

Meet the Board

Get to Know James, President

Currently the chapter president of Alpha Omicron Omicron at Mid Michigan Community College, James Doub can often be found engrossed in his studies. His plans consist of transferring to Northwood University to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Master's Degree in Business Administration. Hard-working and persevering, James is very committed to his success and finds opportunity in Phi Theta Kappa. One of James's favorite things about Phi Theta Kappa is working with and mentoring youth, especially when it comes to his first love: soccer.

James is a member of Mid Michigan Community College Men's Soccer Team, and coaches all ages of soccer in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. He has been coaching early and late teen boys' traveling soccer for three years, and he aspires to continue coaching as long as he can. When he is not helping others improve their skills as athletes, James continues to improve as a player himself by playing and training as much, as often, and as long as he can.



2010-2011 Michigan Regional Board
Left: Kari Kahler, Regional Coordinator; James Doub, President; Donteay Jones, Vice President; Doris McMaster, Secretary/Treasurer; Danae Berry, PR/Historian; Roger Hammonds, Alumni Representative; Luke Davis, Chapter Relations Manager

Get to Know Donteay, Vice President

Hard-working and loyal, one should know that they can rely on Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Alpha Rho Nu's Chapter Vice President of Finance to get the job done. Donteay Jones is honored to be able to introduce himself as the 2010-2011 Vice President of the Michigan Region. As he works to serve and carry out his duties to the region and his chapter, Donteay is planning on graduating with a degree in Business Administration and International Studies. His future goals include transferring to Michigan State University to pursue a B.A. in Business Finance.

Joining Phi Theta Kappa in February of 2010, Donteay quickly took advantage of the benefits this organization has to offer by deciding to run for regional office in May of 2010. His ten years of military service has prepared him with strong leadership skills needed this once in a lifetime opportunity to serve as a regional officer and he looks forward to a great year. In his free time, Donteay loves bowling, fishing, motorcycling, and traveling. Personable and fun, there is never a dull moment with Donteay.



James Doub,
Regional President



Donteay Jones,
Regional Vice
President



Get to Know Doris, Secretary/Treasurer



Honored to serve the Michigan Region as Secretary/Treasurer, Doris McMaster is enthused to meet everyone she can from the Michigan Region. Currently the Secretary/Treasurer for Northwestern Michigan College's Alpha Rho Pi Chapter in Traverse City, Doris has experience in organizing and keeping information sorted. She plans to receive an Associate's Degree in Accounting and transfer to Ferris State University to complete a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. After twenty years of serving in the Air Force, Doris is looking forward to completing the next chapters of life.

The parent of two sons and one daughter, and the grandparent of four with one more on the way, Doris has a number of different experiences to bring to the table as a regional officer and new perspectives as well. After studying for hours on end, Doris likes to rest her mind with knitting scarves for the Special Olympics, traveling, and meeting new people. One day, she hopes to be a missionary for Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and travel to Thailand to help those that are in need.

Get to Know Danae, Public Relations/Historian



Danae Berry has been a member of Mid Michigan Community College's Alpha Omicron Omicron Chapter since February 2009 and immediately fell in love with nearly all aspects of Phi Theta Kappa upon induction. She served as President of her chapter for one year and is now taking on a new role as the communications manager fostering easier communication among her fellow chapter members, officers, and advisor by the use of technology. When she is not preparing or helping out with projects in Phi Theta Kappa, she is working diligently towards an Associate's in Sociology and plans on obtaining a Bachelor's, Master's, and eventually a Doctorate's in Psychology.

With an unyielding passion for youth and an unmatched love for the arts, Danae tries to incorporate one or both of those passions into her work whenever possible. Finding inspiration in the most unlikely places, Danae can surprise you with creativity.

Get to Know Roger, Alumni Representative



Serving as the Alumni Representative on the Michigan Regional Board as well as the Alumni Representative on the Michigan Region Alumni Association's Executive Board, Roger Hammonds has many responsibilities as a valued supporter of the Michigan Region. Roger was inducted into the Omicron Iota Chapter at Schoolcraft College where he attained two Associate Degrees. Currently, he is pursuing a Bachelor of Accountancy at Walsh College where he plans to graduate in June of 2011. Working full-time, attending college part-time, while volunteering with the honor society makes Roger a determined and inspiring role model.

Phi Theta Kappa provided Roger with many opportunities and life skills that have become very valuable to him. "From meeting new friends to traveling across the state and country to building great leaders, it is rewarding. Phi Theta Kappa is an inspiration in my life," Says Roger. Whether the experience is being a helping hand in the community, having fellowship among peers, or learning new leadership skills, it is gratifying. Thus, Roger looks forward to another great year serving as the Michigan Region Alumni Representative.

A Message from Kari

Greetings MI Region of ΦΘΚ!

I am excited to serve as your Michigan Region Coordinator! Phi Theta Kappa has allowed me to “put into practice” the lessons from my own learning journey and to be reminded daily of the work I need to do as a leader, a mentor and a learner! I have been a chapter advisor for the Alpha Rho Pi Chapter at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City since 1997. I have watched our chapter grow from One Star to Five Star and what excites me the most is seeing students grow and develop as leaders through taking advantage of all that Phi Theta Kappa has to offer.

My position at NMC is the Director of Learning Services which encompasses our Career & Employment Services, Tutoring & Support Services, the Center for Learning, our Honors Program and Phi Theta Kappa. It’s a position that keeps me busy; I surround myself with good people and we get the work done...just like within each of your chapters!

I am also a student at Michigan State University finishing up my PhD in HALE (Higher Adult and Lifelong Education). I have finished my coursework and written my comprehensive exams and am working on my dissertation which I will finish/defend this coming spring. Like many of you I am juggling school, work, and family responsibilities. I am “Spartan” for both my undergraduate and Master’s degrees as well.

My family is my foundation! My husband Chad and I met as undergrads at MSU and we are best friends as well as partners. We have two great “kids” one is Cori, who is a junior at Michigan Tech; many of you met her in the past couple of years as a chapter officer at NMC. Our other daughter is Casey, a junior in high school. As a family, we are into sled dog racing and have eleven Siberian husky/malamute mix dogs, we love to camp and find solace in our little piece of heaven on earth in Leelanau County—the tip of the pinkie for the Michigan “hand as map” folks! We are beginning a small farming operation...chickens, berries and sheep...call me crazy...life is very full! I rarely have to count sheep to get to sleep. ☺ I look forward to our learning/leadership journey together!

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Sincerely,
Kari Kahler
Regional Coordinator, MI Region
Northwestern Michigan College



Kari Kahler, Regional Coordinator

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Gaining a Competitive Edge

There are many opportunities to gain valuable skills to give one that competitive edge when applying for scholarships, to transfer, or for a career when one is involved in Phi Theta Kappa. One of the best ways is with Phi Theta Kappa’s *Five Star Competitive Edge* development plan.

The Competitive Edge online classroom provides you with a specialized development plan that helps one identify and enhance their abilities and assists in the development of interpersonal skills, communication skills, professionalism, teamwork, research skills, critical thinking

and so much more.

This program is one of the best ways to gain the “competitive edge” over one’s contenders when competing for scholarships and jobs. Take advantage of what else Phi Theta Kappa has to offer with *Five Star Competitive Edge* by visiting www.my.ptk.org today!

Visit
<http://ptk.org/competitive-edge/> for more information about *FIVE STAR COMPETITIVE EDGE*

Reflections from Honors Institute

Eight members of the Michigan Region were lucky enough to travel to Orange, California on the 14th of June of this year to participate in the 2010 Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute.

Hosted by Chapman University, the Honors Institute provided its attendants with a more defined notion of *The Democratization of Information*. The week consisted of four accredited speakers with very different, yet valuable interpretations of the Honors Study Topic who shared their ideas with all in attendance and several

group seminars providing opportunities for the Phi Theta Kappans to reflect on what “Honors in Action” really means by conversing about Jessica Jackley, Dr. William Ferris, Jonah Lehrer, Wes Moore and Arianna Huffington’s presentations.

Each speaker was “informative,” as James Doub describes and takes careful note of what neuroscientist, Jonah Lehrer, was trying to point out in his speech and writes, “Focus on your goals, never on anything that distracts you from them.”

There was definitely a lot of good thoughts shared and much that was learned at

the 2010 Honors Institute. All attendants from the Michigan Region including Danae Berry, James Doub, Todd Goodman, Erica Hamilton, Thomasena Irby, Donteay Jones, Doris McMaster, and Melissa Rodriguez claimed to have a great time. Two attendants wanted to share their reflections of the experience with the region and are featured below. However, all said they would be very happy to share their reflections from Honors Institute with those interested. Don’t be afraid to ask! Check out the pictures featured on page 7.



“The 2010 Honors Institute was nothing short of remarkable.”

Reflections from Todd Goodman

My experience at the 2010 Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute was nothing short of remarkable. Chapman University did an excellent job of providing an environment where learning, networking, teamwork and fun came together seamlessly. Like me, it was the first Honors Institute for what seemed to be most of those in attendance. Truth be told, I didn’t know what to expect. In hindsight, I should have expected nothing but the best from a Phi Theta Kappa event. Not only was the event executed in a top-notch manner, but my fellow Phi Theta Kappans in attendance were some of the friendliest and coolest people I’ve ever met. Many thanks go out to the Michigan Region for providing the Honors Institute Scholarship, without which I might not have been able to go to the Honors Institute.

The lineup of General Session speakers was quite impressive. They definitely gave a wide variety of perspectives on the Honors Study Topic. Jessica Jackley, Dr. William Ferris and Jonah Lehrer really opened my eyes to the nearly infinite applications and interpretations of *The Democratization of Information*. This was my second time listening to Wes Moore’s captivating story, and he didn’t disappoint. The discussion groups after each speaker were lively and informative. Regrettably, I had to miss Arianna Huffington’s presentation. It was one of the only disappointments of the entire week.

Without a doubt, a favorite part of the Institute was getting a chance to spend time with the members and officers of the Michigan Region. It was a great time spent with even better people, and a week I definitely won’t forget.

Reflections from Thomasena Irby

The Michigan Regional Officers, several Phi Theta Kappa members and advisors had a distinct opportunity to increase their knowledge base of the 2010/2011 honors study topic-- *The Democratization of Information: Power, Peril, and Promise*, during the 2010 Honors Institute. Attending the Honors Institute was a first for many of the participants in the Michigan Region. The week-long event was hosted by Chapman University in Orange, CA, June 14-18, 2010. Members participated in numerous forums of scholarly presentations which allowed us to debate among like-minded scholars and expand our intellectual growth on the relevance of our society as it relates to the honors study topic. In addition to learning about the honors study topic, participants also examined Honors in Action and learned how to examine and research a specific research topic which would ultimately allow chapters to develop a plan of action. In addition to gaining a further understanding of the honors study topic and Honors in Action, the Michigan Region utilized this opportunity to strengthen our bond with our sister region, Alabama, as well as develop partnerships with other regions.

A Challenge to the Region

By David Brewer Sr., Alpha Xi Mu President Henry Ford Community College

Alpha Xi Mu is issuing a challenge to all Michigan chapters of Phi Theta Kappa to raise as much money as possible to provide winter coats for children in Michigan. Together with Operation Warm Inc., we can make a difference in children's lives.

Operation Warm Inc. is a non-profit organization headquartered in Pennsylvania that provides new winter coats at a severely discounted price. The Alpha Xi Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa learned about Operation Warm Inc. in October, 2009. We quickly identified children in need of winter coats right here in our

own area. With winter among us, and Christmas just around the corner, we wasted no time and went to work raising funds. In less than two months we were able to purchase 162 environmentally friendly coats for children in need.

Alpha Xi Mu now challenges each chapter in our region to raise money for children in need. All the funds raised will be added together with the funds raised from other chapters to purchase coats for a children's organization in our region. Each chapter will be asked to write a 500 to 1000 word essay that identifies an organization in

need within their area. The winning essay will determine where the coats will be donated. All funds are pulled together for this purchase.

Furthermore, Alpha Xi Mu will purchase 100 coats for this cause. The chapter that raises the most amount of money will have 65 coats donated to the organization of their choice, per their essay; while the chapter that comes in second will have 35 coats donated to the organization of choice, per their essay. You have nothing to lose, but children in need have everything to gain.



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Challenge Rules

1. Chapters must be registered no later than September 1, 2010
2. All fund raising campaigns must be entitled Operation Warm 2010 and should include your chapter name or Phi Theta Kappa
3. Chapters can raise funds (recommended) or use funds already in their chapter treasury account
4. Fundraising campaigns must be organized and managed by the chapter
5. Chapters must perform at least one school/public fundraise to raise awareness of children's needs
6. Coats must be distributed to children/children's organizations and cannot be stored or warehoused other than that which is necessary during the shipping process.
7. All funds to be counted in this challenge must be submitted no later than November 1, 2010
8. Fundraising totals and essay judging will be completed and announced at Mini Honors in November.
9. Chapters shall locate children in their area or in an area in need, or a children's organization in their area or area in need, and be willing to coordinate with parents and/or appropriate persons to determine size and gender requirements in the event that they win any aspect of the challenge. This information will need to be compiled within 10 days of the winning announcement in order to get the coats to children before the dead of winter.
10. Chapters agree, upon registration, to raise funds for children's coats to be purchased at a cost of \$15 plus shipping, per coat from Operation Warm Inc. Shipping is supplied via FedEx at a cost of .25 cents per case of 6 coats.
11. Chapters can, and are encouraged, to use media promotions/press releases for both fund raising campaigns and the distribution of the coats. The most exposure you can muster, the better.
12. Each chapter is required to submit an essay expressing why their identified organization should receive the coats from our fund raising efforts. The essay should include a brief history of the organization, how it is funded, how many children are involved as well as qualitative and quantitative facts relating to the organization and the children as well as detailed facts of the fund raising that took place. We are Kappans, punctuation and grammar count.
13. A panel of judges consisting of Michigan Regional Kappans will determine the essay winners.

Phi Theta Kappa Members for Life

Hello, Phi Theta Kappa!

The Michigan Region Alumni Association welcomes you to the 2010 Leadership Conference. It's going to be a great weekend and you'll return to your chapter with new ideas, new excitement and new friends!

Many of you ask what the Michigan Region Alumni Association is all about. MRAA provides an opportunity to continue your involvement in Phi Theta Kappa, and keep up with latest Phi Theta Kappa programs and people. We assist the members of the Michigan Region with their programs and projects and continue to provide a network of fellowship with our fellow scholars. MRAA not only provides support behind the scenes, we also serve as speakers at regional and chapter events, as regional judges for competitions and the scholarships offered by the region, and we provide the Hospitality Night of Fun at each conference and convention.

If you have enjoyed the friendships and contacts made in Phi Theta Kappa, we invite you to continue that fellowship and join the Michigan Region Alumni Association. Membership is open to all Society members who have completed their studies at their community college and left their chapter in good standing.

Looking forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,
Patricia Dettloff, President
Michigan Region Alumni Association

2010-2011 MRAA Executive Board:

- Patricia Dettloff, President
- Jeff Albrecht, President-Elect
- Clara Cherry, Vice-President
- Cassi Keller, Secretary
- Lori Beyers, Treasurer
- Roger Hammonds, Alumni Representative
- Diane Wisnewski, Advisor.

Upcoming Events for 2010

Operation Warm Campaign

Register for participation by:
9/1/2010

Host: Alpha Xi Mu

Refer to "A Challenge to the Region" on page 4

Mini Honors Conference

11/12/2010 - 11/14/2010

Washtenaw Community College
Ann Arbor, MI

Host: Beta Gamma Alpha

For more information refer to the

MI Region Website:

michiganregion.ptk.org

Health Awareness Fair

9/30/2010 2-7 pm

Student Center Arena

Oakland Community College

Highland Lakes

Host: Alpha Omicron Kappa

Information/Services Provided:

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Nutritionist – "Eating Healthy"

Psychology Club – "Depression"

Personal Trainer – "Exercise Tips"

AND MORE!

For more information contact

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Annual MMCC Fall Festival

9/19/2010 12-4pm

Mid Michigan CC

Harrison, MI

A barbeque accompanied by musical entertainment, games, prizes, activities and a car show.

It's fun for all ages! Tickets available NOW \$4 & \$7 at door.

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Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

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Email information about your chapter events to Danae Berry:

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Submissions Please?

What projects and events are going on in your chapter? Have you read any interesting jokes lately? Is anyone in your chapter a poet? Write about it; the region would like to know.

Your hard work and participation in this prestigious organization deserves to be recognized! Let the board know what you have going on at your community college so the whole region may find inspiration from you! If you have any questions or have anything you would like to be announced or featured in

the next regional newsletter planned to be released November 13, 2010, please email your submission to your region's Public Relations/Historian, Danae at danae.ptk@hotmail.com. She would be very happy to answer any questions you may have concerning the regional website or regional newsletter, "The Michigander."

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