TRANSFORMATIONS:
Acknowledging, Assessing, and Achieving Change

Honors in Action Conference
New York Region

Tompkins Cortland Community College
Alpha Gamma Nu Chapter
Hosted at Greek Peak Mountain Resort, Cortland, NY
October 18-20, 2019
Kyle Reese—President
My name is Kyle Aaron Reese. I am in my third semester at Kingsborough Community College where I serve as the Vice President of Fellowship of Xi Kappa. I’m majoring in Liberal Arts, and joined CUNY’s Interdisciplinary and Unique Studies program this fall to study Queer Psychosocial Research. I plan to stay with this program through my Baccalaureate. I’m a nontraditional student who has discovered that it’s never too late to follow your dreams! I’m honored to serve as your Regional President. Let’s work together to strengthen our region!

Samantha Parajon—Southern Vice President
I am currently a student at Borough of Manhattan Community College and I major in Dietetics and Nutrition. As the New York Regional Southern Vice President, my goal is to help guide the region toward success, but also to inspire our members to break through limitations that we often place on ourselves every day. I want to help empower each of us to understand that we are strong, we are brave, and we are worth it no matter how many challenges present themselves.

Beverly Escobar Gonzalez—Western Vice President
I am currently in my third semester at Tompkins Cortland Community College and a member of the Alpha Gamma Nu Chapter. I’m majoring in International Business and plan to continue my education at a four-year university. As the Western Vice President, I want to encourage our members to have their voice heard and know that their voice matters! We need everyone to speak up so the world will hear our voices!

Lana Esho—Executive Secretary
Lana Esho is a third semester computer Science major at Tompkins Cortland Community College (TC3) and is working towards graduating in the spring of 2020 with an Associate of Science degree. Lana enjoys travelling in her free time. As the Executive Secretary of the NY region, her main goal is to mentor young people and ensure that the region feels a sense of camaraderie. At TC3, she is also currently involved in the Global Office and the Office of Diversity Education and Support Services, and she is the student representative on the College’s Board of Trustees. She plans to transfer to a four-year University to pursue a career in business.
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Michelle Ferraino—Alumni Representative
Michelle graduated from Fulton-Montgomery Community College in December 2018 with an A.S. in Science. She plans to transfer to a four-year institution to study biochemistry and minor in business. During her time as a student, she served as Vice President of Alpha Alpha Upsilon and Vice President of Scholarship for her chapter. She also helped to bring her chapter from a two-star chapter to a five-star chapter, which they had not achieved in over a decade. As Alumni Representative, she hopes to guide and motivate other chapters to be successful, encourage people to overcome their obstacles to achieve success, and increase the alumni presence in the New York Region.

Dr. Annie Tuttle
Regional Coordinator
Professor of Sociology
Onondaga Community College

Dr. Payal Doctor
Associate Regional Coordinator
Professor of Philosophy and Humanities Chair
LaGuardia Community College
# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 9:00am - 10:30am   | **General Session 2 – Samantha Parajon and Beverly Escobar Gonzalez**<br>
|                    | sponsored by: Wells College<br>
|                    | PTK Update – **Dr. Blake Ellis**<br>
|                    | Keynote Address – *Theme: Powers of Connection*<br>
|                    | **Dr. Joe Smith**, Professor and Chair, Human Services and Chemical Dependency Counseling<br>
|                    | Announcements and Door Prizes                                       | Acropolis         |
| 10:45am - 11:30am  | Student Seminar Groups<br>
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| 11:30am - 1:00pm   | Transfer Fair                                                       | Trax              |
| 12:00pm - 1:00pm   | Lunch                                                               | Trax              |
| 1:00pm - 2:00pm    | Advisor Meeting                                                     | TBA               |
| 1:00pm - 2:00pm    | **Regional Officer Breakouts**<br>
|                    | Words Matter<br>Reducing Recidivism Through Education<br>Diversity and Inclusion in our Chapters<br> | Acropolis<br> Corinthian<br> Leonidus |
| 2:15pm - 4:00pm    | **General Session 3 – Lana Esho and Michelle Ferraino**<br>
|                    | sponsored by: Adelphi University<br>
|                    | Get an Edge with PTK - **Dr. Blake Ellis**<br>
|                    | Keynote Address – *Theme: Politics of Identity*<br>
|                    | **Dr. Chris Xaver**, Professor and Chair, Communications, Broadcast Production, and Digital Cinema<br>
|                    | Group Photo<br>Door Prizes                                         | Acropolis         |
| 4:15pm - 4:30pm    | Snack Break                                                         |                   |
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Sponsored by: St. Peters University
Keynote Address – Collegiate Recovery: What’s Your Role?
Moira McLury, Alcohol and Drug Council of Tompkins County
Ashley Dickson, Recovery Program Specialist at TC3
Sarah Pardiso, President, Alliance for Recovery Club at TC3
Announcements
Closing

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**Come to our Instant Transfer Decision Days: Easy transfer.**
Generous financial aid. Streamlined path to success.

- Resolve an admissions decision on the spot.
- Learn how your credits will transfer.
- Tour our beautiful campus and state-of-the-art facilities.
- Speak with your representatives about scholarships and financial aid.

**Upcoming Instant Transfer Decision Days**

Carden City:
- Tuesday, November 19, 2019
- Tuesday, November 26, 2019
- 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Registration required:
  Adelphi.edu/PTX

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CONFERENCE HOSTS
2019 OFFICERS AND ADVISOR

Alpha Gamma Nu Chapter

President: Simeon Reigle
Vice President: Lana Esho
Secretary: Tontionna Taylor
Treasurer: Caleb Richards
Vice President for Scholarship: Paul Bernal
Vice President for Leadership: Mike Pinnisi
Vice President for Fellowship: Beverly Escobar Gonzalez
Vice President for Public Relations: Lyndsie Neville
Advisor: Katrina Campbell

PHI THETA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Blake A. Ellis currently serves as Phi Theta Kappa’s Associate Vice President of Outreach and Engagement. Blake began his Phi Theta Kappa journey in 2013 as an advisor to the Beta Lambda Mu Chapter at Lone Star College-CyFair. During his tenure as a chapter advisor, Blake served as a Faculty Scholar three times and as the Humanities Representative on the Honors Program Council. Dr. Ellis earned his Ph.D. in US history from Rice University and holds master’s degrees from Baylor University and Rice University. He is a two-time recipient of National Endowment for the Humanities awards, winner of Rice University’s Stockbridge Vaughan prize, a 2015 Faculty Excellence Award winner, recipient of Lone Star College’s Robert McGehee Equality Award, and a 2016 John and Suanne Roueche Professor. He has presented his research at the Southern Historical Association, Baylor University’s Institute for the Study of Religion, the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, Rice University’s Glasscock School of Continuing Studies, the League for Innovation, and the Community College Humanities Association, among others. His work has been published in such venues as the Journal of Southern History and Southwestern Historical Quarterly, and Lexington Press published his most recent book chapter in 2015.
Patrick Sewell
Adjunct Associate Professor
Environmental Studies
Tompkins Cortland Community College

Patrick Sewell received his M.A. in Environmental Ethics from the University of North Texas where he studied moral attitudes and sustainable decision making. His thesis analyzed moral disengagement and social narratives in relation to sustainable actions.

Since coming to Tompkins Cortland he has developed classes in environmental ethics, environmental economics and public policy, as well as coursework in food, identity, and social movements. He has been the recipient of the Tompkins Cortland Trustees Award for Excellence in Adjunct Instruction and has served on numerous boards and committees. He is currently serving as the President of the TC3 Adjunct Association, a newly formed union representing adjuncts at the institution.

Dr. Chris Xaver
Professor and Chair
Broadcast Production, Communication, and Digital Cinema
Tompkins Cortland Community College

For the past 30 years, Chris Xaver has been working in and with media. First, as a radio personality. Then, as a TV reporter and, a few years ago, she hosted her own nationally syndicated cooking show on PBS. Dr. Xaver knows firsthand how media influence our environment, culture, relationships, perceptions of self and other groups, and shapes our identities.

Dr. Xaver attended the Newhouse School of Communication for her bachelor’s degree in Broadcast Journalism. She received her master’s from The Maxwell School of Citizenship in Political Science and her PhD in Leadership from Capella University.
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. Joe Smith
Professor and Chair
Chemical Dependency Counseling and Human Services
Tompkins Cortland Community College

Dr. Smith is a NYS Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and a NYS Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor. In addition to his professorship at TC3, Dr. Smith teaches as an adjunct faculty member in the graduate social work program at Syracuse University. Dr. Smith has served as a Research Advisor in the MSW Program at Smith College School for Social Work in Northampton, MA. Also, he has worked as a trainer and consultant for the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services. Dr. Smith participates actively in scholarly activities including presentation and publication. His areas of research interests include children's mental health and developing cross-cultural competencies. Dr. Smith is an experienced online educator, and has proficiency with distance learning, curriculum development, quality improvement, and assessment.

Moira McJury
Coordinator of Education & Prevention
Alcohol & Drug Council of Tompkins County

Ashley Dickson
Recovery Program Specialist
Tompkins Cortland Community College

Sarah Paradiso
President, Alliance for Recovery Club
Tompkins Cortland Community College
WHY RUN FOR NEW YORK REGIONAL OFFICE?

The role of Regional Officer is one of the most rewarding leadership opportunities available to community college students.

As a Regional Officer, you will:

- Set the direction and goals of the region
- Work on projects that make the region stronger
- Serve as the Ambassador of the Region at all PTK Events
- Network with members from New York and other regions
- Learn about teamwork and the importance of communication
- Enhance leadership and public speaking skills
- Bolster your resume to help you transfer to a 4-year school
- Make a new set of close friends, your fellow Regional Officers.
ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for regional office, the candidate must:

- be an active member of a chapter in good standing
- plan to be a matriculated student and an active member in good standing during the full term of office (Fall and Spring). Alumni rep: alumni member in good standing
- have the approval of the chapter advisor
- sign and abide by the Honor Code for Regional Officers
- have time for a weekly call, trips, and weekly regional work

ELECTION PROCESS

Elections will take place at the NY Regional Convention in NYC - March 13-15, 2020. Candidates will campaign during the conference and give a short speech on the HIA topic.

AVAILABLE POSITIONS

President, Executive Secretary, Southern VP, Northern VP, Western VP, and Alumni Representative

REGIONAL OFFICER MEETINGS

Regional officers should plan to attend the following meetings in order to fulfill the requirements of the office they hold:

1. Weekly Regional Calls
2. Regional Officer Training. This will be held in May or June
3. Catalyst - held in April – your home chapter will fund you for this conference at the beginning of the term... and the region will send you back to Catalyst at the end of your term (if all duties have been fulfilled)
4. Mock Chapter - held over the summer
5. Regional Honors in Action and Leadership Conference in October
6. Regional Convention in March

There is also a possibility of attending the Honors Institute.

FUNDING FOR REGIONAL OFFICERS

When funding is available, the regional treasury will fund the following:

- All officers’ registrations at regional events
- Regional officer’s travel to regional events. Travel will be made using the most cost-effective method
- Outgoing regional officer’s travel to Catalyst
- If possible, regional officer’s travel to Honors Institute or Headquarters (not guaranteed)
Jodi Oriel Leadership Scholarship

#IAMPTK

$400 $400

Opens February 1, 2020 and Closes March 1, 2020.
Scan the QR Code above or use the link below to access the application.

https://tinyurl.com/jodioriel2020
NYPTK T-Shirt Contest!

Who: Anyone from the NY Region PTK
This includes current members, alumni, prospective members, and advisors.

Design parameters:

- One sided

- Contains a variation of the phrase "NY Region" (NY Region, New York Region, NY, New York)

- Contains a variation of the phrase "Phi Theta Kappa" (Phi Theta Kappa, PTK, or the Greek letters)

- Maximum of 2 ink colors

- Shirt may be one of the following: black, dark grey, light grey, white, navy blue, light blue, yellow, or gold/deep yellow.

The winner will receive a $100 Visa gift card and be featured on social media!

The winning shirt will be announced and distributed to everyone in attendance at our Spring Conference in NYC!

Keep an eye on Facebook and Instagram to vote on your favorite submission finalist!

Send your PDF, PNG, or JPG/JPEG submission to:

newyorkregionptk@gmail.com

Deadline 5 PM on December 1st, 2019
PARTICIPATING TRANSFER FAIR COLLEGES

Adelphi University
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Bryant University
Columbia College Chicago
Cornell University—School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR)
Fordham University
Hartwick College
Le Moyne College
Long Island University—Brooklyn
Monroe College
New School of Architecture & Design
Quinnipiac University
Sage Colleges
Saint Peter's University
St. John's University
St. Joseph's College
St. Thomas Aquinas College
SUNY Binghamton University
SUNY Cortland
Wells College
University of Connecticut
University of Maine
University of Rochester
University of Tampa
ILR School
ONE MAJOR, ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

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NYPTK FALL SERVICE INITIATIVE

Sponsor an Incarcerated Member!

The Region wants to increase access to PTK for diverse groups. One method is for chapters to sponsor incarcerated members!

We are partnering with Mohawk Valley Community College to sponsor potential PTK members who are pursuing higher education degrees while incarcerated.

What we need from you:
• Set a goal for how many members your chapter wants to sponsor
• Fundraise membership fees for your inductees***

The chapter who raises the most will win two free registrations for the NY Regional Conference in NYC!

An induction for incarcerated members will be held in November.

***The International Membership fee is $60. Your advisors will have information on steps for fundraising monies.

Deadline: November 30, 2019

Keep an eye out for mentorship opportunities with incarcerated members!
HERE IT IS IN BLACK AND WHITE:

APPLY FOR THE NY PTK ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP!

December 2019 Graduates Welcomed to Apply!

COMING SOON: STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO DEADLINES

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN SPRING 2020 CONFERENCE IN NYC!

Email Regional Alumni Representative Michelle Ferraino at mferraino8@gmail.com or mferraino@albany.edu for any questions!
The emblem of Phi Theta Kappa consists of a golden slab keyed at top and bottom. Across the center of the slab is a black enamel band upon which three Greek letters appear, which are the initials of three mystic Greek words meaning wisdom (Phi), aspiration (Theta), and purity (Kappa). Behind the band is a wreath, on the one side composed of oak leaves, and on the other, of laurel. The wreath of oak leaves denotes stability and strength of character, and the curling leaves of laurel signify achievement and success. Above the band is a representative of the head of Athena, Goddess of Learning. In the base appears the mystic Greek letters meaning light, the light of learning and knowledge. The fraternity colors are blue, for scholarship, and gold for purity.

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**THE SYMBOLS OF PHI THETA KAPPA**

*Award entries are due by 5:00 pm Central Standard Time on these dates*

**December 5, 2019—Administrator Awards Due**
Categories include Board of Trustees, College Administrator (vice presidents, deans, etc.), Paragon President (for new college presidents), Gordon (for college presidents serving 5 years or more), Bennett (for retiring college presidents), and Community College State Director Awards

**January 9, 2020—Applications for Individual Awards Due**
Categories include Chapter Officer Team, Chapter Officer, Chapter Member, Advisor Team, Paragon Advisor, Distinguished Advisor, Continued Excellence Advisor

**January 10, 2020—Applications for Regional Officer Awards Due**
Categories include Regional Officer Team and Regional Officer

**January 16, 2020—Applications for Chapter Awards Due**
Categories include Honors in Action Project and College Project Awards

**January 31, 2020—Applications for Alumni Awards Due**
Categories include Alumni Association Award of Merit and Alumni Award of Appreciation
SAVE THE DATE!

NY PTK
Regional Convention
March 13-15, 2020
NYC - Hunter College

WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!
Thank you for joining us at the 2019 Honors in Action Conference!