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HCC holds Phi Theta Kappa spring induction



Eighteen new members of the Alpha Eta Phi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Halifax Community College took their oath on April 15.

WELDON, N.C. – On April 15, Halifax Community College’s Alpha Eta Phi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society held its second in-person and virtual induction ceremony of the academic year. For the spring induction class, 18 new members took the PTK oath.

The ceremony began with a warm welcome from Northampton County Early College student and PTK member Courtney Underdue. She was followed by Abigail Fleming, an HCC pre-nursing student and PTK member, who provided an enthusiastic invocation. Next, Halifax County Early College student and PTK inductee Issac Evans introduced Dr. Michael Elam, president of HCC, with an informative biography.

During the ceremony, Dr. Elam began his keynote address by acknowledging the outstanding academic work of the spring 2021 class of PTK inductees. He also shared that PTK is guided by four hallmarks: leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and service. The inductees were encouraged to continue to strive to reach these lofty goals after their induction ceremony.

Following the conclusion of Dr. Elam's remarks, Gary R. Redding, HCC instructor and PTK's advisor, shared with the attendees some of PTK's recent programs and workshops, including the PTK Catalyst 2021 virtual conference, a virtual college transfer workshop, a virtual mental health and COVID-19 workshop, a virtual financial literacy program, and current donation drive for local youth. Next, he completed the induction of the new members. Each student was brought up on stage and given a candle, with the flame symbolizing knowledge. Once each new member had received their candle, the PTK oath was administered.

Afterward, Dr. Jeffery Fields, vice-president of Academic Affairs, offered closing remarks that acknowledged the meaningful work being done by its current PTK advisor and members. Additionally, Dr. Barbara Bradley-Hasty, vice-president of Enrollment Management and Student Services, also offered closing remarks that recognized the significant contributions of the PTK inductees' families and friends.

The newest members of PTK are Mya Cherry, Emerald Contee, Reneisa Contee, Jaquan Edmonds, Issac Evans, Annette Harper, Jaliyah Hill, Sadie Johnson, Kayleigh MacLeod, Brianna McKoy, Kimberly Parker, Reonna Patterson, Octavia Richardson, Shacori Scott, Tiffany Taylor, Keara Tillery, Tyler Tudor, and Erica Williams.

To qualify for PTK, the newest members were required to be enrolled in a regionally accredited institution offering an associate degree program; to have completed at least 12 credit hours of coursework leading to an associate degree program; to have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher; and to have adhered to the moral standards of the society.

PTK is the international honor society of two-year colleges and academic programs, particularly community colleges and junior colleges. The purpose of PTK is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, PTK provides opportunities for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.

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