chapter treasurer, and had the opportunity to travel to a National Convention. “In these areas, my Phi Theta Kappa Experience was similar to what members experience today. However, the opportunities for academic, personal, and leadership growth in today’s Society are so much more extensive with the wide range of quality programs.”

He said the variety of programs offered by the Society now provide today’s students with many choices – to be involved in a few programs at their own pace, or to be fully active so that Phi Theta Kappa is their major way to become engaged in their academic community.

“Society programs provide students options for intellectual growth, for expanding their social circle, for engaging in leadership growth opportunities, and for participating in service projects that are a contribution back to the community,” he said. “I think Phi Theta Kappa provides academic enrichment that is not available to students in any other way, since it includes all academic disciplines. This involvement means the student will get much more out of the college experience than just attending classes. The Phi Theta Kappa Experience gives the student a broader education and a more in-depth and quality education. They will get more ‘value’ out of their college experience.”
Brady Surles, longtime chapter advisor at Southwest Virginia Community College, received numerous Phi Theta Kappa honors before retiring as Virginia’s Regional Coordinator in 2007. He has been honored as a Giles Distinguished Advisor, Distinguished Regional Coordinator, Mosal Scholar, and was the recipient of the 2006 Board of Directors Alumni Achievement Award.

Although Surles is retired as an advisor and Regional Coordinator, he has chosen to continue his involvement with Phi Theta Kappa as an alumnus and donor – something he thinks is important for today’s new members as well.

“I think that being a member of Phi Theta Kappa entails a commitment to provide continuity from one’s own experience on to the experience that others can have,” said Surles. It has been exciting to be able to contribute to the tangible things such as the building of the Center for Excellence, to contribute to scholarship funds, to contribute to the 1918 Hites Challenge, but also to contribute to the more intangible – that is to support Phi Theta Kappa as an organization so that we can continue to provide opportunities for students to have The Phi Theta Kappa Experience.”
One Student’s Honors Institute Experience is Shared with College and Region

“I know that this world needs leaders who are willing to take on challenges and make positive changes, so I know that I will continue to be a part of the change I want to see in the world,” says Nedd Anderson.

The Honors Institute Experience: How Much Does it Cost?
Supporting scholarships for members to attend the Honors Institute helps Phi Theta Kappa continue the legacy of scholarly discussions.

Honors Institute Scholarship Recipient
Nedd Anderson said receiving a Phi Theta Kappa scholarship to attend the Honors Institute has been a big part of his Phi Theta Kappa Experience and has increased his ability to help his chapter grow. “I think this is directly in line with the mission of Phi Theta Kappa,” he said. “Opportunities like these have shown me that Phi Theta Kappa is truly concerned with my personal growth and development, not just my membership.”

He has also been able to bring some of the knowledge he gained at the Honors Institute back to the Arizona Region and his chapter at Mesa Community College. “One thing that really resonated with me was the Honors in Action model for increasing impact with our projects. I could see that if we utilized this model we would ultimately make our jobs easier, and have a wider and more lasting impact in our communities,” he said.

Another benefit of attending the Honors Institute was being able to put what he learned to use in his community college classroom, Anderson said. “I am taking an Honors Class this semester about the Honors Study Topic, and on many occasions I have been able to reference a speaker or a conversation that I had at Honors Institute,” he explained. “My experience adds to the discussion and our exploration in class.”

“Our honors department has adopted the Honors in Action model, and now our honors projects are geared toward working together on larger projects that solve community needs,” he explained. “For example, for my honors project I am working with our college’s Sustainability Committee to complete a greenhouse gas inventory of our campus.”

Nedd Anderson is an example how Phi Theta Kappa can enrich the lives of community college students in ways they had not imagined. “Before I became a member of Phi Theta Kappa I was working and going to school, but not loving life. I was a good student and thought there had to be some
In 2008 84 students received scholarships to attend the Society’s Honors Institute – and Nedd Anderson, a member of Mesa Community College’s Phi Theta Kappa chapter and Secretary of the Arizona Region, was one of them. Now he finds that his Honors Institute experience – and his Phi Theta Kappa Experience – have not only enriched his own life, but his community college classrooms, his local chapter and his region.

scholarships out there that would help me pay for school. I walked into the Student Life office looking for scholarships – and things just started to happen,” Anderson said.

“I never really expected to be a student leader like I am today. I have gained so many skills – leadership ability, planning projects, networking, public speaking, you name it – I have had the opportunity to take on the challenge,” he said. “I think Phi Theta Kappa surrounds you with like-minded people, and then shows you what your true potential is,” he explained. “My life as a result of Phi Theta Kappa is exponentially more productive and my horizons have been widened. My awareness and consciousness have been cultivated and lifted to a whole new level.”
Dr. Jo Marshall and Dr. Scott Marshall
Support Society, Each Other

“It’s more important than ever to support the Foundation,” Jo Marshall says, “if people want their success to live on, they can truly make a difference by contributing to an organization that values, scholarship, leadership and service”

Leadership Program Has Global Impact
In 1992, Phi Theta Kappa launched its acclaimed Leadership Development Studies Program, funded in part by a $1.8 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Now more than 2,494 community college faculty and staff, and representatives of public agencies have been certified as program instructors, representing a total of 663 institutions in the United States, Canada, Singapore, Guam, British Virgin Islands and the United Arab Emirates.

Leadership Supporters
Dr. Jo Marshall’s Phi Theta Kappa Experience began in Alabama and has taken her around the world. As a Mosal Scholar she studied in England. As a Leadership Development Studies Facilitator she traveled to Singapore. Now president of Somerset Community College in Kentucky, Jo continues to support her campus chapter and the entire organization.

At her side, as he has been throughout her Phi Theta Kappa journey, is her husband Dr. Scott Marshall. Scott’s role in Phi Theta Kappa has not been as formal as his wife’s, but his dedication to the organization is equally strong. His has been a familiar face at Convention registration for some 20-plus years.

Jo and Scott attended their first Convention in 1972, and Jo has hardly missed a Convention or Institute since. Scott has attended as many as possible, drawn to the organization because of his wife’s enthusiasm.

For that reason, Scott convinced Jo that Phi Theta Kappa was too important in her life to give up – and “Scott was right,” she said. “Phi Theta Kappa has opened many doors for me – every opportunity I have received in my professional life has been connected to Phi Theta Kappa.”

The Marshalls were among the first to endow an honors lecture, and now the Marshall Lecture is part of the Faculty Scholar Conference, which prepares advisors for Honors Institute seminar leader roles. For Jo, her first Honors Institute was a turning point. Later she would be instrumental in developing the Faculty Scholar Conferences and securing a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Now she is Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation.

Both Jo and Scott recall that Dr. Margaret Mosal, longtime Executive Director of Phi Theta Kappa, had an uncanny ability to book famous speakers before they became household names. “One summer we heard an unknown...
Jo Marshall has held a variety of roles within Phi Theta Kappa. She was a chapter advisor at Jefferson State Community College in Alabama; Alabama Regional Coordinator; Regional Coordinator Representative to the Board of Directors; Honors Committee member; Honors Institute Lecture Sponsor and lecturer; and Faculty Scholar Conference Facilitator. She has supported Phi Theta Kappa as an administrator at Chattahoochee Valley State College and in her current role as president of Somerset Community College.

“Phi Theta Kappa has made the world a small and friendly place,” Scott said, remembering chance encounters with members he met at Convention in such far-off places as New York City and Washington, D.C. Jo treasures her friendships with Honors Committee colleagues Joan Fedor and Ann Levig, and with Leadership Development Program facilitator Dr. Lillie McCain.

“The Leadership Program has taught me more than I can ever teach,” said Jo, who has been involved with the program since its inception. “It has a ripple effect – every time we certify 20 faculty to teach the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Course, they return to their colleges and spread the program among more and more students.”
“When considering a contribution to the Foundation, I would encourage every Phi Theta Kappa member to look within themselves and determine what values are important,” Laura Dupree says. “As students, we volunteered our time and our talents. As alumni, we should consider financial support.”

**Leaders of Promise Offers Gateway to Other Honors**

Leaders of Promise scholarships help new Phi Theta Kappa members defray educational expenses while enrolled in two-year colleges.

Leaders of Promise scholars have gone on to be named Guistwhite Scholars, All-USA First Team Members, New Century Scholars and Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship winners. And two Leaders of Promise scholars have achieved every one of these awards: Melinda Hornback from Ivy Tech Community College in Indiana, and Ashley Odell from Manchester Community College in Connecticut.

**Leader and Planned Giver**

For 10 years, Phi Theta Kappa has been a part of Laura Dupree’s daily life – on her mind and in her heart.

Dupree has held almost every leadership role possible in Phi Theta Kappa – chapter officer, chapter president, International Vice President, Alumni Association president and advisor, chapter advisor, Faculty Scholar and Certified Leadership Instructor. She became a Phi Theta Kappa member at Lone Star College-North Harris, where she is now on staff.

Along the way she has been supported by her husband Mark and their three children, who have “grown up in Phi Theta Kappa.”

Her Phi Theta Kappa involvement and her experience as a returning adult community college student has led Dupree to support the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation. She specifically supports the Leaders of Promise, a program developed by her International Officer Team to provide scholarships to members attending community college. Selection criteria include demonstrated leadership potential.

Dupree has also identified the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation in a planned gift, making her a member of the Athena Society. Phi Theta Kappa, she says, made a difference in her life, and she believes in giving back.

“I am a first generation college graduate,” she says. “I wanted to be a teacher. Phi Theta Kappa helped me in so many ways – practically, such as my advisor guiding me through applying to a university – and through the programs, which support learning, leadership and service. Mainly I learned the importance of leaving a legacy.”

Dupree was elected an International Vice President in 1999. She and her fellow officers – International President Stephanie Wright Meissen and...
Laura Dupree expanded her vision with the help of Phi Theta Kappa. Education is still her focus, but she now fills an administrative role - Lead Academic Advisor at Lone Star College-North Harris in Texas, her community college alma mater. She and her one-time advisor and now close friend, Lynda Dodgen, are chapter and alumni association advisors.

Vice Presidents Wade Hale, Jim Hamrick and Sarah Sumner - wanted to establish community college tuition scholarships for members.

“I learned while running for office that many members needed help to pay for community college,” says Dupree. “Our officer team wanted to help, but we did not know how to get scholarships funded. We had all kinds of ‘wild’ ideas – but then it happened!”

A pin used for a North Harris honors program gave Dupree the idea for a Convention pin to be given to persons who donate to the Leaders of Promise Scholarships. More than 200 members have since received Leaders of Promise scholarships, supported in part by the Convention pins. Donations at International Conventions and Honors Institutes traditionally raise approximately $15,000 per year.

Currently in a master’s program, Dupree plans to complete a doctorate in educational leadership. Learning to challenge herself and stretch her goals, and realizing that she had administrative skills, are lessons learned through Phi Theta Kappa, she says.
“It is really important for the alumni to support the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation financially, because the benefits we received – whether we realize it or not – were paid for by someone before us,” Westley Moore says. “It’s up to us, the alumni, to ‘pay it forward.’”

**Once a Phi Theta Kappan, Always a Phi Theta Kappan**

Continue your Phi Theta Kappa journey after leaving your community college by engaging in Alumni opportunities. By joining Alumni Associations based locally, regionally or on a university campus, Phi Theta Kappans can pay forward lessons learned while continuing to grow in the four Hallmarks.

Visit the Alumni website – www.ptk.org/alumni – to update your information, let colleagues know about your accomplishments, and connect with an Association near you.

Connect with classmates and find old friends by joining the Phi Theta Kappa Alumni group on Facebook.

**For information,** visit www.ptk.org/alumni/ or contact Alumni Relations Coordinator Courtney Taylor at courtney.taylor@ptk.org.

**Alumni Leader**

Phi Theta Kappa alumnus Westley “Wes” Moore is a rising star. He was a Rhodes Scholar, a special assistant to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice while a White House Fellow, is a successful investment banker and has written a book that inspired a publishers’ war.

All this, and he’s barely 30 years old.

Moore’s success seemed assured when he attended Valley Forge Military College, where he took the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Development Studies Course, was Phi Theta Kappa chapter president, Regimental Commander and student body president. At Johns Hopkins University Moore was a standout athlete and campus leader, eventually being tapped for Phi Beta Kappa.

But his life was not always like that, and because Phi Theta Kappa has been such a positive influence in his life, Moore is committed to supporting the organization and encourages all alumni to follow his lead.

Moore, a Trustee for the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation, credits the Society with introducing him to service. “A scholar is not someone who learns in a vacuum, but someone who publicly acknowledges the importance of service in the larger global community.” It’s a commitment he has made part of his life.

When he was named a Rhodes Scholar, a story about Moore appeared in the *Baltimore Sun*. That same edition carried a story about another young man sentenced to prison for robbery.

“It caught my attention,” Moore says, “because he was from the same Baltimore neighborhood as I was, he was the same age as I was – and his name was also Wes Moore.”

“I was heading to England to study at Oxford, and he was heading to prison to
Wes Moore has received numerous accolades and honors, but one he never mentions is being named to People Magazine’s Most Eligible Bachelor list in 2001 – along with such notable singles as Ben Affleck, Matt Damon, Josh Harnett and Tiger Woods. Moore, who thought the call from the magazine was a joke, is permanently off the list – he and Dawn Flythe were married in 2007.

serve a life sentence without parole. I realized how easily that could have been me, if I had not had people in my life – including Phi Theta Kappa people – who took time for me."

He wrote to the other Wes Moore, visited him in prison and is writing a book about the two men and their different paths, which is to be published by Random House.

Reaching out to his dubious namesake is one more manifestation of Moore’s commitment to servant leadership. As a soldier in Afghanistan, he looked beyond the unfamiliar culture and discovered people who share Americans’ commitment to family and community.

“I’m proud of the work our country and our troops are doing there,” he says. “When you see girls going to school for the first time, farmers having the tools they need to raise crops, and health and sanitation coming to remote villages, you see firsthand that you can make a difference.”

Moore’s advice to young people emphasizes the need for a vision. “You have to have a vision before you can make it real. Without a vision, you have no chance of getting where you want to be. With a vision – you have every chance.”
“I feel it is important to share my Phi Theta Kappa Experience with others by giving a monthly gift to the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation,” says Jamaine Cripe. “I received Phi Theta Kappa scholarships so it’s natural for me to want to give some other ‘starving student’ funding to help with their education costs.”

**Alumna Contributor**

For some alumni, the Phi Theta Kappa Experience is just a memory, but for former Southern Vice President Jamaine Howard Cripe, the experience is ongoing. Her monthly financial support of today’s members through her gifts to the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation designated to the Leaders of Promise Scholarship program keeps her connected and helps her feel she is giving back to an organization that once gave scholarships to her.

“In the beginning, I thought of Phi Theta Kappa as a means to an end. I knew that I wanted to eventually earn a Ph.D. in either media or the arts and that the only way I’d be able to pay for it all was through scholarships,” Cripe said. “Once I got into my chapter and saw all the great programs available, I couldn’t just sit back and observe, I was compelled to get involved.”

“I chaired the service committee and saw how we could increase our campus presence by tutoring student athletes. At the time we had no athletes who qualified for Phi Theta Kappa membership,” she explained. “We noticed the number of 000 level classes a lot of the athletes were enrolled in and encouraged them to register for higher-level classes during our study breaks. We saw their GPAs increase and even inducted a couple of players into our chapter.”

Cripe said when she attended Honors Institute at the College of Holy Cross in 1993 she started to see how to combine all four Hallmarks into her own personal philosophy – and how that could be taken back to her campus and beyond.

“When I got home from Honors, I called for our board to become more involved with the Society’s programs.” Cripe said they found engaging in international programs added a wider dimension to their local chapter activities. “Having the resources available from Headquarters and the ability to call on other chapters for input helped me feel more connected to Phi
Jamaine Howard Cripe served as Southern Regional Vice President in 1993-94. She was inducted as a member of Phi Theta Kappa at Daytona Beach Community College (now Daytona State College). She earned an MBA in Media Management from Metropolitan College of New York (formerly Audrey Cohen College), and after graduation was accepted to the Directors Guild of America’s Assistant Directors Training Program. After graduating the program, she gained membership into the Guild as a commercial Assistant Director.

Theta Kappa as an international organization, not just a nice footnote on a scholarship application.”

She transferred to the University of Central Florida and earned a bachelor of arts in Motion Picture Technology. “I beat around Orlando for a couple of years trying to break into the very tiny film community there and wasn’t successful,” she said, “So I moved to New York City to gain access to the huge film community here and earn a graduate degree.”

After marrying and having a child, Cripe took a hiatus from television production work in 2005 to spend more time with her daughter and volunteer. In May 2008 she opened a home-based bakery, “The Cupcake Lady.” “Business is picking up and it’s just enough to keep me on my toes,” Cripe said.

Although life is busy, she makes a point to stay involved with Phi Theta Kappa. “Every time I made a move, I made it a point to join the local alumni association and get as active as I could,” she said. She admits that her involvement with Zeta of New York has taken a back seat lately with marriage, motherhood and a move to New Jersey. “I love being an alumna and I look forward to getting more active,” she said.
Leadership and Service Roles
Lead International Scholar to Transfer Opportunities

“Receiving Phi Theta Kappa scholarships gave me the confidence, strength and determination to pursue my dreams and become a community leader and role model,” says Dharmesh Patel. “I am extremely grateful for the opportunities these scholarships gave me – as they presented me with numerous possibilities I never thought possible.”

Guistwhite Program Fuels Dreams
The Guistwhite Scholar Program was founded to enhance Phi Theta Kappa members’ attainment of baccalaureate degrees and recognize their scholarly achievements.

In 2008, 20 Guistwhite Scholars were selected from more than 500 applicants to receive scholarships of $5,000 each for baccalaureate studies.

The awards are named in honor of Dr. Jack Guistwhite and his wife, Margaret. Dr. Guistwhite developed the first transfer scholarship designated exclusively for Phi Theta Kappa members.

To support Scholarships make your gift online at www.ptkfoundation.org or contact Dr. Nancy Rieves, Executive Director of the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation, at 1.800.946.9995, ext. 3537, or nancy.rieves@ptk.org.

Student Scholar
Born in Zimbabwe, Dharmesh Patel saw his local college close due to political violence and economic depression. After getting a green card he came to the United States and went to work in the oil fields of Texas before he had the opportunity to attend Richland College in Dallas.

Soon he earned a 4.0 grade point average, qualifying him for Phi Theta Kappa membership. “Ironically, through bad advice, I was skeptical about joining Phi Theta Kappa initially,” Patel admits, “But after attending an orientation session, I never turned back once. I learned how being a member would enhance my personal and scholastic potential, while allowing me to actively serve my community.”

He served as the website administrator for the chapter’s online group; in the Hallmark areas of Scholarship, Leadership and Service; and as co-chair of the World War II Remember Project. Patel also served in leadership positions for the college’s Creating Peace and Justice Club and as a Big Brother to a 10-year-old boy.

He also participated in numerous community initiatives for Operation Green, Phi Theta Kappa’s International Service Program with Keep America Beautiful, including Graffiti Wipe Out and the Trinity River Clean Up, and created a litter index for the city of Dallas. In addition Patel undertook a project to host an event addressing the Holocaust, using it as a platform to challenge others to address the genocide occurring in Darfur.

“Through recognition from these awards, participation in chapter activities and guidance from my advisors, Professor Larry Polk and Ms. Aliene Pylant, I gained entry and scholarships into the top three business schools in Texas (University of Texas-Austin, Southern Methodist University and Texas Christian University) and my eventual destination, Cornell University.”
In 2007 Dharmesh Patel received Phi Theta Kappa’s Leaders of Promise Scholarship, which provides new Phi Theta Kappa members with financial resources to help defray educational expenses while they are enrolled at a two-year college. In 2008 he was named a Guistwhite Scholar and was recognized at Phi Theta Kappa’s International Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Patel said he would encourage those who are able to support scholarship programs such as Leaders of Promise and the Guistwhite Scholarship Programs, which made his education possible. “Within our community we have several gifted and aspiring students, who without the help of scholarship donors may never reach their full potential due to financial constraints,” he explained.

Patel is majoring in Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University, and plans a career as a financial advisor. “I want to acquire knowledge and help families prepare to save for college tuition and educate them about staying debt-free.”

“I believe that our society is financially imprisoned through lack of knowledge and I want to acquire this knowledge and help families prepare to save for college tuition and educate them about staying debt-free,” Patel said. “My long-term goal is... to help improve efficiency and increase self-dependence in industries as a business leader/consultant.”
Celebrate Excellence with a Gift to the 1918 Anniversary Club

The Hites Challenge is being offered in conjunction with the founding of the 1918 Anniversary Club, a way of recognizing those who contribute by celebrating the Society’s 90th anniversary. The 1918 Anniversary Club offers three levels of giving — $19.18, $90, and $1,918. However, any amount over $19.18 will be recognized.

Corporate Support

It was April 3, 2008, and Crystal Greene Worthem, Sponsorships and Alliances Marketing Manager for Ford Motor Company, was on stage at Phi Theta Kappa’s International Convention in Philadelphia to make brief remarks accepting the Society’s Alliance for Educational Excellence Award. Instead, she went off script — sending shock waves rippling through the Convention Hall when she announced a surprise pledge of $50,000 from Ford to kick off the Hites Transfer Scholarship Endowment that had been announced just minutes earlier.

In 2008 the Hites Family Community College Scholarship Foundation offered a challenge to Phi Theta Kappa — if the Society raised $350,000, the Hites Foundation would provide the remaining funds to create the $1 million Hites Transfer Scholarship Endowment for Phi Theta Kappa members.

“We have been discussing ways to enhance our relationship with Phi Theta Kappa and provide even more support, so when the opportunity presented itself we had to rise to the challenge,” said Worthem.

Ford has a history of supporting Phi Theta Kappa. The Ford College Student Purchase Program has provided financial assistance to Project Graduation, Phi Theta Kappa’s civic engagement initiative that uses college commencements as a vehicle to collect non-perishable food items and books for community service agencies.

“Since 2002, Ford and Phi Theta Kappa have worked together to battle the societal issues of hunger and illiteracy,” said Kip Johnson, Phi Theta Kappa Board Chairman, citing collections of approximately 535,000 food items and 410,000 books in presenting the Alliance for Educational Excellence Award to Worthem.
The Hites Family Community College Scholarship Foundation was established by Robert Hites, an executive with Ralston-Purina in St. Louis, Missouri. Upon his retirement, to fulfill his lifelong dream of teaching, he accepted a position at St. Louis Community College. Hites had other opportunities to teach at senior institutions but declined because of the love he found for community college students and the impact he felt he could make on their lives.

In accepting the award and announcing the large pledge, Worthem also praised Society members for their ability to affect change. “Not only do you imagine a better world – you get out there and make it a better world,” she said.

“Ford has once again shown their commitment to community colleges and higher education,” said Phi Theta Kappa Executive Director Rod A. Risley. “We were pleased to recognize their past contributions through the Alliance for Educational Excellence Award, and we were totally surprised - and totally thrilled - to hear the announcement of their generous contribution to the Hites Transfer Scholarship Challenge.”

“It was my second conference and I continue to be impressed by the members and leaders of the organization,” Worthem said of her experience at the International Convention. “Not only is Phi Theta Kappa strong as an organization, but the members are passionate about social change.”
Dear Friends,

We are pleased to bring you a new issue of *Visionary* and to share exciting news on how your contributions make Phi Theta Kappa a stronger and better organization, positively impacting the lives of thousands. Our members not only excel academically while attending college, they become engaged leaders prepared to make a difference.

The year of 2008 brought us good news – we have received official notice that the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation is an exempt organization under the 501 (c)(3) Internal Revenue Code. This means your donation to the Foundation is tax-exempt. With this status, the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation becomes the fundraising arm of Phi Theta Kappa, charged with raising funds primarily for support scholarships and program offerings.

I am honored to serve as Executive Director of the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation and will work with our Board of Trustees as they continue to direct fundraising efforts for Phi Theta Kappa.

Regretfully, in the fall of 2008 we announced the loss of two great leaders and Foundation Trustees, Dr. Shirley Gordon and Anthony Sadberry. Both were devoted to Phi Theta Kappa, and their legacies will continue to inspire us to move forward in support of our beloved honor society.

Much of our fundraising efforts in the past year focused on the Hites Scholarship Challenge, issued by the Hites Family Community College Scholarship Foundation. Phi Theta Kappa chapters, regions, and friends have responded to the challenge to raise $350,000 toward a $1 million endowment – with an almost 2:1 match provided by the Hites Foundation. As we approach the possibility of meeting our goal one year early, we are hopeful that our proposal for a second challenge from the Hites Foundation will be accepted.

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**2008 Giving**

In reporting financial support, total giving in 2008 was $1,126,462. We continue to receive the largest portion of our financial support from organizations and our largest number of donations from individuals.

**Giving Amount by Constituencies**

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**An Open Letter to Friends of Phi Theta Kappa**

Phi Theta Kappa thanks its supporters for the means to offer the Phi Theta Kappa Experience. Through opportunities and skill development, members become assets to their campuses, communities, and the world.
We also launched a campaign for contributions to support the Fedor Endowment to ensure national and international scholars as lecturers and speakers at the Honors Institute. Our dear friend and longtime honors program supporter Joan Fedor and her late husband established this endowment, which bears their name.

The 1918 Anniversary Club, celebrating Phi Theta Kappa’s 90th birthday, was introduced in 2007 and continues as a giving opportunity. For the convenience of making a contribution, online giving is now a reality and can be found on the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation website, www.ptkfoundation.org.

We are continuing efforts to raise more funds for scholarships, including the Hites Challenge, Leaders of Promise and Guistwhite Scholars, and support of such programs as CollegeFish.org, the Honors Institute, and the Leadership Development Studies Program.

With scholarships more important than ever in today’s economy, your support is crucial to Phi Theta Kappa members. If you are in a position to provide support to Phi Theta Kappa at this time, please make a tax-deductible donation to the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation, designating your gift to a scholarship or program of your choice. We look forward to hearing from you.

Nancy L. Rieves, Ed.D.
Executive Director
The Phi Theta Kappa Foundation
Continuing the Phi Theta Kappa Experience: Alumni Associations

Alumni Associations provide support to Phi Theta Kappa members, alumni, and chapters. Alumni associations of Phi Theta Kappa first appeared on the campuses of four-year universities in 1976. The premise on which these chapters were established was to ease the transition of the transfer student and to provide well-deserved recognition for community, technical and junior college scholars. A year later, community based associations were chartered to provide a vehicle by which alumni could continue fellowship with other alumni members while also supporting the activities of the local two-year college chapter. By 1995, alumni began to see the benefits of larger alumni associations affiliated with a Phi Theta Kappa region or multiple campuses to serve a larger geographic area. The specific purpose of these organizations varies but is based on the premise of supporting the mission of Phi Theta Kappa in their specific service area. To learn more about joining or chartering an Alumni Association, contact Courtney Taylor at 601.984.3577 or courtney.taylor@ptk.org or visit the website, www.ptk.org/alumni/.

Community Based Alumni Associations

- Alpha Beta of Texas at Blinn College (Brenham, TX)
- Alpha of Illinois at Wilbur Wright College (Chicago, IL)
- Alpha of North Harris College Alumni Association (Houston, TX)
- Alpha Pi Theta Alumni Association at Brookdale Community College (Lincroft, NJ)
- Beta Alpha Phi Alumni Association at Hudson County Community College (Jersey City, NJ)
- Beta Beta Omicron Alumni Association at Eastern Maine Community College (Bangor, ME)
- Beta Beta Psi Alumni Association at Madison Area Technical College (Madison, WI)
- Beta of Minnesota at North Hennepin Community College (Brooklyn Park, MN)
- Beta of New Jersey at Ocean County College (Toms River, NJ)
- Blue Water Alumni Association at St. Clair County Community College (Port Huron, MI)
- Delta of Missouri at East Central College (Union, MO)
- Eta Gamma Alumni Association at Coffeyville Community College (Coffeyville, KS)
- Eta of New Jersey at Bergen Community College (Paramus, NJ)
- Gamma of Illinois at Elgin Community College (Elgin, IL)
- Gamma of Pennsylvania at Montgomery County Community College (Pottstown, PA)
- Gamma of South Carolina at Trident Technical College (Summerville, SC)
- Iota of Alabama at Southern Union State Community College (Wadley, AL)
- Iota of Illinois at Harold Washington College (Chicago, IL)
- Iota of Missouri at Moberly Area Community College (Moberly, MO)
- Kappa of Missouri at Metropolitan Community College (Blue Springs, MO)
- Nu of Illinois at Kennedy-King College (Chicago, IL)
- Rho of Texas at Lamar State College (Port Arthur, TX)
- Sigma Zeta Alumni Association at Lane Community College (Eugene, OR)
- Theta of Illinois at Lincoln Land Community College (Springfield, IL)
- Theta of Missouri at Jefferson College (Catawissa, MO)
- Theta Xi Alumni Association at East Central Community College (Decatur, MS)
- Upsilon Gamma Alumni at Middlesex County College (Edison, NJ)
- Zeta of North Carolina at Rockingham Community College (Wentworth, NC)
Regional Alumni Associations
- Arizona Region Community Alumni Association
- Alpha Omega Carolinas Region Alumni Association
- Colorado Region Alumni Association
- Greater Northwest Region Alumni Association
- Illinois Region Alumni Association
- Indiana Region Alumni Association
- Kansas Region Alumni Association
- Kentucky Region Alumni Association
- Michigan Region Alumni Association
- Middle States Region Alumni Association
- Missouri Region Alumni Association
- Nebraska/Wyoming Region Alumni Association
- Nevada/California Region Alumni Association
- NERA: The New England Region Alumni Association
- Zeta of New York Region Alumni Association
- Alpha of Ohio Region Alumni Association
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- Tennessee Region Alumni Association
- Texas Region Alumni Association
- Virginia Region Alumni Association
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- Gamma of Mississippi at University of Mississippi (University, MS)
- Millsaps Alumni Association (Jackson, MS)
- Mississippi College Alumni Association (Clinton, MS)
- Mississippi State University Alumni Association (Mississippi State, MS)
- Alpha of Missouri at Missouri State University (Springfield, MO)
- Alpha of New York at Clarkson University (Potsdam, NY)
- Columbia University Alumni Association (New York, NY)
- High Point University Alumni Association (High Point, NC)
- East Central University Alumni Association (Ada, OK)
- Zeta of Oklahoma at Northeastern State University (Tahlequah, OK)
- Alpha of Texas at University of Texas (Austin, TX)
- Beta of Texas at Sam Houston State University (Huntsville, TX)
- Delta of Texas at Texas Tech University (Lubbock, TX)
- Epsilon of Texas at Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi (Corpus Christi, TX)
- Iota of Texas Alumni Association at University of Texas at Dallas (Richardson, TX)
- Kappa of Texas at Texas Woman’s University (Denton, TX)
- Omega of Texas at Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX)
- Pi of Texas at Texas A&M University-Commerce (Commerce, TX)
- University of Houston Clear Lake Alumni Association (Houston, TX)
- University of Houston Alumni Association (Houston, TX)
- University of Texas - Pan American Alumni Association (Edinburg, TX)

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- Alpha of Alabama at University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa (Tuscaloosa, AL)
- Athens State University Alumni Association (Athens, AL)
- Delta of Alabama at Troy State University (Troy, AL)
- Gamma of Alabama at University of Montevallo (Montevallo, AL)
- University of Northern Alabama Alumni Association (Florence, AL)
- Northern Arizona University Alumni Association (Flagstaff, AZ)
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- Saint Leo University Alumni Association (St. Leo, FL)
- Stetson University Alumni Association (Deland, FL)
- Zeta of Florida at University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)
- Emporia State University Alumni Association (Emporia, KS)
- Southwestern College Alumni Association (Winfield, KS)
- Alpha of Michigan at Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, MI)
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Phi Theta Kappa Financial Support

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Phi Theta Kappa Foundation

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The Athena Legacy Society consists of individuals who have identified or made a planned gift to Phi Theta Kappa. Planned gifts include bequests, trusts, life insurance and other deferred giving options that allow individuals to contribute to Phi Theta Kappa while making plans beneficial to their individual financial circumstances. The individuals listed here represent many but not all of those who have chosen to contribute to the future of Phi Theta Kappa in this manner.

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- Mississippi University for Women
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- Birmingham-Southern College
- Coahoma Community College
- Cumberland Community College
- East Central Community College
- East Mississippi Community College
- Hinds Community College
- Holmes Community College
- Jones County Junior College
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Meridian Community College Foundation
- Middle States Region
- Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
- Northeast Mississippi Community College Foundation
- Northern Arizona University
- Northland College
- Northwest Mississippi Community College
- Oklahoma/Arkansas Region
- Pearl River Community College
- Renasant Bank
- Rockhurst University
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Scholars Society
$500 to $999

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Alpha Kappa Chapter—Borough of Manhattan Community College (New York)
Alpha Kappa Delta Chapter—Clairton University of Pennsylvania (Pennsylvania)
Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter—Elizabethtown Comm. and Tech. College (Kentucky)
Alpha Nu Lambda Chapter—Clark State Community College (Ohio)
Alpha Nu Omicron Chapter—Harrisburg Area Community College (Pennsylvania)
Alpha Phi Gamma Chapter—Victor Valley Community College (California)
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Rho Sigma Chapter—Jones County Junior College (Mississippi)
Tau Delta Chapter—MacMurray College (Illinois)
Theta Xi Chapter—East Central Community College (Mississippi)
Mission: The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa shall provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.