

# District V Newsletter



May 2020

## You Did It! You Survived!

This semester started off just like any other with new classes and new routines. Just about when we were settling in for the semester, our whole world changed. You went from sitting in a classroom listening to your teacher's lecture, to having to isolate at home and finish your classes online. This was tough time for many as we all worried about our health, the health of others, where was our next paycheck coming from, and so much more. We even worried about how we were going to maintain our grades and just make it through the remainder of the semester. But we persevered and we made it to the end. It just goes to show that we can survive adversity and we are the leaders of tomorrow.



## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Don't Forget to Complete Your PTK Scholarship Application!

Apply at:

<https://www.ptk.org/scholarships/i-am-transferring/ptk-competitive-scholarships/>

*Deadline Alert!*



**Spring Scholarship  
Application Deadline:  
May 15 @ 5PM CDT**

### Grow in This Unprecedented Time

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>  
at 2 PM

Sign up at :

<https://www.kozhimakai.com/ptk-webinar-registration-page>

### NURTURING RESILIENCY DURING CRISIS

with Dr. Kozhi Sidney Makai

FREE WEBINAR MINI-SERIES

Wed. May 13 | Wed. May 20 | Wed. May 27



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# ***Please Welcome Our New International Officers***



## **2020-2021 INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS**



**International President – Lavada Burse**

**Division I VP – Victoria Orifice**

**Division II VP – Jacob Lambie**

**Division III VP – Elena Wong**

**Division IV VP – Mariah Mayhugh**

### **LET'S GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO**

- The awesome leaders that put together an amazing VIRTUAL Catalyst in such a short period of time.
- All the International Officers who campaigned vigorously for weeks while juggling classes.
- Lavada Burse & Jacob Lambie for making Texas proud as our new 2020-2021 International Officers.

## CONGRATULATIONS

International Award Recipients @ Catalyst 2020

### **ALPHA GAMMA PI**

Austin Community College  
Austin, TX

Top 100 Chapter

### **ETA BETA CHAPTER**

Southwest Texas Junior College  
Uvalde, TX

Distinguished Chapter Award  
Distinguished College Project

## CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

The Alpha Gamma Pi chapter of Austin Community College took a hint from the virtual 2020 Catalyst and hosted their first virtual Induction Ceremony on May 8th via YouTube.

Check out their video at:

[https://youtu.be/sL\\_QIUPry48](https://youtu.be/sL_QIUPry48)

## Unfortunately, Loyola University in Chicago **CANCELLED** the 2020 Honors Institute.

While it is impossible to replicate this interactive learning environment, PTK's Student Engagement and International Officer teams are planning virtual summer learning events that will help chapters explore themes and frame their research and interests around the Honors Program Topic.

**Watch for a schedule of events coming soon**

### Health Reminders!

- Cough and Sneeze into a tissue or your sleeve.
- Practice Social Distancing (6ft+).
- Wash your hands 20+ seconds.
- STAY HOME, if feeling ill!

**Stay Safe & Healthy!**

### New Chapter Officers

*If your chapter has recently elected new chapter officers, please send me an email with their information. We want to make sure they receive the latest information.*

*Thank You!*

**Nothing is impossible, the word itself says "I'm possible"!**

**--Audrey Hepburn**

# Message from the President



Hello Texas Region,

The semester is almost over, and I am sending the best of wishes to each of you as you wrap up the Spring semester. I know y'all will finish strong since we are Texas PTK!

In our current environment, it's more important than ever that we seek opportunities to connect, both with our chapters and with the Texas Region. I hope your chapter is holding virtual meetings, orientations, inductions, and fellowships. This is a great time to bond and to get started on Honors in Action research. You can make plans for a fantastic College Project or create a great recruitment strategy for your upcoming summer enrollment period. Connecting will allow all of us to continue the great work of Phi Theta Kappa and to continue individual growth and development.

I'm also excited to share some amazing news – Texas Honors Institute WILL take place this year! We will be meeting virtually, but it is still going to be great and filled with opportunities to engage. More information will be on the way about it after the Leadership Team meets, so be sure you're following our Regional Social Media channels on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to get all the details!

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy, and I'm sending virtual hugs to each of you!

Sincerely,

Katelyn Kimbrough

