

Phi Theta Kappa Awards April 28, 2020

Collin College's Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Chapter continued its tradition of excellence and winning awards at the PTK Regional Conference on March 5-7 (physically held in Abilene) and at the PTK International Conference, Catalyst, on April 16-17 (conducted virtually this year).

Notably, Collin's Alpha Mu Tau Chapter is again ranked as a **Five Star Chapter**. The chapter also won first place in the regional community service award category for its **CougarThon Children's Miracle Network Dance Marathon** and was awarded the **2020 Beta Alpha Continued Excellence Award** at the Catalyst International Conference. Collin was one of eleven chapters (*out of 1,300 chapters internationally*) awarded this award.

In addition, PTK's faculty advisor, Dr. John Macready, received the District II Horizon Award and both Dr. Jessica Hargis and Professor Brandy Jumper received the Hall of Honor for Advisors Award. Eight members of the student officer team were named to the Hall of Honor, and Dean Wendy Gunderson was named to the Texas Hall of Honor for College Administrators for the Texas Region. These were just a few highlights of the outstanding awards received by Collin College's active and talented chapter. The full list includes:

Texas Regional Awards: 2020

1. Five Star Chapter Award
2. Honors in Action and College Project Participation Award
3. District II Horizon Award: Dr. John Macready
4. District II Hall of Honor:
 - a. Ramsha Akhtar
 - b. Hailey Mathis
 - c. Oliver Myers
 - d. Garrett Norwine
 - e. Saniya Syed
 - f. Safia Sharif
 - g. Jonatan Gregorio
 - h. Alvin Kipkirui
5. Texas Hall of Honor for College Administrators for the Texas Region of Phi Theta Kappa- Dean Wendy Gunderson
6. Friend of Texas award: Debbie Burrow
7. **Community Service award- First place for CougarThon Children's Miracle Network Dance Marathon**
8. Second place in Speech Competition: Ramsha Athar Akhtar
9. First place in Speech Competition (State representative at catalyst) Saniya Syed

10. Hall of Honor for Chapter Members 2020: Robert Reinhardt
11. Hall of Honor for Chapter Officer 2020: Neel Dodhia
12. Hall of Honor for Advisors Award 2020: Dr. Jessica Hargis
13. Hall of Honor for Advisors Award 2020: Professor Brandy Jumper
14. Distinguished Chapter Advisor Team Award 2020: H. Jessica Hargis, Brandy Jumper, Zack Shipley and John Macready
15. College Project Award of Merit 2020
16. Top Texas Chapter Award – 9th in the Texas Region 2020
17. Continued Excellence Award 2020
18. Alumni Appreciation Award 2020: James Carter
19. The Chapter campaigned to hold the **District II Vice President** position for the Texas Region. The Chapter did an amazing job in their campaign and represented the College very well. Ultimately, the Chapter won the election and selected Jonatan Gregorio as the DII VP Representative!

Catalyst Awards: 2020

1. 2020 Five Star Region (If a majority of the region chapters obtain Five Star status, the Region is considered a Five Star Region)
2. 2020 Five Star Chapter
3. 2020 PTK Distinguished College Administrator Award - Wendy Gunderson
4. 2020 PTK Distinguished Advisor Award - H. Jessica Hargis
5. 2020 PTK Distinguished Advisor Award - Brandy Jumper
6. 2020 PTK Distinguished Member Award - Robert Reinhardt
7. 2020 PTK Distinguished College Project Award (1 of 51 out of 1300 chapters internationally) - Confronting the Stigmas of Community College
8. 2020 PTK Top 100 Chapter (based on its equally-weighted Honors in Action and College Project scores)
9. 2020 **Beta Alpha Continued Excellence Award** (1 of 11 out of 1,300 chapters internationally and awarded to chapters named a Distinguished Chapter for three years consecutively).
10. Oliver Myers campaigned to be a part of the International Officer team as Division II VP. The campaign was conducted all online and the competition was fierce in a very challenging campaign environment. Oliver did not win a seat on the International Officer team but represented Collin College and the Alpha Mu Tau Chapter very well.

The Chapter remains active online during this time and is currently working on ideas for Honors in Action and College Project as well as doing service and fellowship (**all online!**). Phi Theta Kappa student officer team, student members, and faculty sponsors thank the Board of Trustees for your support. The Spring Induction ceremony of new members is currently scheduled to be conducted virtually on Monday, April 27, 7-8 p.m.