2017 New York Regional Convention

Celebrating 31 Years

Hosted by Fulton-Montgomery Community College

March 3 - 5, 2017

Location: The Desmond Hotel
660 Albany Shaker Rd, Albany, NY 12211
Welcome to Albany!

We are honored to be hosting this year’s Annual Regional Convention, celebrating 31 years of academic excellence, student development, and service leadership in the New York Region. We look forward to a weekend of honoring chapter and regional successes, electing new regional leadership, and gathering in fellowship. We hope you find it to be a wonderful and enjoyable experience!

New York Region
Regional Leadership
Regional Coordinator: Alexander d’Erizans, Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY
Associate Regional Coordinator: Annie Tuttle, Onondaga Community College, SUNY
President: Lauren Bury, Suffolk County Community College
Northern Vice President: Samantha Daley, Mohawk Valley Community College, SUNY
Western Vice President: Sean Deery, Suffolk County Community College, Eastern Campus, SUNY
Executive Secretary: Kristina Nadell, Kingsborough Community College, SUNY
Alumni Representative: Michaela Rodican, Westchester Community College, SUNY

Regional Advisory Board
Payal Doctor, LaGuardia Community College
Lizabeth Doherty, Mohawk Valley Community College
Robin Graff, Westchester Community College
Jodi Oriel, Monroe Community College
Scott Rudd, Monroe Community College
Annie Tuttle, Onondaga Community College
Host Chapters
Alpha Alpha Upsilon, Fulton-Montgomery Community College

Chapter Attendance
Alpha Alpha Upsilon, Fulton-Montgomery Community College
Alpha Delta Gamma, Suffolk County Community College - Grant Campus
Alpha Eta Psi, Suffolk County Community College - Eastern Campus
Alpha Gamma Nu, Tompkins Cortland Community College
Alpha Iota Omicron, Westchester Community College
Alpha Iota Upsilon, Genesee Community College
Alpha Sigma Zeta, Onondaga Community College
Alpha Theta Iota, SUNY Monroe Community College
Alpha Theta Phi, LaGuardia Community College

Beta Beta Zeta, Corning Community College
Lambda Beta, Mohawk Valley Community College

Xi Kappa, Kingsborough Community College
Zeta, Alumni Chapter
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Special Guests

Laurie J. Freeman, Professor of Science, started her teaching career at FM in 1999 and has been the chair of the science division since 2011.

Laurie was the first to develop and teach an Honors Seminar in the revitalized Honors program as she introduced the idea of basing the course on the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Study Topic. Also, with Introduction to Engineering Science, Laurie led students in both designing and building Solar Ovens as well as in a design competition that resulted in teams designing and building machines that performed a task. She developed the first online Science class offered at FM as well as the first blended Science class.

Laurie is involved in many academic leadership roles which in the past included Phi Theta Kappa New York Region Coordinator, Empire State Association of Two-Year College Biologists secretary, and American Association of University Women (AAUW) College/University Connection Chair. She also was a Phi Theta Kappa advisor and NY Region Coordinator. During the 2008/2009 academic year, the Phi Theta Kappa NY Regional Officer Team received Distinguished Regional Team (1 of 3) and three regional officers received Distinguished Regional Officer Awards (3 of 10) under Laurie’s leadership.

In May 2010, Laurie received the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Faculty Service.

Laurie earned a Master of Arts in Biology from the City College of the City University of New York (CUNY); a Bachelor of Engineering (with Honors) from Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ; and Stevens International Scholar, University of Dundee, Dundee, Scotland.

John van Bladel, a resident of Delanson, New York, has been an adjunct instructor of Psychology at FM since 1999 and now serves in this position as full-time. He also is an active consultant providing education, training, consultation, and supervision on selected topics including Motivational Interviewing, Meditation, Working with Trauma, Health Behavior Change, and Stress Management to name a few.

His professional career has been dedicated to working with people with co-occurring disorders of mental illness and chemical dependency. John also works in the horticultural field, which he tells us, is another move toward an ecological approach by pairing it with health behavior change and living in peace with the environment around us.

John is extremely excited about the Building Peace course he will be teaching in the Spring and says it is really the culmination of all that he has learned to this point.

John earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from SUNY Geneseo and a Master’s Degree in Social Work from Adelphi University. He went on to earn an Associate’s Degree in Ornamental Horticulture-Landscape Development as well as a Bachelor’s Degree of Technology in Plant Science both from SUNY Cobleskill.
Convention Schedule

Friday, March 3

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  **Registration** – End of King Street Tunnel

6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.  **Dinner** – King Street Courtyard

6:45 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.  **First General Session** – King Street 6 – 8  
  *Sponsored by Manhattan College*

  Welcome  
  Roll Call  
  Icebreaker  
  Greetings  
  Introduction of Regional Officers  
  First Nomination for Regional Officers  
  Regional Officer Reflections/Outgoing Speeches-- **Sean Deery**,  
  *NY Regional Vice-President Western District*

  Keynote Speaker -- **John van Bladel**, Assistant  
  *Professor of Psychology, Fulton-Montgomery Community College, SUNY*

  Chapter Presentations  
  *Suffolk County Community College - Grant Campus*  
  *Suffolk County Community College - East Campus*  
  *Westchester Community College*

  Door Prizes  
  Announcements

9:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.  **Fellowship Event** – King Street 6 – 8  
  GAME NIGHT Hosted *by Alpha Alpha Upsilon Chapter*
**Saturday, March 4**

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.  **Breakfast** – King Street Courtyard

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  **Registration** – End of King Street Tunnel

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  **Regional Candidate Informational Meeting** – High Street 28

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  **Second General Session** – King Street 6 – 8

*Supported by University of Tampa*

Welcome
Roll Call
Icebreaker
Regional Officer Reflections/Outgoing Speeches—
  **Michaela Rodican, NY Alumni Representative**

Second Nomination for Regional Officers

Keynote Speaker – **Laurie Freeman,**
  *Professor of Science and former Advisor for the Alpha Alpha Upsilon Chapter at Fulton-Montgomery Community College, CUNY, Former NY Regional Coordinator*

Chapter Presentations
  *Mohawk Valley Community College*
  *Kingsborough Community College*
  *LaGuardia Community College*

State of the Region – **Dr. Alex d’Erizans, Associate**
  *Professor of History and Chief Faculty Advisor for the Alpha Kappa Chapter at Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY, NY Regional Coordinator*

Hallmark Awards
Door Prizes
Announcements
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  **Workshop Sessions**
   1. Honors in Action – King Street 6
   2. What kind of Leader are you? – King Street 8
   3. Phi Theta Kappa: The Basics – High Street 28

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.  **Chapter Poster Exhibit** – King Street Courtyard

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  **Lunch** – King Street Courtyard

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  **Regional Officer Campaigning** – King Street Courtyard

1:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  **Third General Session** – King Street 6 - 8  
   Welcome  
   Regional Officer Reflections/Outgoing Speeches – **Samantha Daley**  
   *NY Regional Vice-President, Northern District*
   Officer candidate speeches  
   Business Meeting.  
   Advisor Recognition  
   Coffee Break/ Meet the Candidates  
   Chapter Presentations  
   *Monroe Community College*  
   *Borough of Manhattan Community College*  
   *Onondaga Community College*  
   Door Prizes  
   Announcements

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  **Free Time**

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  **Photo Booth** – King Street Walkway C

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  **Regional Officer Voting** – High Street 30

6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.  **Dinner** – King Street Courtyard

6:45 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.  **Fourth General Session** – King Street 6 – 8  
   *Sponsored by Manhattanville College*
   Welcome  
   Headquarters Update – **Mia Ramos** - Shirley, *Director of Alumni Engagement*  
   *Phi Theta Kappa*  
   Regional Officer Reflections/Outgoing Speech -- **Kristina Paul**  
   *NY Regional Executive Secretary*
Hallmark Awards
Chapter Presentations
   Genesee Community College
   Tomkins Cortland Community College
Door Prizes & Announcements

9:15 p.m. -- 10:30 p.m.   Fellowship -- King Street 6 - 8
   Hosted by MOPCO Improv

Sunday, March 5

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.   Advisor Meeting – High Street 28

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.   Breakfast – King Street Courtyard

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.   Fifth General Session – King Street 6 - 8
   Welcome
   Regional Officer Reflections/Outgoing Speeches – Lauren Bury
      NY Regional President
   Regional and Hallmark Awards
   Induction of New Officers
   Chapter Presentations
      Corning Community College
      Fulton Montgomery Community College
   Door Prizes
   Announcements
   Farewell

11:30pm   Box Lunch Pick-up – King Street Courtyard

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.   Incoming Regional Officer Meeting – High Street 28
Workshop Descriptions

Honors in Action (HIA)

Presenters:
- Sean Deery, NY Phi Theta Kappa Western Vice President
- Samantha Daley, NY Phi Theta Kappa Northern Vice President

Description:
This workshop will run through each step of an Honors in Action project to explain how it develops from start to finish. This is a great workshop for any chapter, no matter if they started their Honors in Action Project or are thinking about beginning soon. There will be a weekly outline to frame the Honors in Action project as well as a template that can be used to keep track of your chapter’s progress. This workshop will also have time to discuss with PTK members about their ideas and any questions they may have.

What kind of Leader are you?

Presenters:
- Lauren Bury, NY Phi Theta Kappa President

Description:
Exploring the traits and actions behind a leader. Discussing different leadership styles along with their strengths and weaknesses. Then an open discussion on our great leaders today.

Phi Theta Kappa: The Basics

Presenters:
- Michaela Rodican, NY Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Representative

Description:
"For new PTK students hoping to take charge and get active in their chapters. This workshop will include what you need to know about what PTK is and what your mission should be on your campus. Come, ask questions, and learn about PTK to continue the successful journey of your chapter."
Regional Officers

Kristina Paul, is a resident of Brooklyn, New York who attends Kingsborough Community College. She is Vice President of Leadership at the Xi Kappa chapter and the Regional Secretary. She likes to read, listen to music, dance, eat, try new things, and to learn. As a theatre major she hopes to use the arts to advocate for change and bring awareness. The future for her holds opportunities to travel, write, produce, direct, and to build opportunities for others as people did for her.

Sean Deery is a Business Administration Major at Suffolk County Community College’s Eastern Campus, with a 4.0 grade point average. Sean serves as President of his chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, intern with the SCCC Department of Sustainability, student representative for Tree Campus USA, a Backyard Garden Group member, a Gender Sexuality Alliance member, and a main contributor to the East End Beacon newspaper. He was recently selected as a Phi Theta Kappa All-State scholar and received the SUNY Chancellor’s Award. Sean’s goal is to attend St. John's University for Marketing with a focus in sustainability.

“My name is Samantha Daley and I am the Northern District VP for New York. I am an Adolescent Education major with intentions to transfer to a four year school to become a teacher in Art and/or Social Studies. I enjoy working with Phi Theta Kappa because of all the different opportunities and people that I encounter. I have become significantly more confident in myself and my abilities since joining Phi Theta Kappa and I hope that you do too!”

Lauren Bury, the NY Regional President, is proudly graduating from Suffolk County Community College this Spring. She’s transferring to Adelphi University, to either double major in Business Management and Economics or start an accelerate M.B.A program in Business Management and Finance. With these degrees she hopes to work in the city but also work alongside non-for-profits. Community service and projects have been a staple in her community college experience and she hopes to continue it throughout life. Hoping to create her own non-for-profit
one day she also hopes to work closely with Wounded Warriors and Habit for Humanity.

Michaela Rodican was born in Bronx, NY on September 25, 1995. She attended Westchester Community College where she completed her Associate’s Degree in Liberal Arts and Humanities. She was involved with the Alpha Iota Omicron chapter, serving as the Vice President of Service and Treasurer. She continued being involved with Phi Theta Kappa as the Alumni Representative. Playing Irish music is her favorite hobby and she has had the opportunity to play music competitively on the international level representing New York in Ireland, but she also enjoys playing basketball and Gaelic Football. She looks forward to the plethora of opportunities that will come her way.
History

“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.”

Phi Theta Kappa’s mission is two-fold:
1. Recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and;
2. Provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

Phi Theta Kappa traces its beginnings to a Society that originated with six charter members under the name of Kappa Phi Omicron at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, in 1910. The Society continued to grow and in the spring of 1918 was one of many honorary groups in Missouri. At a meeting of the presidents of the Missouri junior colleges for women in 1918, it was decided to organize a new honorary society, chapters of which would have a common character, stand and similarity of organization. The name Phi Theta Kappa was chosen, and the Society was incorporated in Missouri as a national organization. Founders modeled many aspects of the new Society after the prestigious senior college honorary society, Phi Beta Kappa.

The eight charter colleges of Phi Theta Kappa were Hardin, Stephens, Christian, Lindenwood, Cottey, Howard Payne, William Woods and Central. The Alpha Chapter was established at Hardin College but was later moved to Stephens College when Hardin College became a baccalaureate granting institution. Today, Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri, is the only charter college with an active Phi Theta Kappa chapter.

For the first six years, Phi Theta Kappa confined its activity to women’s junior colleges, but in 1924 through constitutional amendment, the field of activity was enlarged to cover all junior colleges. In 1926, Phi Theta Kappa expanded beyond the borders of Missouri and into coeducational institutions. The American Association of Junior Colleges (now known as the American Association of Community Colleges or AACC) recognized Phi Theta Kappa as the official honor society for two-year colleges in 1929.

In 1930, Margaret James (Mosal) became the first elected national president of Phi Theta Kappa while attending Whitworth College in Brookhaven, Mississippi. She became national secretary in 1935 and moved the records of the organization to her hometown of Canton. Mosal served as Phi Theta Kappa’s chief executive for 50 years, retiring as Executive Director in 1985.
In the early years, Phi Theta Kappa membership was conferred to students at time of graduation and few programs and services were offered. The explosive growth of community colleges in the 1960s led Phi Theta Kappa to expand its mission to reflect the nurturing philosophy of the institutions it served. Students were inducted as freshmen and study programs were offered.

Today, Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in higher education with nearly 3 million members and 1,285 chapters located in all 50 of the United States, U.S. territories, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Germany, and the Republic of Palau. The recognition and scholarship opportunities that Phi Theta Kappa brings to an institution, its advisors, and most importantly its student members are unparalleled by any other student organization.