Texas Leadership Conference Reflection
The Texas Leadership Team hopes you had a wonderful time at TLC. Hopefully you were able to bring back varies leadership strategies for your chapter, meet a new friend or two, and got inspired by one of the incredible speakers. For one chapter’s experience at TLC, see the chapter highlights page.

House Cup Rankings
The house cup rankings are District II in first place with 1019 points, District I in second place with 411 points, District III in third place with 358 points, District IV in fourth place with 278 points, and lastly, District V with 153 points.

Running for Regional Office
The application for running for regional office is due by February 15th. One of the requirements to run is for a chapter advisor and member to attend the rules meeting via Zoom. The meeting dates are:
- January 21st at 3pm
- January 27th at 5pm
- January 31st at 1pm
- February 5th at 2pm
If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to a regional officer, they are happy to help!

Five Star Chapter Information
As the year begins winding down, it’s a good time to reflect on what your chapter has accomplished. It’s also a great time to update those Five Star Chapter Development Plans! The Five Star Chapter Development Plan is designed to help guide chapters through a year in the life of a chapter, working through activities to build chapters and provide members opportunities to engage in the Society’s four Hallmarks.

Hopefully by now you have set your chapter’s Five Star goal, though if you haven’t done so, there is still time. I also hope each chapter is striving to be a Five Star Chapter. Each chapter in Texas has the ability to be a Five Star Chapter, so never be intimidated at setting this as your goal. Also, it’s important to strive for excellence. None of you take classes with the goal of getting a “C” - strive for the “A” in chapter development and be a Five Star Chapter!

Be sure to update your Five Star Chapter Development Plans by January 25. No reporting changes can be made after this deadline.
Five Star Chapter Information

Regional Awards Information and Deadlines
The submission forms for the 2020 awards will be available in November. The regional awards deadline will be January 24, 2020 at 11:59pm CST. All regional award information can be found at https://txregion.ptk.org/Honors/RegionalAwards.aspx.

Award Deadlines
All following awards are due at 5:00pm CST and more information can be found at https://portal.ptk.org/Default.aspx?TabID=3884

Administrator and College President Awards
Board of Trustees Award Deadline: Thursday, December 5, 2019
Distinguished College Administrator Award Deadline: Thursday, December 5, 2019
Paragon Award for New Presidents Deadline: Thursday, December 5, 2019
Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction Deadline: Thursday, December 5, 2019
Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award Deadline: Thursday, December 5, 2019

Chapter Officer Awards
Distinguished Chapter Officer Team Award Deadline: Thursday, January 9, 2020
Distinguished Chapter Officer Award Deadline: Thursday, January 9, 2020
Distinguished Chapter Member Award Deadline: Thursday, January 9, 2020

Chapter Advisor Awards
Distinguished Chapter Advisor Team Award Deadline: Thursday, January 9, 2020
Advisor Awards Deadline: Thursday, January 9, 2020

Project Awards
*College Project Award Deadline: Thursday, January 16, 2020
*Honors in Action Award Deadline: Thursday, January 16, 2020
Chapter Highlights

Eastfield College

Sandra True was awarded the Spirit Award from the school for completing the most service hours around the school. Sandra has done so with not much of anyone knowing until the very end when she went to put in for the award. Sandra says, “I honestly did not think I would get it. But I completed 622 service hours total in a semester alone.” She will also be receiving a letter from the President of the United States as well as a metal and another award for the Presidential Award for Service for completing the most amount of service hours out of her College.

Sandra also wanted to take this opportunity to brag on her chapter. She said, “I was walking/running a 5k run for charity for the food pantry that we had started last year. I had three new officers step up one being our co-President Julio Hernadez, VP of public relations and my chair of service Jesica Ontiberos. They finished well ahead of me but made to make sure that when it came time for me to walk across the finish line, we all crossed together.”

If you would like to read Sandra’s story, you can find it here http://eastfieldnews.com/2019/05/07/a-true-comeback-20-time-felon-finds-purpose-in-charity-servitude-leadership/.
The Omega Omega Chapter of Mountain View College wrote about their experience at the 2019 Texas Leadership Conference.

Becoming A More Effective Leader

What is Phi Theta Kappa?
Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for two-year institutions.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is sorted into four hallmarks: scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service. In many fundamental ways, these four hallmarks empower us to become a more effective leader.

Texas Leadership Conference Experience
The 2019 Texas Leadership Conference was a remarkable experience for the Omega Omega Chapter at Mountain View College. The highlights of our experience were two guest speakers - Joanne Bland and Kantis Simmons.

Joanne Bland was a guest speaker for the third general session at the leadership conference. Her speech impacted not only as honor students, but as humans in general. She shared her story of living through segregation in America. She was a little girl while witnessing the impact of "whites versus blacks." She walked alongside Dr. King while witnessing many people brutally beaten and murdered by police officers. At a young age, she was highly affected, but in a way didn't know why.

She would continuously ask her grandmother, "why can't she sit where the white girls are sitting and eat ice cream" at the front table inside of a bar. In response, her grandmother said, "you will, once we get where we are heading in life." Joanne always wondered what that meant, but she quickly found out during the famous March from Selma to Montgomery.

Her ending speech echoed from her grandmother was, "everyone placed their drop of help in the society, it would create a mighty river." In order to create impact, we must come together as one.

Kantis Simmons was the fifth general session speaker who also shared his life story during the leadership conference. He was discriminated because he was born with seven fingers, his parents were very supportive of him, and motivated him to be the most effective leader he could become. He studied and worked as hard as he could, but he internalized that he was always considered "special."

In order to become a successful leader, he developed seven skills: thinking, listening, focusing, note taking, self-managing, studying, and reading. To ensure that he developed these skills, he studied them continuously.

The highlight of the fifth general session was being given an assignment from Kantis that involved taking three out of the seven skills as our weaknesses and developing them towards becoming a better leader.

As the Omega Omega Chapter at Mountain View College, we are developing our thinking, studying, and self-managing skills toward our future of leadership and success.