

Phi Theta Kappa Spring Induction Ceremony



PTK incoming and outgoing officers along with co-advisors Heather Leasure (*far left*) and Darci Feider (*far right*). Congratulations to the 144 Clark students who became members of Alpha Sigma Phi, Clark College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society during spring term. PTK celebrated these new members with their families at the 2024 spring term Induction Ceremony on May 28.

The official honors society for two-year colleges, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) recognizes the academic achievement of college students and provides opportunities for its members to grow as scholars and leaders. Students are invited to join PTK when enrolled in at least 12 credits per term and achieve a minimum 3.25 grade point average. Clark's PTK co-advisors are Darci Feider and Heather Leasure.

During her keynote address, Clark College President Dr. Karin Edwards said, "I am confident Clark's PTK chapter will continue to make an impact on our community."

Dr. Edwards continued: “To our graduating students, I want to extend my congratulations. Your resilience and passion have brought you to this moment... Access to a good education is life changing. Education is a great equalizer. Never forget the power of education. Never stop learning.”

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20 Incoming PTK officers for the 2024-25 school year.

- Alexander Chastain
- Beheshta Eqbali

- Deserea Franz
- Jude Georgeades-Tambara
- Em Geromichalos
- Malina Siharath

The outgoing 2023-24 officers are Ziyad El Amrani, Mary Harter, Addison Johnson, Fennic Tatum, and Natalie Perdun.

Outgoing PTK President Ziyad El Amrani spoke about the chapter's accomplishments in the past year, including receiving three international awards, a first in the chapter's history.

El Amrani said, "Together, we have achieved what seemed impossible...It's more than joining an honor society. It's about volunteering, service, and yes—having fun." He added, "The PTK family is forever. Let's continue this journey together."



PTK outgoing President Ziyad El Amrani presents Dr. Karin Edwards with honorary PTK membership.

Then he announced the chapter was bestowing honorary PTK membership to Clark President Dr. Karin Edwards.

Clark College has recognized Phi Theta Kappa as an official honor society since 1991. In addition to recognizing students' academic success, PTK also provides them opportunities to develop professional and leadership skills, earn scholarships, explore career paths – and make their worlds a lot bigger. Learn more about Clark's PTK chapter at <https://www.clark.edu/campus-life/student-life/ptk/>

PTK 2023-24 Highlights

PTK International Awards

- 2023-2024 REACH Rewards Chapter
- 2023-2024 Top 100 out of 1,247 chapters
- 2023-2024 Distinguished College Project Award. [Read more here.](#)

PTK Regional Awards

- Honors in Action project, second place
- Honors in Action theme, second place
- College project, third place

PTK Individual Recognition

Four PTK scholars from Clark College were named to 2024 All-Washington Academic Team and were recognized at a state ceremony in April. [Read more here.](#)

- Alexander Cole
- Addison Johnson
- Ethan Mahan
- Lisa Segretto

About Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is the international official Honors Society for two-year colleges. PTK has a presence on almost 1,300 community college campuses in 11 nations. Phi Theta Kappa recognizes the academic achievement of college students. It provides opportunities for its members to achieve academic and career success through scholarships and leadership training. More than 3.5 million students have been inducted into PTK.

There are about 250,000 active PTK members in the nation's community colleges.

Learn more at <https://www.ptk.org/>

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