



Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society

Background of the society

- A. Purpose and History
 - a. Purpose – to recognize scholarship academic excellence among two-year college students
 - b. History – established in 1918 at Stephens College in Missouri
 - c. Patterned after Phi Beta Kappa when it was established
 - d. A complete history can be found on our web site
http://www.ptk.org/ptk_intro.htm
- B. Number of chapters and members
 - a. Today Phi Theta Kappa has chartered chapters at more than 1200 colleges in the United States, Canada, Germany, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates and U.S. territorial possessions.
 - b. More than 2 million members have been inducted into Phi Theta Kappa since 1918.
 - c. Approximately 100,000 students inducted annually.
- C. Participation as an opportunity not a requirement
 - a. Phi Theta Kappa's purpose is to recognize scholars for the academic achievement; therefore, maintenance of membership is based entirely on GPA rather than the level at which a member participates in chapter activities. While there are many opportunities to become involved and students are encouraged to participate in events this is not required.