

# PHI THETA KAPPA KANSAS REGION

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April

I know we are all excited about our International convention coming up in April so here's a little sneak peek at the itinerary for those days.

If you go to <http://convention.ptk.org/> you can find all of the activities for the convention there as well as many other interesting links.

## Wednesday, April 11

- 8:00 am – 6:00 pm  
[Academic Marketplace](#)
- 8:30 am – 5:00 pm  
[Advisor Education Pre-Conference](#)  
[Chapter Officer Leadership Academy](#)  
[Regional Officer Leadership Academy](#)
- 9:00pm – 11:00 pm  
Welcome Dance and Social

## Thursday, April 12

- 8:30 am – 6:00 pm  
Immediately following the First General Session – 11:00 pm  
[Academic Marketplace](#)
- 10:30 am – 11:45 am  
Educational Forums, Round 1
- 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm  
Educational Forums, Round 2
- 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm  
Regional Meetings
- 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm  
**FIRST GENERAL SESSION**  
Speakers: [Kevin Sharp](#), International President [Tycia Foster](#)  
Political Rally/Ice Cream Social  
Immediately Following

## Friday, April 13

- 8:00 am – 9:45 am  
11:45 am – 2:15 pm

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

[Academic Marketplace](#)

- 8:00 am – 9:45 am  
11:45 am – 1:00 pm  
International Officer Elections Primary Polling
- 8:15 am – 9:30 am  
Educational Forums – Round 3
- 10:00 am – 11:45 am  
**SECOND GENERAL SESSION**  
Speaker: [Sue Smith](#)  
Society Program Announcements:  
Executive Director [Rod Risley](#)

Noon – 1:15 pm

Board of Directors Recognition Luncheon for College Presidents / CEOs

- Noon – 2:00 pm  
[Career Fair](#) and [Transfer College Fair](#)
- 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
**THIRD GENERAL SESSION**  
Speaker: [Al Gore](#)
- 5:00 pm – 6:15 pm  
Educational Forums - Round 4
- 6:15 pm – Until  
Free time on your own
- 8:30 pm – 10:30 pm  
Special Screening of "An Inconvenient Truth" – Dialogue Following with Monika Byrd, Director of Leadership Development Programs

## Saturday, April 14

- 8:00 am – 9:45 am  
11:45 am – 2:00 pm  
[Academic Marketplace](#)
- 8:15 am – 9:30 pm  
Educational Forums – Round 5
- 10:00 am – 11:45 am  
**FOURTH GENERAL SESSION**  
Speaker: [Jehan Sadat](#)  
Society Program Announcements:

Executive Director Rod Risley  
International Officer Candidate  
Finalists Speeches

- 11:45 am – 12:45 pm  
International Officer - Final Polling
- Noon – 2:00 pm  
Association of Chapter Advisors  
Luncheon Meeting
- 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Alumni Reception and Banquet
- 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm  
Hallmark Awards Banquets
- 7:30 pm – 11:00 pm  
**HALLMARK AWARDS GALA**
- 11:00 pm – 1:00 am  
Farewell Dance

And don't forget that Chevis Rebstock, from the Alpha Phi Alpha chapter, is running for International President, so let's show our support!!

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Here are the results from the 2007 Regional Elections:

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If you have any questions or concerns about what is happening this year please contact your officers and they will be happy to help as much as possible. The next few issues will be introducing your officers to you.

If you have any submissions for the newsletters or website (under construction) please direct those to the VP of Correspondence.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend."*

*-Albert Camus*



### More Than a Chapter Event

Last spring, members of Phi Theta Kappa, led by our Membership Vice President, Tren Qu traveled to New Orleans to help rebuild homes destroyed by the Katrina hurricane. The trip was organized by the organization Campus Crusade for Christ, and there were students from two-year and four-year colleges. Tren wanted to remember all his fellow students and he found the only materials available—two t-shirts and two ironing board covers and captured everyone's signature and college name (with the help from our current Vice President of Scholarship, Amit Alon).

When our members returned from New Orleans, we were impressed with the 339 names Tren had collected. We wanted to preserve them, and we quickly gained the help of our advisor, Ruth Randall, and our Community Based Learning Coordinator, Marcia Shideler to help us.

We decided to make a quilt and asked Shideler to stitch the t-shirts and ironing board covers on the material and add the quilt material. What has happened is that the project turned into a college affair with members, faculty, staff and students coming into the Phi Theta Kappa office to stitch around names during breaks. Yes, all 339 names will be individually stitched by, we hope, hundreds of individuals.

Each person's stitches are different, adding to the uniqueness of the quilt. When complete, it will hang in a college display case before leaving campus when Tren moves on the University of Kansas in the fall.

Alpha Iota Gamma Chapter  
Johnson County Community College  
Overland Park, Kansas

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Just to let you know what Phi Zeta-Pratt Community

College has been up to. Recently they held a Blood Drive in which members helped with registration and after individuals gave blood.

They also helped show high school students to classrooms and helped grade tests at the Pratt Academic Olympics, where high school students from the west compete in many different studies.

Another thing that some of their members participated in was a Darfur Project. They studied the genocide and collected 9,000 pictures of faces for the cause.

In the upcoming future they plan on showing "An Inconvenient Truth" and holding a discussion about global warming afterwards and helping with the Junior Academy of Sciences, where high school students compete over science papers.

Phi Zeta Chapter  
Pratt Community College  
Pratt, Kansas

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Eta Gamma Chapter has continued with their monthly luncheons for faculty, staff and administration with a chicken and noodle dinner on January 24. Eta Gamma works with the Eta Gamma Alumni Chapter to sponsor the monthly events to benefit the chapter's 2007 Relay for Life pledge. Over \$700 has been raised thus far from the ham and beans, chili, soup, and chicken and noodle dinners. The faculty, staff, and administration view the dinners as a special time for fellowship because people from the technical campus also attend. This is a time to fellowship with people we don't usually see. Also, as an additional ACS fundraiser, the chapter had an ACS T-shirts signed by a cancer survivor from every state at the national Celebration on the Hill Relay for Life last September. We are now putting this shirt on e-bay to be auctioned to the highest bidder. In other news, the Eta Gamma Chapter has cleaned the gymnasium four times since January 3, after home basketball games. This is one of our biggest fundraisers to make money for international convention. We have only three gym cleanings left and all the members are a little relieved that this project will soon be finished. Also, the chapter is having a super bowl party with

the International Students Organization on Sunday afternoon, February 4. We plan to eat pizza, play cards and board games and of course, watch the football game. We had a new member orientation on Monday, February 5, at 4:00 p.m. Also, our advisor presented Phi Theta Kappa Programs to two college orientation classes on February 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>. Five chapter members were in Topeka on January 31 for Lobby Day with the American Cancer Society. We visited with our state senator and representative regarding three bills that the ACS is supporting. We actually got to sit in on a senate committee hearing where Senate Bill 37 was being discussed. Afterward, Senator Dwayne Umbarger met with our group to explain what will happen with the bill and why the senators voted the way they did. It was very interesting to see how a representative form of government works. Our two ALL-USA Academic team representatives are Brook Bradbury and Ashley Golden. They are looking forward to the luncheon in Topeka on February 15. Our chapter will present at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Neosho County Community College Honors Conference on February 22. It is beginning to look as though February will be another busy month.

Eta Gamma Chapter  
Neosho County Community College

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Some of the spring activities for Upsilon Tau Chapter at Cloud County Community College/Concordia campus:

We are sponsoring "The Best Seat in the House" promotion as a community service project. Students buy chances to sit in the "Best Seat" during the second half of the men's basketball game. This seat is a couch placed just next to the student section at basketball games and the winner selects two friends to join him/her. Winner and friends receive three special delivery combo meals from Taco Johns. This project is jointly sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and Taco Johns. Our proceeds are given to the Cloud County Community Resource Council.

Upsilon Tau is also participating in Daffodil Days to benefit The American Cancer Society.

On February 22, we are sponsoring "International Day" and an international student panel discussion. All students are invited to attend the student panel discussion with our international students as the speakers. They will discuss social,

economic and educational aspects of their culture and how they are similar or different to American culture. International students and PTK members are then invited to a luncheon with our administrators.

Upsilon Tau Chapter  
Cloud County Community College

## Andover Relay for Life supporting the American Cancer Society

### Alpha Phi Alpha Chapter

Event date: 3/30-31/2007

Celebrate cancer survivors and support the American Cancer Society by participating in Relay for Life of Butler Community College/Andover. Friends, family, and coworkers get together in teams for an overnight demonstration of awareness and support.

Andover Central High School, 903 East Central, Andover, is the site of this year's relay, which begins at 8pm, Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and concludes twelve hours later. Overnight, each team fields participants to walk and run around the track as a show of support. Other team members present enjoy games, refreshments, activities, and fellowship. An especially poignant moment at every Relay is the survivor lap, where those who are winning the fight against cancer circle the track. Miss Kansa, USA – Cara Gorges will be the MC for the opening ceremony. A Luminaria ceremony takes place at 10pm, where candles are lit to pay tribute to those lost to cancer and to honor those still fighting. The Andover Relay will feature, among other activities, a Captain Relay Competition, The Justice League Games, Frisbee Golf, Miss Relay Competition, Turkey Bowling, music by Roger Lewis, and team fundraisers. Throughout the evening, the Butler Massage Therapy Program will be providing free massages. Team Fundraisers include food, music, a Kids Zone (supervised by a team), a Big Kids Zone (which will include college basketball and popcorn), and a Playstation booth (for a donation). The overall theme is "Heroes for the Cure." Teams will be decorating their "Campsite" according to this theme. Survivors will gather for a Survivor Dinner at 6:00pm sponsored by Timbuktu. Corporate sponsors will be on location in a show of support throughout the event. Major sponsors for the event include – Triple Check Business Services, Butler Community College, Single Source, Andover Public Schools, Antoine Livestock, Avant Gardens, Cheney Door, Chipotle, Clear Channel, Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice,

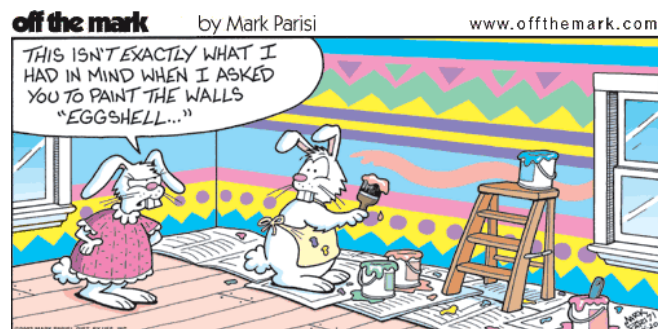
## Concordia Campus

**Stay tuned for more updates and if you or someone in your chapter does something that you would like included please feel free to e-mail me your stories and pictures to include in the next newsletter as well as the website that is under construction!!!!**

LakePoint, Shadow Designs, Timbuktu Restaurant and Grill, and ZLB Plasma Services.

The annual event raises funds, awareness and general support for the American Cancer Society. Each year, almost four thousand communities nation-wide hold similar Relay events. For more information about the event, to donate online, or and a schedule of events, see the online website – <http://www.acsevents.org/bcc>. Donations will continue to be accepted through March 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact Melissa Elliott by email at [melliott@butlercc.edu](mailto:melliott@butlercc.edu) or call her at 218-6869 if you have any questions.

Alpha Phi Alpha Chapter  
Butler Community College  
Andover, Kansas



## Coming Soon:

- **Kansas Regional Phi Theta Kappa website!!!**
- **Recap and pictures from International Convention!!**

- An introduction to your new officers