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## Coordinator's Corner



Greetings Ohio Region,

This has been a rough winter for the Ohio Region. I cannot remember the last time I had thirteen inches of snow in my driveway, and that didn't include the drifts! My snowblower kept screaming, "Help!". Punxsutawney Phil predicted six more weeks of winter, but the good news is, the days are getting longer, and spring will soon be here. We will just need to grit our teeth and get past the March winds.

Not only did we have to contend with bad weather, but COVID reared its ugly head once again. The virus was down to just about nothing in July, it started up in October then a huge spike in January. As of this writing, the New York Times reported a rapid falloff. Hopefully this is a good sign and maybe the virus will go away for good. Wishful thinking on my part!

Now, onto things a little more upbeat. The Ohio Region Awards Convention will be held on March 4-5, 2022, at Clark State College in Springfield, OH. Since this is our 35th anniversary, I am looking forward to seeing a lot of old friends there. Justin Oberndorf will join us as a keynote speaker and panel moderator.

After three long years we are finally going to celebrate a face-to-face Catalyst! The Rockies Gaylord in Aurora, Colorado, just outside of Denver, will host the event. Unfortunately, this year there will be no booth sales for chapters or regions. Their reason being, there is not enough room to accommodate that activity. However, headquarters will be operating their store. In addition, the name *Marketplace* will now be known as the *Opportunity Expo*. The name change is because there are many more activities than just item sales.

Headquarters has now adopted a new branding policy. Chapters and regions may no longer sell items with a reference to Phi Theta Kappa without having the items branded to the chapter or region. As an example, if you wish to use the greek letters, you must also use the chapter or region name as you see here. The best thing to do in the future is to contact headquarters with your design and get approval.



Membership acceptance was up 11% for 2021 and we finished with ten 5 Star Chapters! License plate sales ended up with 74 plates sold for a total of \$1,850 toward our scholarship fund! There is no cost to apply for a scholarship, and you never know, you may win one! Just remember to follow the rubrics and all requirements associated with the give scholarship application.

Stay warm and stay safe and we will see you at the Ohio Region Awards Convention and in Aurora, CO!

Dave



Reflections of what has been accomplished and path before us as we embark in the celebration of The 35th Ohio Region Awards Conference are emotionally complex.

Willingness,  
Fear,  
Determination,  
Accomplishment,  
Exhaustion,  
Adaptation,  
Despondency,  
Resilience,  
Elation,  
Success,  
Friendship.

No doubt there has been a pile of T-rex sized bones lying on the road for the last 2 years, yet the Ohio Region has overcome and been a constant source for excellence in our communities.

The relief and awkwardness of the ability to return to in person conferences was glorious. New friendships have brought caring energy and support for each and every one of us.

New leadership teams will begin their quest to propel us forward; learning, caring, and directing. New members bring energy and veterans in the wings to lend a hand. Some will continue their education while others will begin their careers knowing there is a cheerleader out there from your Ohio Region family.

As I pass on my role as the Alumni President, I am thankful for all who have befriended and worked to maintain opportunities for others. There is no simple way to express what being a part of Phi Theta Kappa or the unbelievable opportunities and experiences of being a Regional and Alumni President have meant to me.

It literally saved my life 9 years ago when I was inducted as a brand new member.

I am in that stage of life supporting my daughters (26 & 20 y/o) as they launch into adulthood while tending to and ensuring the dignity of my elderly parents (91 & 87 y/o). I will do what I can, as always, for my Phi Theta Kappa family. For, I would not have been in the position to do so without the Ohio Region.

Sincerely,

Brenda Jarvis  
President  
Alpha of Ohio Alumni Association  
(Ohio Regional President, 2015-2016)



- One chapter held a Malley's Valentine fundraiser
- One chapter sponsored the Red Cross in January and again in March
- One chapter has an Officer Running for International office
- Two chapters held monthly chapter meetings and had monthly chapter advisor/officer meetings
- One chapter worked with their college's Marketing Division to advertise for students to apply for the All USA Academic Team Scholarship opportunity
- One chapter set up a PTK Awareness table in the Student Lounge area - to attract new membership
- One chapter participated in a photo-op for a \$500 donation to our Sigma Omega chapter from American Legion
- One chapter gives continual updates of five-star chapter progress report for 2022
- One chapter started the process of organizing a memorial scholarship in honor of a former chapter president who had passed away
- One chapter held its first fact-to-face induction ceremony in two years, inducting 42 members
- One chapter completed the semester long service project collecting for a local shelter for battered women
- One chapter partnered with the Mid-Ohio Valley Veterans Outreach and Applebee's Restaurants to host a fundraiser that would help veterans in need
- One chapter started their membership campaign and held 5 new member orientations

Thank you to all chapters and keep up the great work!

# A look back...

My favorite part of Phi Theta Kappa this year: Making new Zoom friends and finally getting to have in person conferences again - and as always, continuing to pay it forward!  
- Brenda J.



I was asked to describe what this past year meant to me. In actuality, I can sum it up in one word, "Success!". It was exciting for most of us to finally get back together face-to-face. The Regional Awards Convention is here and it will be electrifying to celebrate our 35th Anniversary! We are, once again, a Five Star Region for 2022, so yeah, I'd say Success! And there is more to come!  
- David S.

My favorite memory of this year is looking back at how scared I was at Cedar Point. I was there first & my heart rate was thru the roof. The texts started coming in on the group chat: "I'm here!", "We're walking thru the front gate!", "I'm by the big sign out front!" My kids had to keep me from

Then I heard someone yell my name and we all screamed & turned into a giant hugging mob! Looking at my watch later & comparing the times, as soon as I saw them, my pulse leveled off & all was good.  
I was with my family.  
#WeAreOhana #21-22OhioRegion  
-Lisa Shipman

As my time as the Ohio Region Vice President comes to an end, I would like to take a moment to reflect on this amazing year. One of my fondest memories from the past year is when the entire officer team went on a retreat to Cedar Point. At the time, we were not too familiar with each other, but after a few rides and some good laughs, I knew I had made friends for life. Therefore, I would like to encourage anyone thinking of becoming an officer to go for it, whether that be running for local, regional, or international. The people you meet and the memories you will make will last a lifetime. PTK is truly a family, and as you face adversity in this world, your family is always there to provide support and encouragement. Love all of you and can not wait to see what great things you will do in the world.  
- Andrew Schoppelrei, The Big Shop

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the Ohio Region as Northern District Representative. I have the most amazing times and have grown a lot, the love is beyond measure and words can not express how grateful I am. Thank you to all chapters and keep growing stronger. I would encourage members to join region team and gain life changing moments. One Love.  
- Janice Robinson

IN MEMORY



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Happy  
35th  
Anniversary  
to the Ohio Region

Wow. It seems like just a few weeks ago I was stressed out, wondering how I was going to put together a newsletter, lol! And now, here we are, with another year behind us & another about to begin.

A whole year of roads to travel, chances to take, and memories to tuck away for years yet to come. I hope this year and all the ones to follow treat you well.

Splash in the puddles, eat the cake & may all your wishes come true.

Lisa Shippman.

Editor  
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