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# MYRIAM'S CORNER

As the new academic year starts, many of us are trying to get our feet under us after having a few weeks off. We are playing the balancing game again between college, work, family, and other obligations. We want to have a role in Phi Theta Kappa but are not sure how to do that with everything else going on in life. I understand. Life does get busy. One thing that helps me is to put everything in a calendar; some of you know what I mean. You use a paper calendar or an electronic one. This becomes a very helpful tool. It allows you to see not only the times that are blocked but also the areas of your time that are open so you can sit down to apply for scholarships, help with your chapter's Honor in Action or College Project, and even take time to eat and sleep. If this sounds like something you might want to try, then find someone who uses a calendar so they can show you what they do to maximize their time. The saying goes, you want to get something done, give it to someone who is busy. Why? Because they know how to schedule things.

On another note, the NV/CA Regional Board is very excited about the upcoming Fall Leadership Conference in Irvine, CA on October 25-26, 2019. We have some great Education Forums planned for you as well as some fantastic keynote speakers. Something new we are going to use for the conference is the Whova App; it is a free download. This is where the agenda, the educational forums, the keynote speakers, as well as our college sponsors information will be found. All the information will be at your fingertips. Once you register for the Fall Leadership Conference, you will receive an email within a week inviting you to join the app. For more information on making hotel reservations and registering for the conference, please visit [www.nvcaregion.org](http://www.nvcaregion.org)

Lastly, did you hear about the video contest the Regional Officers dreamed up? For more information, check out the flyer in this newsletter.

See you soon!

*Myriam S. Moody*

**Regional Coordinator**



# LEADERSHIP CORNER

## Making Decisions

Every issue of the NV/CA Regional Newsletter features a brief synopsis of different leadership styles and skills found in the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Development Studies curriculum. For this issue, we will examine *making decisions*.

Decision making can be defined as identifying and selecting a course of action in order to address a problem or to take a step toward an achievable goal. While not all of our decisions will have the desired results, we should employ a process using rational, intelligent, and systematic steps.

We make decisions frequently in our everyday lives, but as leaders we can also employ effective decision making skills in a group environment. According to Brent Gleeson, a writer on leadership and organizational excellence, there are four ways for leaders to make a decision:

- **Command Decision Making** – It involves a leader making a decision without consulting anyone else in the group or on the team. This style usually occurs with financial decisions or during crisis situations.
- **Collaborative** – This style is used when a leader solicits feedback from the group or team, and then the leader makes a final decision. One pitfall to be wary of is groupthink where a decision is based solely on the harmony of a group and the unanimity rather than the creative thinking process of alternatives.
- **Consensus** – A consensus strategy involves a group vote to make a decision rather than leaving the decision making to the leader. This process works well when the results of the decision involve the entire group.
- **Convenience** – A decision based on convenience encompasses allowing someone else to make a decision. The benefits to this style include measuring the abilities of the group members, empowering others, and freeing the leader from additional stress.

Which of these styles do you think would work well for you? Which would work well for your chapter or another group in which you are involved?

If you think certain situations call for different styles, you would be employing situational decision making skills.

To learn more about decision making, you can examine the following works:

## Readings

- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- “Shooting an Elephant” by George Orwell
- “What You Don’t Know About Making Decisions” by David A. Garvin and Michael A. Roberto
- “A Question of Leadership: What Can Leaders Do to Avoid Groupthink?” by Wynne Whyman

## Films

- *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- *Milk*

## Article Produced & Submitted By:

Bruno Rhodes, Associate Regional Coordinator



# WORDS FROM THE ALUMNI BOARD

With a busy end of the semester and an even busier summer, the NV/CA Regional Alumni Association has been quite active. Some of the members have been out of the country, some have been finishing up their transfers to colleges and universities for fall, and some have been traveling.

Students from our Region have also been joining the alumni (we have eight new members so far this summer!) and we want to give them a shout-out and thanks for giving back to PTK this way. Now, however, we are back in the swing of helping the NV/CA Regional Officer team to prepare for the Fall Leadership Conference. Your Regional Officers have been making plans, arranging for new opportunities for chapters and students to participate in the event and providing valuable information for attendees who will be coming. Are you one of them?

One new item this fall will be the Alumni's new game plan designed along the lines of an old television show, The "\$10,000 Pyramid". While we are not offering the winners \$10,000, we will be offering prizes for playing. There will be a limit on the number of players, so watch for further news on that. The essence of the game is to have one advisor and one chapter member work as a team against their counterparts (another advisor and member) to guess words based on one-word clues. The team that wins three sets will move on to the winners of another set with the final winners of both sets pitted against each other. One of the hardest parts of this game (just to give fair warning) is not to use the word itself, or any part of the word, in the clue (for example, if the word is "teacher," you cannot give "teach" as a clue).

The alumni will have scorekeepers and referees on hand, so enjoy yourselves and cheer on the chapters and advisors who play! The alumni are also working with the college sponsors who will be attending to answer questions, present information, and generally meet students who are interested in transferring. As with the Spring Convention earlier this year, we will be having Bingo cards with the colleges listed. Take time before and after general sessions to meet these wonderful representatives, have them mark your Bingo card, and drop it off at the Alumni table for a drawing for prizes.

**Article Produced & Submitted By:**  
Sheila Burson, Executive Vice President





# PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY



**NU/CA Magic Kingdom**

**Fall Leadership Conference**

**FRI OCT 25, 2019 5PM - SAT OCT 26, 2019 5PM**

**HILTON IRVINE/ORANGE COUNTY AIRPORT  
18800 MACARTHUR BLVD IRVINE, CA 92612**

**\*\*\*REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCT 17, 2019\*\*\***

**HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION DEADLINE SEPT 25, 2019**

**PLEASE NOTE: \*HILTON IRVINE - NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH HOTEL IRVINE**

# DISNEY SONG LYRIC WRITING CONTEST

REWRITE THE LYRICS TO ANY DISNEY  
TRACK TO SERVE AS THE NV/CA  
FLC THEME SONG

RECORD YOUR TRACK (TWO MINUTES  
MAXIMUM) AND SHOOT A MUSIC VIDEO  
DONNING DISNEY COSTUMES TO MATCH!



THREE WINNING  
CHAPTERS/INDIVIDUALS  
WILL RECEIVE:

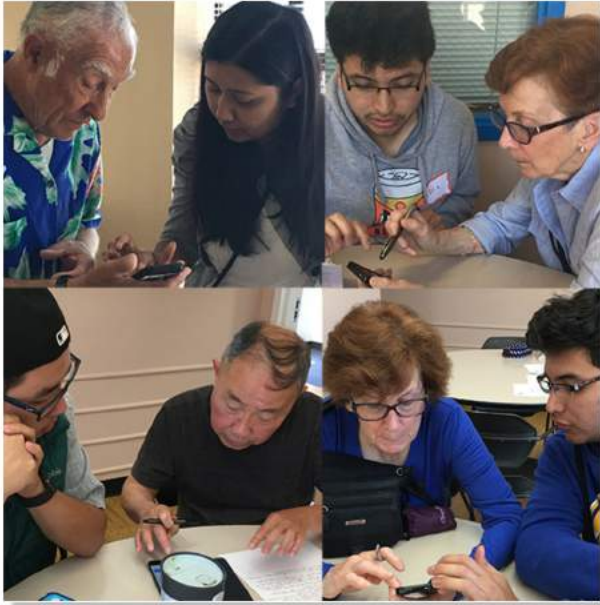
ONE REGISTRATION  
WAIVER TO SPRING  
CONVENTION 2020!

SUBMISSIONS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 30TH  
EMAIL SHEILA BURSON [SBURSON@LIVE.COM](mailto:SBURSON@LIVE.COM)  
INCLUDE IN SUBMISSION EMAIL:  
COLLEGE NAME, CHAPTER NAME, PARTICIPANT NAME(S),  
EMAIL ADDRESS(ES), AND PHONE NUMBER  
\*\*\*PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE THIS INFO IN THE VIDEO.  
INCLUSION WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION\*\*\*



# CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS

## BETA THETA OMICRON - SKYLINE COLLEGE



Beta Theta Omicron, Skyline College chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, received an Award of Excellence from the California Park & Recreation Society (CRPS) for its Computer Literacy and Internet Competency for Seniors (CLICS) program.

Beta Theta Omicron officers and members have been volunteering at the South San Francisco Senior Center for several years. Throughout the year our students teach senior citizens to use their smartphones, tablets, and laptops. One senior commended the students' patience, appreciated their support, and was grateful that there were people dedicating their time for this cause.

"I haven't heard my grandson's voice for three months." A senior said. "Thanks to you, I learned how to use Facetime to talk with him. Today is a big day!"

South San Francisco nominated the chapter for this award. This statewide award recognizes the contributions of those who volunteer and provide support and services in their community that improves the quality of their community. The CPRS award is the highest recognition CPRS can award and this honor is a credit to the Skyline College students who make CLICS happen

**Share your chapter updates with the region!**  
Email Geoffrey Alejo [geoffreyorca@yahoo.com](mailto:geoffreyorca@yahoo.com)

# CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS

## ALPHA BETA CHAPTER - SANTA ANA COLLEGE

Santa Ana College, home to Alpha Beta Chapter, will be co-hosting our Fall Leadership Convention (FLC) in Irvine with Alpha Omega Mu Chapter from Irvine Valley College next month. This will be the third time we have co-hosted a regional convention with Irvine Valley College. We are in the process of securing four keynote speakers for the convention. Each will have selected one of the nine themes of the current Honors Study Topic: *Transformations: Acknowledging, Assessing, and Achieving Change*. Phil Brigandi, a local Orange County historian, has agreed to speak (no theme chosen as of yet). Mr. Brigandi has been researching and writing local history since 1975, and is the author of more than two dozen books and hundreds of articles on the history of Orange, Riverside, and San Diego counties in Southern California. An extensive bibliography can be found at his website:

[http://www.socalhistoryland.mysite.com/article\\_1.html](http://www.socalhistoryland.mysite.com/article_1.html).

Other local individuals being considered include a member of congress; a writer, reporter and columnist; and a college professor. Each has a unique perspective on the world around us and should provide stimulating presentations. Three very special current happenings related to our chapter are: *First*, Jill Schragen, former Alpha Beta Chapter officer, now proudly serves as Southwest District Vice-President. This distinction is a first for our chapter demonstrating once again that taking a risk can result in huge dividends, personally and as a chapter. *Second*, Maggie Palomino, another former chapter officer, is featured on one of the brand-new Phi Theta Kappa Recruitment Posters. These posters are now available free from the PTK Store; and *Third*, Alpha Beta Chapter will be celebrating its 90th birthday on November 17th!



**Share your chapter updates with the region!**  
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**PHI THETA KAPPA PRESENTS:**

# **JAMES ELLIOTT**

## **PTK INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019 AT 10:45 AM**

10:45 am Sign in & lunch  
11:00 am Introduction  
11:05-11:35 am James Elliott  
11:35-12:05 pm Student panel  
12:05-12:15 pm Questions & final  
words

MiraCosta College Student Dining Hall  
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Oceanside, CA 92056

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Read about James Elliott USA Today's  
*From Prisoner to Role Model*