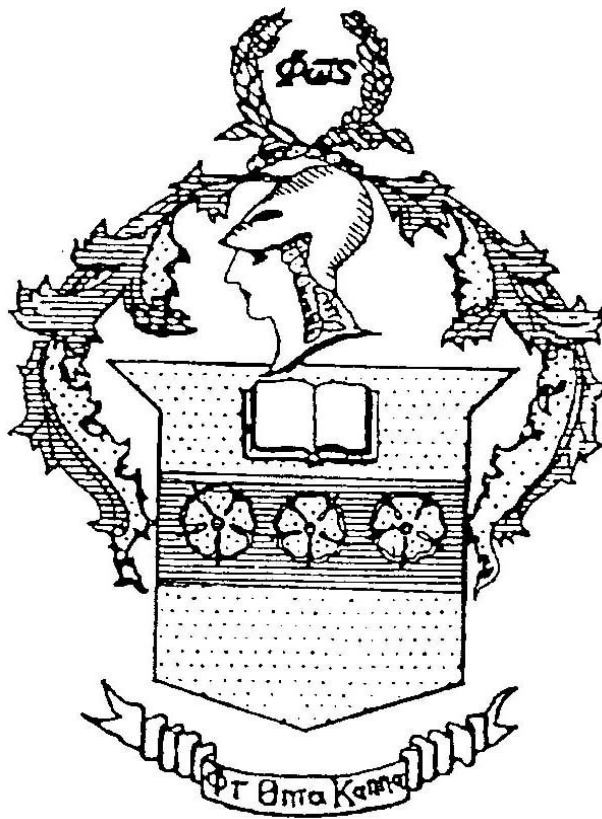


Carolinas Region Awards Program



January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011

Carolinas Region Honors in Action Project Award & Carolinas Region College Project Award Information

The 2012 Hallmark Awards competition (based on activities completed from January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011) has categories that reflect Honors in Action. This integrated approach to chapter programming encourages chapters to use the Honors Study Topic as their foundation to incorporate all four Hallmarks – Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship – into their projects.

Honors In Action Project

The Honors in Action Award will allow chapters to report on ONE in-depth Honors in Action Project based on an issue from the current Honors Program Guide, *The Democratization of Information: Power, Peril and Promise*.

College Project

Chapters may also submit ONE entry featuring their College Project, described in Level Three of the Five Star Chapter Development Plan. The **purpose** of the **College Project** is to establish a **supportive relationship between the chapter and the college administration**. The chapter should meet with the college president (or other appropriate administrator) to determine the College Project, which can be anything that supports the college's mission.

ENTRY INFORMATION

To be eligible for the Carolinas Region Honors in Action Project and the Carolinas Region College Project awards you must enter the Phi Theta Kappa International awards competition following the online guidelines set forth by Phi Theta Kappa. These awards must be entered online at <http://my.ptk.org> by 5:00 pm CST, February 1, 2012. These awards will be judged by Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters and the results will be passed on to the Carolinas Regional Coordinator to determine the winners at the regional level. **No entries are required at the regional level for these awards.**

Carolinas Region Member Awards

The Distinguished Chapter Officer Awards

Distinguished Chapter Officers are selected based on the recipients' demonstration of leadership, promotion of Honors in Action and other engagement in the Society, and enthusiasm for the Society's Hallmarks. International Officers are not eligible for this award during their year of tenure. The chapter may nominate up to two individual officers for this category, including a chapter president. However, team leaders or committee chairpersons may not be nominated for this award. A student may receive this award only once.

The Distinguished Member Awards

The Distinguished Members are selected based on a student's embodiment of the Hallmarks of the Society through Honors in Action and other chapter activities. Members holding elected office at the chapter, regional, or international levels are ineligible for this award. Team leaders or committee chairpersons may be nominated for this award, if their leadership position is by appointment not election. A student may receive this award only once.

The Distinguished Chapter Officer Team Awards

A chapter advisor may nominate their entire chapter officer team for this award. The officers should demonstrate an exceptional atmosphere of teamwork, leadership abilities, promotion of Honors in Action and other engagement in the Society, and enthusiasm for the Society's Hallmarks.

ENTRY INFORMATION

To be eligible for the Carolinas Region Distinguished Chapter Officer, Distinguished Chapter Member, and Distinguished Chapter Officer Team awards you must enter the Phi Theta Kappa International awards competition following the online guidelines set forth by Phi Theta Kappa. These awards must be entered online at <http://my.ptk.org> by 5:00 pm CST, February 1, 2012. These awards will be judged by Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters and the results will be passed on to the Carolinas Regional Coordinator to determine the winners at the regional level. **No entries are required at the regional level for these awards.**

Carolinas Region Advisor Awards

The Paragon Awards for New Advisors

Advisors with less than four years of service may be nominated for the Paragon Award. Years of service will be based upon the advisor's start date reported to Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters. Award-winning advisors are those who make significant contributions to the growth of the individual members, serve as the chapter's advocate on campus, and encourage the chapter to be involved on the local, regional and/or international level of the organization. An advisor may receive this award only once.

The Distinguished Advisor Awards

The criteria are the same as the Paragon Award with the exception that advisors must have served at least four years or more to be nominated for this award. Years of service will be based upon the advisor's start date reported to Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters. An advisor may receive this award only once.

Continued Excellence Award for Advisors

The criteria are the same as the Paragon and Distinguished Advisor Award with the exception that advisors must have already received the Distinguished Advisor Award. Advisors are eligible for this award every other year.

ENTRY INFORMATION

To be eligible for the Carolinas Region Paragon Award for New Advisors, Distinguished Advisor, and Continued Excellence Award for Advisors awards you must enter the Phi Theta Kappa International awards competition following the online guidelines set forth by Phi Theta Kappa. These awards must be entered online at <http://my.ptk.org> by 5:00 pm CST, February 1, 2012. These awards will be judged by Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters and the results will be passed on to the Carolinas Regional Coordinator to determine the winners at the regional level. **No entries are required at the regional level for these awards.**

Carolinas Region Distinguished College President/Administrator Awards

The Distinguished Administrator Awards (College Administrator)

The Distinguished Administrator Awards will be awarded to community college vice presidents, deans, or leaders other than college presidents/CEOs serving a community college in an administrative capacity. Nominees should have served in their position for at least two years as of the Annual Convention, and should have demonstrated during their tenure a strong level of support for the Society. A college administrator may receive this award only once.

The Shirley B. Gordon Awards of Distinction (College President)

College presidents and campus CEOs are selected for this award on the basis of outstanding efforts given toward promoting the goals of Phi Theta Kappa. Applications cite specific ways the president has demonstrated support for the chapter and the Society as a whole. A college president or campus CEO may receive this award only once.

ENTRY INFORMATION

To be eligible for the Carolinas Region Distinguished College President or Carolinas Region Distinguished Administrator awards you must enter the appropriate category of the Phi Theta Kappa International awards competition following the online guidelines set forth by Phi Theta Kappa. These awards must be entered online at <http://my.ptk.org> by 5:00 pm CST, December 6, 2011. These awards will be judged by Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters and the results will be passed on to the Carolinas Regional Coordinator to determine the winners at the regional level. **No entries are required at the regional level for these awards.**

BRUCE RALLIS REGIONAL SERVICE AWARD AWARD CRITERIA

Bruce Rallis served as the President of the Phi Lambda Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Central Piedmont Community College in 1994-95, and as the Carolinas Region President in 1995-96. His most dedicated concern in these two positions was the encouragement of service as an extremely vital part of the work of all Phi Theta Kappa chapters. Bruce died in 1997; the Phi Lambda chapter would like to honor this remarkably generous man in the establishment of the Bruce E. Rallis Regional Service Award. This award will be presented each year at the Regional Convention to that chapter which has accomplished the most outstanding service project during the preceding year. The winning chapter will be presented with a suitable plaque and a check for \$250.00 to be used towards the cost of one registration to the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention.

1. Each chapter in the Carolinas Region may submit a 1,000-word essay (maximum length) describing a single service project that the chapter has completed during the previous regional year (January 1 through December 31).
2. All essays will be e-mailed to John Sharpe, Carolinas Regional Coordinator, at john.sharpe@hgtc.edu who will forward them to alumni judges. All essays must be submitted by the same date established for regional award entries. In 2012, they must be received no later than February 1, 2012.
3. The service projects will be judged on the qualities of project originality (30%), the execution of the project (30%), effect on the chapter, the college, and the community (20%), and participation by the chapter's members (20%).
4. The regional coordinator will announce the winner of the Bruce Rallis Regional Service Award at the annual regional convention.

NOTE: Must e-mail award entry in Word, RTF, or PDF format to the Regional Coordinator at john.sharpe@hgtc.edu by stated deadline (February 1, 2012) to be eligible for this award. E-mail must be sent from a chapter advisors e-mail account as this will serve as the certification from the advisor that the award entry has been approved by the advisor.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

AWARD CRITERIA

Distinguished Alumni are selected on the basis of their embodiment of the Hallmarks of the Society, emphasizing participation in Society programs. Applications will list areas for the chapter to cite an individual's embodiment or promotion of Honors in Action including scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship. Chapters may only nominate Alumni of their own chapter for this award.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Each chapter may submit one nomination for a Distinguished Chapter Alumni Award. An Alumnus may receive this award only once. If this nominee has never been inducted into the Hall of Honor, the nominee will automatically be included in this year's Carolinas Hall of Honor.
2. In an essay of 500 words or less, describe ways the nominee embodies and promotes Honors in Action which includes Phi Theta Kappa's hallmarks of scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship. The essay must be typed and double-spaced. The essay should consist of: (1) a thesis paragraph giving an overview of the nominee's contributions to chapter programs, (2) several supporting paragraphs, and (3) a conclusion. The essay should explain how the nominee contributed to: (A) the chapter's objectives, (B) the chapter's accomplishments, and (C) the chapter's growth.
3. One letter of recommendation is required from each of the following: (A) The chapter advisor, citing service the nominee has rendered to the chapter and/or region, (B) A fellow member, citing the nominee's contributions to the Chapter. Please do not submit additional materials with this entry.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI JUDGING CRITERIA

When entries are received, they are distributed to judges for scoring. Late entries and entries lacking all required elements are disqualified and will not be judged. Entries are read, scored and ranked by three judges.

Presentation – 10 points

- ✓ Were directions followed and required questions answered? (5 points)
- ✓ Were the application materials free of errors and neatly presented? (5 points)

Nominee's Contribution to Chapter Programs/Honors In Action – 60 points (from essay)

- ✓ Honors In Action Contribution(30 points)
- ✓ Chapter Programs Contribution (30 points)

Scholarship, Fellowship, Enthusiasm – 30 points (from letters of recommendation)

- ✓ Service to the chapter and/or region (10 points)
- ✓ Contribution to Chapter growth, leadership and fellowship (10 points)
- ✓ Promotion of scholarship to others (10 points)

NOTE: Must e-mail award entry in Word, RTF, or PDF format to the Regional Coordinator at john.sharpe@hqtc.edu by stated deadline (February 1, 2012) to be eligible for this award. E-mail must be sent from a chapter advisors e-mail account as this will serve as the certification from the advisor that the award entry has been approved by the advisor.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CHAPTER AWARD

AWARD CRITERIA

Alumni chapters are an invaluable resource to Carolinas Region chapters. Their participation at all levels of Society activities contributes to the overall success of chapter programs.

Submit an essay of no more than 1250 words (typed and double-spaced). The essay should consist of: (1) a thesis paragraph giving an overview of the chapter's related programs; (2) several supporting paragraphs; and (3) a conclusion. The essay should contain: (A) the alumni chapter's objectives, (B) the alumni chapter's accomplishments, and (C) how the alumni chapter's activities promoted the Society and the growth of members—both alumni and the members of the chapter(s) they are supporting.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CHAPTER JUDGING CRITERIA

When received, entries are distributed to three judges for scoring and ranking. Late entries and entries lacking all required elements are disqualified and will not be judged.

Presentation – 10 points

- ✓ Were directions followed and required questions answered? (5 points)
- ✓ Were the application materials free of errors and neatly presented? (5 points)

Contributions to Chapter Programs and Members' Growth – 90 points (from essay)

- ✓ Support of chapter activities on local, regional and international levels (40 points)
- ✓ Contribution to growth experience of members (20 points)
- ✓ Promotion of Society programs and priorities (30 points)

NOTE: Must e-mail award entry in Word, RTF, or PDF format to the Regional Coordinator at john.sharpe@hqtc.edu by stated deadline (February 1, 2012) to be eligible for this award. E-mail must be sent from an alumni chapter advisors e-mail account as this will serve as the certification from the advisor that the award entry has been approved by the advisor.

CAROLINAS HALL OF HONOR

AWARD CRITERIA

The Carolinas Hall of Honor was established in 1995 to recognize members selected by their chapters for their contributions and support of the four Hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa. Members nominated for Distinguished Chapter Officer and Distinguished Member Awards at the Regional Level are automatically entered into the Carolinas Hall of Honor unless the nominee was inducted into the Hall of Honor in a previous year. If you have not submitted a nominee for any of the aforementioned individual regional awards, you may nominate one of your chapter members for the Hall of Honor by completing a Hall of Honor Award Entry with a letter of nomination citing the chapter's reasons for the nomination. A chapter member or chapter advisor may make this nomination, but the entry must be e-mailed to the regional coordinator from a chapter advisors e-mail account as this will serve as a certification that the entry is approved by the advisor.

NOTE: You cannot submit a Hall of Honor Nomination if you have already submitted an entry for any or all of the following categories: Distinguished Chapter Officer and/or Distinguished Chapter Member. A chapter member can only be inducted into the Hall of Honor once--this is a lifetime honor.

ALUMNI HALL OF HONOR

AWARD CRITERIA

The Alumni Hall of Honor was established to recognize alumni selected by their chapters for their contributions and support of the four Hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa and their support to the chapter and the region. Members nominated for the Distinguished Alumni Award at the Regional Level are automatically entered into the Alumni Hall of Honor unless the nominee was inducted into the Hall of Honor in a previous year. If you have not submitted a nominee for the aforementioned individual regional award, you may nominate one of your chapter Alumni for the Hall of Honor by completing the Hall of Honor Award Entry with a letter of nomination citing the chapter's reasons for the nomination. A chapter member or chapter advisor may make this nomination, but the entry must be e-mailed to the regional coordinator from a chapter advisors e-mail account as this will serve as a certification that the entry is approved by the advisor.

NOTE: You cannot submit an Alumni Hall of Honor Nomination if you have already submitted an entry for Distinguished Alumni. A chapter alumnus can only be inducted into the Hall of Honor once--this is a lifetime honor

Must e-mail Hall of Honor entry in Word, RTF, or PDF format to the Regional Coordinator at john.sharpe@hgtc.edu by stated deadline (February 1, 2012) to be eligible. E-mail must be sent from a chapter advisors e-mail account as this will serve as the certification from the advisor that the award entry has been approved by the advisor.

2012 CAROLINAS REGION YEARBOOK AWARD CRITERIA

The Yearbook Awards recognize excellence in chapter yearbooks. Chapters must submit a pre-registration form by the Hallmark Awards deadline to be eligible, and then must bring the yearbook to the Regional Convention.

Each yearbook **MUST** have an overall theme. The theme must reflect the current Honors Study Topic, "The Democratization of Information: Power, Peril and Promise." Chapters may wish to use the title of a popular song, a well-known book or play, or a familiar proverb or quote to illustrate their theme. Examples: "The Star Spangled Banner" as a theme might use the words of the anthem to illustrate the continuing challenges to democracy. "Alice in Wonderland" as a book-related theme would use Alice's adventures to chart the chapter's progress through a world that has immediate connectivity. The play "Rent" would lend itself to use as a yearbook theme illustrating the links between us. A chapter can also create an original theme: "Alpha Alpha's Promise of Democracy." The purpose of a theme is to provide unity and relate the different divisions to each other. Any theme that accomplishes this purpose is an acceptable yearbook theme.

The Carolinas Region Yearbook Requirements are as follows:

1. Must have a cover that illustrates the theme, and lists the Chapter Name, College Name, and the academic year; i.e. "Alpha Alpha's Promise of Democracy," Alpha Alpha Chapter, The Best Community College, 2011.
2. Must have an overall theme that is incorporated into the cover, divider pages, and content pages. Note: Theme **MUST** relate to the Honors Study Topic, and may relate to one or more of the issues.
3. Must include four divisions, clearly marked, in the following order:
 1. Honors in Action (all activities related to Honors in Action Project)
 2. College Project (all activities related to chapter's College Project)
 3. Etcetera (all other activities, including inductions, orientations, etc.)
 4. Fellowship (any activities that demonstrate scholarly fellowship)

A fifth division, entitled "Individual Award Recipients," must be included if individual awards were submitted. These include any or all of the following International/Regional submissions: Distinguished Chapter Officer Team, Distinguished Chapter Member, Distinguished Chapter Officer, Paragon Advisor, Distinguished Chapter Advisor, Continued Excellence Advisor, Distinguished College Administrator.

4. Must be in book form only. No electronics may be used. The yearbook **CANNOT** be placed in a case or accompanied by any unattached ornamentation or presentation devices. PLEASE NOTE: Video or electronic yearbooks **CANNOT** be entered for the Regional Yearbook Award
5. Dimensions of the yearbook cannot exceed 20" X 25." Weight of the yearbook cannot exceed 20 pounds.

Yearbook Cover

The yearbook cover should establish the overall theme related to the current Honors Study Topic.

The cover may include a title.

The cover should include the following:

- The name of the chapter
- The name of the college
- The year (i.e. 2011)

Optional Content Pages

The following pages are optional, but should be placed before the required divisions to help tie your yearbook together.

- Title Page
- General Introduction of the Chapter's Year
- Dedication Page

Divider Pages

The divider pages should clearly indicate the section that follows. They should stand out from the rest of your pages and they should incorporate the theme.

Content Pages

All pages should have a title and page numbers. All titles should be event-specific. For example, instead of entitling a page "Leadership Conference," use "2011 Carolinas Region Leadership Conference." Body copy should explain why the event pictures are relevant to the yearbook section.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

Proofread for spelling and grammatical errors.

Identify people by name in picture captions.

Include promotional materials to demonstrate event planning activities.

Treat your yearbook as a chapter treasure – after the convention, it can be placed on an awards table or at a student organization fair to draw in prospective members and advisors. It serves to chronicle your chapter's year – and growth – for anyone who has the opportunity to browse through it.

2012 Carolinas Region Yearbook Award Rubric					
Points to be Awarded (in whole numbers for ease of calculation)					
Component	0 - 1	2	3	4	5
Cover	Chapter name, college name, or year present. No apparent theme. Poor execution. No creativity.	Chapter name, college name, or year omitted. Introduces theme. Weak execution. Limited creativity.	Chapter name, college name, or year omitted. Theme apparent. Execution apparent. Some creativity.	Chapter name, college name, and year presented. Theme clearly presented. Execution strong. Creative.	Chapter name, college name, year obvious. Theme well developed. Flawless execution. Highly creative.
Divider Pages	No divider pages. HIA/CP/Etcetera/Fellowship not identified. No apparent theme. Spelling/grammar errors. Poor execution.	Improper order. HIA/CP/Etcetera/Fellowship identified. Theme introduced. Spelling/grammar errors. Weak execution.	Improper order. HIA/CP/Etcetera/Fellowship apparent. Theme is obvious. 2-3 spelling/grammar errors. Mediocre execution.	Proper order. HIA/CP/Etcetera/Fellowship identified. Theme is evident. 1 spelling OR grammar error. Strong execution.	Proper order. HIA/CP/Etcetera/Fellowship clearly identified. Theme is strongly reinforced. No spelling/grammar errors. Flawless execution.
Content Pages	Same activities used throughout sections. No apparent theme. Use of photos only. Errors of all kinds. Sloppy execution.	Disorganized. Some pages' inclusion in section questionable. Theme introduced. Limited use of photos and memorabilia. Spelling/grammatical errors. Weak execution.	Some events not identified. Some pages relevant to section. Theme is obvious. Some use of photos and memorabilia. 2-3 spelling/grammar errors. Mediocre execution.	Events identified on most page headers and theme carried out. Most pages relevant to section. Theme is evident. Strong use of photos and memorabilia. 1 spelling or grammar error. Strong execution.	Events clearly identified on all content pages. Relevance to section readily apparent. Theme is strongly reinforced. Creative use of pictures and memorabilia. No spelling/grammar errors. Flawless execution.
Following Directions	Directions ignored.	Directions apparently misinterpreted.	Directions followed with no more than 3 errors.	Directions followed with one to two errors.	Directions followed to the letter.
Overall Aesthetics	Yearbook is falling apart or loosely bound. Yearbook is thrown together without a sense of organization. No sense of chapter's activities, impact, or growth is evident.	Yearbook is solid but disorganized. Yearbook activities appear to be repeated from section to section. Yearbook does not appear to present all chapter activities.	Yearbook is pleasing and somewhat creative. Yearbook appears to show most chapter activities.	Yearbook is visually pleasing and reflects balanced activities. Yearbook is representative of most chapter activities at the regional level as well as the local level.	Yearbook is visually unique. Yearbook is thoughtful. Yearbook is reflective. Yearbook is an historic documentation of the chapter's activities of the preceding year. Yearbook shows a variety of activities at all levels: local, regional, and international.

eNEWSLETTER/CHAPTER WEBSITE AWARD

The eNewsletter/Chapter Website Award is a single award. A chapter may compete for either the eNewsletter Award or the Chapter Website Award under this category but not both.

eNEWSLETTER AWARD CRITERIA

The eNewsletter Award requires chapters to post online to chapter members at least two editions of the chapter newsletter during the Carolinas Regional year (January 1 through December 31). These eNewsletters should be sent in the fall semester and in the spring semester. They are judged on design/layout, and comprehensiveness of content: promotion of the organization, record of chapter activities, Honors in Action activity, and calendar of events. Chapters wishing to compete for this award should e-mail copies of 2 different eNewsletters to the Regional Coordinator at john.sharpe@hgtc.edu who will send submissions to three judges for scoring and ranking. The due date for submitting copies of the eNewsletter is the same as hallmark award entries – February 1, 2012.

eNEWSLETTER JUDGING CRITERIA

- Design/Layout – 20 points
- Comprehensiveness of contents – 80 points
 1. Promotion of the organization (15 points)
 2. Reporting of chapter activities (25 points)
 3. Reporting of Honors In Action, College Service projects (25 points)
 4. Calendar of Upcoming events and Contact List of Advisors/Officers (10 points)
 5. Proper use of symbols and Greek names (5 points)

CHAPTER WEBSITE AWARD CRITERIA

The Carolinas Region Alumni Association sponsors the Chapter Website Award to recognize outstanding chapter achievement in web design and web communication. Chapters wishing to compete for this award should e-mail a Website Award Entry Form with your chapter website URL address to the Regional Coordinator at john.sharpe@hgtc.edu. The due date for the Chapter Website entry form is the same as hallmark award entries – February 1, 2012. All work on chapter websites must be done by the Phi Theta Kappa chapter. Chapter Websites will be judged based on the following criteria:

- ❖ General appearance and layout – presentation
 - ❖ Ease of navigation
 - ❖ Quality of information – current and up-to-date
 - ❖ Representation of Honors In Action and College Project
 - ❖ Quality of presentation - all links should work, avoidance of errors, etc.
 - ❖ Information on chapter activity
 - ❖ List of chapter advisors & officers – contact information is optional to preserve privacy
- Site should contain recommended information from Phi Theta Kappa International including:
- ❖ Name of chapter
 - ❖ Link to regional website (<http://www.carolinasregion.org>)
 - ❖ Link to official website of Phi Theta Kappa (www.ptk.org)
 - ❖ Link to website of the institution where your chapter is located – if applicable
 - ❖ Date of last modification on each page of site
 - ❖ Proper use of Phi Theta Kappa images, symbols, and Greek names

Final Judging of Chapter Websites will take place on or before February 15, 2012.

BEST NEW CHAPTER AWARD

AWARD CRITERIA

No entry is required for this award. All chapters chartered during the current regional year are eligible. The award is given by the regional coordinator and is based on the chapter's progress in the Five-Star Chapter Development Plan and participation in regional events.

MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER

AWARD CRITERIA

No entry is required for this award. All chapters are eligible for this award. This award is given by the regional coordinator and is based on the chapter's improvement in participation in the Five-Star Chapter Development Plan, participation in regional and/or international events, and demonstrated leadership.

COMMUNICATIONS AWARD

AWARD CRITERIA

No entry is required for this award. This award is given to chapters who communicate with the Regional Coordinator and Regional Secretary on a consistent basis. The Regional Coordinator and the Regional Secretary select award recipients.

2012 CHAPTER YEARBOOK AWARD ENTRY FORM CAROLINAS REGION

To be eligible to compete for the Carolinas Region Chapter Yearbook Award you must e-mail a copy of this entry form to the Regional Coordinator at john.sharpe@hgtc.edu no later than 5:00 pm EST, February 1, 2012 and bring your chapter yearbook to the Carolinas Region Convention for judging.

CHAPTER NAME _____

COLLEGE NAME _____

ADVISOR'S NAME _____

Read the **2012 Yearbook Award Criteria** and **2012 Yearbook Rubric** documents to see how the yearbooks will be judged.

Must e-mail award entry form in Word, RTF, or PDF format to the Regional Coordinator at john.sharpe@hgtc.edu by stated deadline (February 1, 2012) to be eligible for this award. E-mail must be sent from a chapter advisors e-mail account as this will serve as the certification from the advisor that the award entry has been approved by the advisor.

2012 CHAPTER WEBSITE AWARD ENTRY FORM CAROLINAS REGION

To be eligible to compete for the Carolinas Region Chapter Website Award you must e-mail a copy of this entry form to the Regional Coordinator at john.sharpe@hgtc.edu no later than 5:00 pm EST, February 1, 2012.

CHAPTER NAME _____

COLLEGE NAME _____

ADVISOR'S NAME _____

CHAPTER WEBSITE URL ADDRESS _____

The Carolinas Region Alumni Association sponsors the Chapter Website Award to recognize outstanding chapter achievement in web design and web communication. All work on chapter websites must be done by the Phi Theta Kappa chapter. Read the **eNewsletter/Chapter Website Award** document to see the criteria on how the websites will be judged.

Must e-mail award entry form in Word, RTF, or PDF format to the Regional Coordinator at john.sharpe@hgtc.edu by stated deadline (February 1, 2012) to be eligible for this award. E-mail must be sent from a chapter advisors e-mail account as this will serve as the certification from the advisor that the award entry has been approved by the advisor.

Carolinas Region Hallmark Awards Checklist

COLLEGE NAME: _____

CHAPTER NAME: _____

To be eligible for the following awards (Honors in Action Project, College Project, Distinguished Chapter Officer, Distinguished Chapter Member, Distinguished Chapter Officer Team, Paragon Award for New Advisors, Distinguished Chapter Advisor, Continued Excellence Award for Advisors, and Distinguished College President/Administrator) you must enter the Phi Theta Kappa International Awards competition following the international guidelines. These awards will be judged by international representatives for the Carolinas Region. Please print or type the names of nominees in space provided below for individual awards and attach a copy of officer's names if entering the Distinguished Chapter Officer Team Award.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The entries for these awards are entered online. See www.ptk.org for instructions. You do not need to send any entries to the region to be eligible for these awards but please check off the awards you entered so the region has a record.

- _____ Honors In Action Project Award
- _____ College Project Award
- _____ Distinguished Chapter Officer _____
- _____ Distinguished Chapter Member _____
- _____ Distinguished Chapter Officer Team (attach form with officer names)
- _____ Paragon Award for New Advisors _____
- _____ Distinguished Chapter Advisor _____
- _____ Continued Excellence Award for Advisors _____
- _____ Distinguished College President/Administrator _____

To enter nominations for the following awards (Bruce Rallis Service Award, Distinguished Alumni, and Distinguished Alumni Chapter) you must e-mail entries to the Regional Coordinator at john.sharpe@hgtc.edu by the stated deadline (February 1, 2012). These awards will be sent out by the Regional Coordinator to be judged for the Carolinas Region.

- _____ Bruce Rallis Service Award
- _____ Distinguished Alumni _____
- _____ Distinguished Alumni Chapter
- _____ eNewsletter (e-mail 2 different editions of eNewsletter to Regional Coordinator at john.sharpe@hgtc.edu for judging)

The following awards require an entry form only to be e-mailed to the Regional Coordinator at john.sharpe@hgtc.edu. For the Yearbook, use the Chapter Yearbook Entry Form, and for Chapter Website entries use the Chapter Website Entry Form.

- _____ Yearbook (Entry Form Only) bring yearbook to Regional Convention for judging.
- _____ Chapter Website (Entry Form Only) Website URL: _____

To nominate someone for a Hall of Honor Award you must e-mail entries to the Regional Coordinator at john.sharpe@hgtc.edu by the stated deadline (February 1, 2012).

- _____ Alumni Hall of Honor _____
- _____ Carolinas Hall of Honor _____

E-mail Regional Hallmark Award Entries to:

John W. Sharpe, Coordinator

John.sharpe@hgtc.edu

Hallmark Awards Due Dates

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 – Carolinas Region Hallmark Award entries due in Regional Coordinators e-mail account no later than 5:00 pm. Late entries will not be accepted. This includes the following award entries: Bruce Rallis Service Award, Distinguished Alumni, Distinguished Alumni Chapter, eNewsletter, Yearbook (entry form only), and Chapter Website (entry form only).

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 – Carolinas Hall of Honor entries due in Regional Coordinators e-mail account no later than 5:00 pm. Late entries will not be accepted. (Note: you can only nominate someone for the Carolinas Hall of Honor if you have not entered any nominations for the following awards: Distinguished Chapter Officer or Distinguished Chapter Member)

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 – Carolinas Alumni Hall of Honor entries due in Regional Coordinators e-mail account no later than 5:00 pm. Late entries will not be accepted. (Note: you can only nominate someone for the Carolinas Alumni Hall of Honor if you have not entered anyone for the Distinguished Alumni Award.)

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 – Carolinas Super Stars, Carolinas Region Honors in Action Program (The Democratization of Language and Communication: How do language and communication shape information and vice versa?), and Carolinas Region Service Project (Hand in Hand, Together We Can...) forms due in Regional Coordinators e-mail account no later than 5:00 pm.

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 – International Award Entries Due. All International entries must be entered online at <http://my.ptk.org> . For information on Hallmark Awards go to www.ptk.org and logon to your account and go to your dashboard. From menu on right hand side, click on “Benefits” and “Awards” and “Hallmark Awards” to access Hallmark Award information and reporting instructions. Although the deadline is February 1, 2012 it is highly recommended that you do not wait until the last 48 hours to submit entries due to the possible heavy traffic on the website which may slow down response times. Entries must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm CST to be eligible for awards. Failure to do so will result in your entries NOT being entered in the Phi Theta Kappa International Awards Program.

NOTE: In order to be eligible for the following Carolinas Region Awards you must enter the international awards competition online following international guidelines as these awards will be judged by international judges for the Carolinas Region: Honors In Action Project, College Project, Distinguished Chapter Officer, Distinguished Chapter Member, Distinguished Chapter Officer Team, Paragon Award for New Advisors, Distinguished Chapter Advisor, Continued Excellence Award for Advisors, and Administrator Awards. (Administrator Awards must be submitted by December 6, 2011).

CAROLINAS HALLMARK AWARD PACKAGES -THINGS TO REMEMBER

The Phi Theta Kappa Carolinas Regional Year and the Phi Theta Kappa International Year is from January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011 (award entries submitted by chapters should be based on projects and programs from this time period)

Please e-mail a copy of the Carolinas Region Awards Checklist as well as “Region Specific” awards to the Regional Coordinator at john.sharpe@hgtc.edu by February 1, 2012.

Follow instructions or use correct entry forms as specified:

Honors In Action Project Award – no regional entry required but must enter international competition online

College Project Award – no regional entry required but must enter international competition online

Distinguished Chapter Officer – no regional entry required but must enter international competition online

Distinguished Chapter Member – no regional entry required but must enter international competition online

Distinguished Chapter Officer Team – no regional entry required but must enter international competition online

Paragon Award for New Advisors – no regional entry required but must enter international competition online

Distinguished Chapter Advisor – no regional entry required but must enter international competition online

Continued Excellence Award for Advisors – no regional entry required but must enter international competition online

Distinguished College President/Administrator - no regional entry required but must enter international competition online

Bruce Rallis Service award – entry must be e-mailed to regional coordinator

Distinguished Alumni - entry must be e-mailed to regional coordinator

Distinguished Alumni Chapter - entry must be e-mailed to regional coordinator

eNewsletter - entries must be e-mailed to regional coordinator – copies of 2 different editions of eNewsletter

Yearbook - Carolinas Region Yearbook Award Entry Form must be e-mailed to regional coordinator - and bring yearbook to regional convention for judging

Chapter Website - Carolinas Region Chapter Website Entry Form must be e-mailed to regional coordinator (include URL)

Alumni Hall of Honor - entry must be e-mailed to regional coordinator

Carolinas Hall of Honor - entry must be e-mailed to regional coordinator