

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

Konstantine Hach

Alpha Psi Rho Chapter
Lakeland Community College
Kirtland, Ohio

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

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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

Alpha Omicron Nu Chapter
Eastern Gateway Community College
Steubenville, Ohio

Rishabh Shah

Alpha Rho Epsilon Chapter
Columbus State Community College
Columbus, Ohio

2018 Flag Bearers

Juan Morales (Ohio)

Alpha Mu Epsilon Chapter
Terra State Community College
Fremont, Ohio

Ciera Parr (West Virginia)

Omega Epsilon Chapter
West Virginia Northern Community College
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 Abbuhl, 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