2018 Awards Summary for the Ohio Region of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
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International Hallmark Awards
International Hallmark Awards are the most prestigious annual awards with which our Society recognizes an individual/chapter/region. In April, Ohio Region’s 2018 winners were recognized at PTK Catalyst in Kansas City, Missouri. They are:

Regional Award for Excellence in Leadership:
Regional leadership teams are recognized for excellence in the following focus areas: scholarship, leadership, service, fellowship, career readiness, chapter engagement, college completion, diversity, equity & inclusion, membership recruitment, and transfer readiness.

2018 Regional Leadership Team:
Julie Cohara, Regional Coordinator
Krystal Nash, President
Stephen Barimah, Vice President
Christine Hopkins, Secretary/Editor
Ciera Parr, Southeast District Representative
Juan Morales, Northwest District Representative
Tonya Hawk, Northeast District Representative
Tabitha Miles, Southwest District Representative
Hannah Dion, Central District Representative
Ohio University
Stark State College
Cuyahoga Community College- Metro Campus
Cuyahoga Community College- West Campus
West Virginia Northern Community College
Terra State Community College
Aultman College
Clark State Community College
North Central State Community College

Top 100 Chapters from Ohio:
To be considered in the top 100 chapters, a chapter must submit entries for both the Honors In Action Project and College Project Award. Selection is based solely on the written entries for these Hallmark Awards. The scores in each of these categories will be averaged to determine a chapter’s overall ranking.

Chi Omega Chapter, Cuyahoga Community College, Parma, Ohio

Distinguished Regional Officer Award
Distinguished Regional Officers are recognized for outstanding leadership, implementing regional goals that support overall Society goals, for significant contributions to regional Honors In Action programs and effectively communicating the region’s program and projects to member chapters.

Ciera Parr
2017-2018 Ohio Region Southeast District Representative
Omega Epsilon Chapter
West Virginia Northern Community College
Weirton, West Virginia

**Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction**
College presidents and campus CEOs are selected for this award on the basis of outstanding efforts given toward promoting the goals of Phi Theta Kappa. The award is named for the late Dr. Shirley B. Gordon, Phi Theta Kappa’s longest serving Board of Directors Chair and President Emeritus of Highline Community College in Des Moines, Washington. Dr. Gordon was named Phi Theta Kappa’s Most Distinguished College President in 1984.

**Dr. David Harrison**
Columbus State Community College
Columbus, Ohio

**Dr. Vicki Riley**
West Virginia Northern Community College
Wheeling, West Virginia

**Dr. Betty Young**
Hocking College
Nelsonville, Ohio

**Distinguished College Administrator Awards**
The Distinguished College Administrator Awards are given to community college vice presidents, deans, or leaders other than college presidents/CEOs serving a community college in an administrative capacity.

**Heath Martin**
Terra State Community College
Fremont, Ohio

**Distinguished Chapter Officer Award**
Chapter Officer Awards are given based on the recipient’s demonstration of leadership, promotion of Honors In Action and other engagement in the Society, and enthusiasm for the Society’s Hallmarks.

**Irene Miller**
Alpha Psi Rho Chapter
Lakeland Community College
Kirtland, Ohio

**Ciera Parr**
Omega Epsilon Chapter
West Virginia Northern Community College
Weirton, Ohio

**Distinguished Chapter Member Award**
Chapter Member Awards are given based on the recipient’s embodiment of the Hallmarks of the Society through Honors In Action and other activities. These recipients must not have held a chapter, regional, or international officer position during the 2017 calendar year.
International Recognitions

Five Star Region Plan Award
Regions are now awarded a star rating based upon membership recruitment, engagement and excellence. Ohio Region was recognized as a 2018 Four Star Level Region.

Five Star Chapter Awards are noted on ptk.org and in the 2018 Awards Program from PTK Catalyst 2018. 2018 Five Star Ohio Region Chapters include:

- Alpha Epsilon Eta Chapter, Cuyahoga Community College- Highland Hills Campus
- Alpha Mu Delta Chapter, Hocking College
- Alpha Mu Epsilon Chapter, Terra State Community College
- Alpha Nu Lambda Chapter, Clark State Community College
- Alpha Psi Rho Chapter, Lakeland Community College
- Alpha Rho Epsilon Chapter, Columbus State Community College
- Alpha Rho Gamma Chapter, Washington State Community College
- Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter, Stark State College
- Chi Omega Chapter, Cuyahoga Community College- Western Campus
- Omega Epsilon Chapter, West Virginia Northern Community College

REACH Chapters
REACH Chapters are chapters that excelled in membership development during the 2017 calendar year.

- Alpha Mu Xi Chapter, The Ohio State University
- Alpha Tau Mu Chapter, Rhodes State College
- Alpha Theta Zeta Chapter, Central Ohio Technical College
- Beta Nu Pi Chapter, University of Rio Grande
- Beta Omicron Eta Chapter, Chatfield College
- Beta Pi Xi Chapter, Mercy College of Ohio
- Beta Theta Mu Chapter, Belmont College
- Beta Upsilon Mu Chapter, Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science

2017 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholars
Kara Baker, Beta Theta Mu Chapter, Belmont College
Koffi Edah, Alpha Rho Epsilon Chapter, Columbus State Community College

2018 New Century Scholar
Courtney Baker, Alpha Mu Xi Chapter, The Ohio State University

2018 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Scholars
Elizabeth McDermott, Phi Pi Chapter, Lorain County Community College Gold Team
Paula Bryant, Alpha Mu Epsilon Chapter, Terra State Community College Bronze Team
Transfer Honor Roll
The Transfer Honor Roll recognizes baccalaureate degree-granting institutions that excel in community college transfer pathways and success.

Antioch University-Midwest
Baldwin Wallace University
Cleveland State University
Miami University
Ohio University
The Ohio State University
University of Toledo
Ursuline College
Wilmington College

Ohio Region Hallmark Awards
Ohio Region Hallmark Awards are the most prestigious annual awards with which our region recognizes its own Ohio/West Virginia chapters and individual students, advisors, alumni, and administrators. In March, Ohio Region’s 2018 winners were recognized at the Ohio Hallmark Convention: Achieve the Dream in Wheeling, West Virginia at West Virginia Northern Community College. 2018 Hallmark Awards with a $339 cash prize to attend PTK Catalyst 2018 are designated with an asterisk. More information about each of the hallmarks is noted in the Ohio Hallmark Guide on ohio-region.ptk.org under “Your Region” and then “Regional Award Guidelines & Criteria.” The 2018 Ohio Hallmark Winners are:

Ohio Region’s 2018 Most Distinguished Chapter*
and Most Distinguished Northeast District Chapter
Chi Omega Chapter
Cuyahoga Community College- West Campus
Parma, Ohio

First Finalist Most Distinguished Chapter
Alpha Psi Rho Chapter, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, Ohio

Second Finalist Most Distinguished Chapter and
Most Distinguished Southeast District Chapter
Alpha Rho Gamma, Washington State Community College, Marietta, Ohio

Most Distinguished Central District Chapter
Alpha Rho Epsilon Chapter, Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio

Most Distinguished Northwest District Chapter
Alpha Mu Epsilon Chapter, Terra State Community College, Fremont, Ohio

Most Distinguished Southwest District Chapter
Alpha Nu Lambda Chapter, Clark State Community College, Springfield, Ohio
Additional 2017 Top Ten Ohio Chapters Include:

- Alpha Epsilon Eta, Cuyahoga Community College- Highland Hills Campus
- Alpha Zeta Delta Chapter, Cuyahoga Community College- Metro Campus, Cleveland, Ohio
- Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter, Stark State College, North Canton, Ohio
- Omega Epsilon, West Virginia Northern Community College

Most Improved Chapter Award*
Omega Epsilon, West Virginia Northern Community College, Wheeling, WV

Most Distinguished College Project Award*
Alpha Rho Epsilon Chapter
Columbus State Community College
Columbus, Ohio

First Finalist
Alpha Rho Gamma, Washington State Community College, Marietta, Ohio

Second Finalist
Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter, Stark State College, North Canton, Ohio

Most Distinguished Honors In Action Project Award*
Chi Omega Chapter
Cuyahoga Community College
Parma, Ohio

First Finalist
Alpha Psi Rho Chapter, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, Ohio

Second Finalist
Alpha Rho Gamma, Washington State Community College, Marietta, Ohio

Distinguished Theme Awards- Honors In Action Projects

Theme 1: Myth and Reality
Alpha Rho Epsilon Chapter, Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio

Theme 2: Individualism and Collectivism
Alpha Mu Epsilon Chapter, Terra State Community College, Fremont, Ohio

Theme 3: Rights and Responsibilities
Omega Epsilon, West Virginia Northern Community College

Theme 4: Peace and War
Alpha Psi Rho Chapter, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, Ohio

Theme 8: Nostalgia and Pathos
Chi Omega Chapter, Cuyahoga Community College, Parma, Ohio
Distinguished Regional Officer Award

Krystal Nash
2017-2018 Ohio Region President
Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter
Stark State College
North Canton, Ohio

Distinguished Ohio District Representative Award

Ciera Parr
2017-2018 Ohio Region Southeast District Representative
Omega Epsilon Chapter
West Virginia Northern Community College
Weirton, West Virginia

Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction

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Hocking College
Nelsonville, Ohio

Distinguished College Administrator

Heath Martin
Terra State Community College
Fremont, Ohio

Distinguished Chapter Officer Award*

Irene Miller
Alpha Psi Rho Chapter
Lakeland Community College
Kirtland, Ohio

Distinguished Chapter Member Award*

Konstantine Hach
Alpha Psi Rho Chapter
Lakeland Community College
Kirtland, Ohio
Distinguished Chapter Officer Team Award

Yousef Hafez  Alicia Kurtz  Alice Legg
Amanda Lowe  Asajile Mnaipyana  Angela Stead
Chi Omega Chapter
Cuyahoga Community College
Parma, Ohio

Dr. John Kesler Paragon Award for the Distinguished New Advisor

Dr. Nahla Harik-Williams
Chi Omega Chapter
Cuyahoga Community College
Parma, Ohio

Dr. Mary Navarro Most Distinguished Advisor Award

Mark Goldstein
Omega Epsilon Chapter
West Virginia Northern Community College
Weirton, West Virginia

Continued Excellence Award for Advisors and
Dr. Charlie Gallucci Appreciative Advising Award

Mary Hovanec
Chi Omega Chapter
Cuyahoga Community College
Parma, Ohio

Distinguished Chapter Advisor Team

Mary Hovanec & Dr. Nahla Harik-Williams
Chi Omega Chapter
Cuyahoga Community College
Parma, Ohio

Horizon Advisor Awards

Tywan Banks, Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio
Shari Brooks, Stark State College, North Canton, Ohio
Dave Sigmund, Stark State College, North Canton, Ohio
Rick Clever, Owens Community College, Toledo, Ohio
James Dailey, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, Ohio
Renee Deveaux, Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio
Rebecca Fleming, Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio
Matthew Hiner, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, Ohio
Mary Hovanec, Cuyahoga Community College- West Campus, Parma, Ohio
Nahla Harik-Williams, Cuyahoga Community College- West Campus, Parma, Ohio
Brad Merritt, Washington State Community College, Marietta, Ohio
Rebecca Murray, Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio
Andrea Musial, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, Ohio
Barb Keener, North Central State Community College, Mansfield, Ohio
Peter “Bo” Riley, Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio
Marcia Romoser, Cuyahoga Community College- Metro Campus, Cleveland, Ohio
Nina Schyllander, Terra State Community College, Fremont, Ohio
Michelle White, Terra State Community College, Fremont, Ohio
Mark Goldstein, West Virginia Northern Community College, Weirton, WV
Hollie Buchanan, West Virginia Northern Community College, Weirton, WV
Karen Spindler, Eastern Gateway Community College, Steubenville, OH

2018 Scholar Bowl Winners

Victor Billingsley          Rishabh Shah
Alpha Omicron Nu Chapter   Alpha Rho Epsilon Chapter
Eastern Gateway Community College Columbus State Community College
Steubenville, Ohio          Columbus, Ohio

2018 Flag Bearers

Juan Morales (Ohio)        Ciera Parr (West Virginia)
Alpha Mu Epsilon Chapter   Omega Epsilon Chapter
Terra State Community College West Virginia Northern Community College
Fremont, Ohio              Weirton, West Virginia

Tye Forster (West Virginia)
Omega Epsilon Chapter
West Virginia Northern Community College
Weirton, West Virginia

2018 International Officer Candidates

Christine Hopkins
Chi Omega Chapter
Cuyahoga Community College
Parma, Ohio
Candidate for Division I Vice President

2017-2018 Host Chapter Recognitions

Alpha Rho Gamma Chapter, Washington State Community College, Marietta, Ohio
 for hosting the 2017 Ohio Honors In Action Conference, July 21-22, 2017

Omega Epsilon Chapter, West Virginia Northern Community College, Wheeling, West Virginia
 for hosting the 2018 Ohio Hallmark Convention, March 23-24, 2018
**Ohio Continued Excellence Chapters** who achieved a five-star rating for a third consecutive year or more were recognized with a special trophy. They are:

- **Chi Omega Chapter**, Cuyahoga Community College, Parma, Ohio
- **Alpha Mu Epsilon Chapter**, Terra State Community College, Fremont, Ohio
- **Alpha Psi Rho Chapter**, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, Ohio
- **Alpha Rho Epsilon Chapter**, Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio
- **Alpha Rho Gamma Chapter**, Washington State Community College, Marietta, Ohio
- **Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter**, Stark State College, North Canton, Ohio

**Catch A Shining Star Awards** were awarded to each chapter for a notable achievement.

**2018 Ohio Region Scholarships**

More information about each scholarship can be found on ohioptk.org in the Ohio Scholarship Guide.

- **Buckeye**: Rishabh Shah, Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio
- **Honors Institute Scholar**: Marilyn Yoder, Stark State College, North Canton, Ohio
- **Ohio Golden Opportunity**: Vickie Parr, West Virginia Northern Community College, Weirton, WV
- **Dorothy Lanier**: Krystal Nash, Stark State College, North Canton, Ohio
- **John C. Kesler**:
  - **Sydney Johnson**, Eastern Gateway Community College, Steubenville, Ohio
  - **Alice Legg**, Cuyahoga Community College, Parma, Ohio
  - **Cindy Carbone**: Kevin Hull, Eastern Gateway Community College, Steubenville, Ohio

**2018 Competitive Edge Five Star Members**

- Lynnette Abbuhi, Stark State College, North Canton, Ohio
- Kimberly Armbruster, Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio
- Stephen Twum Barimah, Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio
- Paula Bryant, Terra State Community College, Fremont, Ohio
- Anastasia Chirakos, Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio
- Tye Forster, West Virginia Northern Community College, Weirton, WV
- Melissa Garrett, Eastern Gateway Community College, Youngstown, Ohio
- Tonya Hawk, Aultman College, Canton, Ohio
- Alicia Kurtz, Cuyahoga Community College, Parma, Ohio
- Alice Legg, Cuyahoga Community College, Parma, Ohio
- Amanda Lowe, Cuyahoga Community College, Parma, Ohio
- Tabitha Miles, Clark State Community College, Springfield, Ohio
- Asajile Samson Mnaipyana, Cuyahoga Community College, Parma, Ohio
- Juan Morales, Terra State Community College, Fremont, Ohio
- Ciera Parr, West Virginia Northern Community College, Weirton, WV
- Rhonda Poindexter, Eastern Gateway Community College, Steubenville, Ohio
- Ciza Sadoke, Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio
- Haitham Sider, Stark State College, North Canton, Ohio
- Natalie Stitak, Terra State Community College, Fremont, Ohio
- Kayvonna White, Eastern Gateway Community College, Steubenville, Ohio