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NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL AWARDS

*Presented at the
2008 New England Regional Convention
Nashua, New Hampshire*

March 14 - 16, 2008

The following is a list of awards to be given at the New England Regional Convention on Saturday, March 15, 2008. At convention, we celebrate the accomplishments of each chapter and the entire region. All chapters are strongly encouraged to participate in this rewarding process.

Entries must be received by February 1, 2008.

**Honors Anthology submissions must be received by the Regional Office by December 31, 2007.*

Mail Award Entries* to International Headquarters to be judged for both International & Regional Awards. (Follow International Guidelines)

****Except for the following:***

Distinguished Regional Officer Award
Alumni Service Award
Regional Honors Project Award
Phi Theta Kappa Good as Gold Award
Regional Communication Awards
All Creative Art Awards

For Regional only awards, please send two copies of each entry with appropriate cover sheets to the Regional Headquarters at:

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***All chapters are encouraged to participate
in the regional and international awards program!***

AWARDS GIVEN BY THE REGIONAL COORDINATOR
(NO APPLICATION REQUIRED)

MILESTONE AWARD: Presented to the newest chapter(s) or reactivated chapter(s)* that have shown the most productivity over the past year. A listing of activities proposed for the regional year (January 1 – December 31, 2007), with follow-up, and communication with Regional Coordinator are criteria for this award. The criteria can be met through timely submission of 5-star chapter goal forms and appropriate chapter update forms.

* A reactivated chapter is one that has “jumped up” by at least two (2) stars on the chapter 5-star program within two (2) years. **This award does not require an application.**

CONTINUED EXCELLENCE AWARD: Presented to chapters maintaining Five Star status for a minimum of three (3) consecutive years, as corroborated by Phi Theta Kappa International. **This award does not require an application.**

REGIONAL SPIRIT AWARD: Awarded to the chapter which most contributes to Phi Theta Kappa fellowship at the regional convention, as determined by hosting chapter(s). Criteria can include, but is not limited to, chapter attendance (including advisors), participation in convention activities, fellowship with other chapters, and distance traveled to the convention per attendee. **This award does not require an application.**

INTERNATIONAL & REGIONAL AWARDS*
(REQUIRE APPLICATION)

***Should be submitted to International Headquarters for judging on both the International & Regional Levels.**

NEW ADVISOR AWARD: Chapter members, peers, and administrators may submit letters of nomination highlighting the contributions this advisor has made to his/her chapter. ****Use International Guidelines for the Paragon Award for New Advisors.***

DISTINGUISHED ADVISOR AWARD: Awarded to the most outstanding chapter advisor. Chapter members, peers, and administrators may submit letters of nomination highlighting the contributions this advisor has made to his/her chapter. ****Use International Guidelines for Distinguished Advisor Award.***

CONTINUED EXCELLENCE ADVISOR AWARD: Awarded to chapter advisors who have demonstrated continued excellence over a period of three (3) years. Chapter members, peers, and administrators may submit letters of nomination highlighting the contributions this advisor has made to his/her chapter. ****Use International Guidelines for Distinguished Advisor Award.***

DISTINGUISHED CHAPTER PRESIDENT AWARD: Each chapter may submit one nomination for the Distinguished Chapter President Award. The nomination must describe the ways in which the chapter president has demonstrated leadership, involvement with Phi Theta Kappa programs, friendship with peer scholars, and enthusiasm for the Hallmarks of the Society. ****Use International Guidelines for Distinguished Chapter President Award.***

DISTINGUISHED CHAPTER OFFICER AWARD: Each chapter may submit one nomination for the Distinguished Chapter Officer Award. The nomination must describe the ways in which the chapter officer has demonstrated leadership, involvement with Phi Theta Kappa programs, friendship with peer scholars, and enthusiasm for the Hallmarks of the Society. ****Use International Guidelines for Distinguished Chapter Officer Award.***

DISTINGUISHED CHAPTER MEMBER AWARD: Each chapter may recommend one candidate for the Distinguished Chapter Member Award. The nomination must outline the candidate's contributions to Phi Theta Kappa at the chapter and/or regional level. ****Use International Guidelines for Distinguished Chapter Member Award.***

SCHOLARSHIP HALLMARK AWARD: The Scholarship Hallmark Award recognizes exemplary programs in scholarship. Entries should follow the Scholarship Hallmark Award guidelines available from International Headquarters. ****Use International Guidelines for Scholarship Hallmark Award.***

LEADERSHIP HALLMARK AWARD: The Leadership Hallmark Award recognizes exemplary programs in leadership. Entries should follow the Leadership Hallmark Award guidelines available from International Headquarters. ****Use International Guidelines for Leadership Hallmark Award.***

SERVICE HALLMARK AWARD: The Service Hallmark Award recognizes exemplary programs in service. Entries should follow the Service Hallmark Award guidelines available from International Headquarters. ****Use International Guidelines for Service Hallmark Award.***

DISTINGUISHED CHAPTER AWARD: The Distinguished Chapter Award is given to the chapter which has had exemplary programs throughout the preceding regional year. (January 2007-December 2007). In order to be considered, a chapter must have submitted applications for the individual Scholarship, Leadership, and Service awards. ***Award to be determined by total scores assigned to the three Hallmarks.***

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL AWARDS*
(REQUIRE APPLICATION)

***The following awards should be submitted to the Regional Headquarters only for judging on the Regional Level.**

(Two copies of each entry are required.)

DISTINGUISHED REGIONAL OFFICER AWARD: A regional officer may be nominated for the Distinguished Regional Officer Award. Nominations may come from fellow regional officers, chapter officers, chapter advisors, or NERA members. The nomination must describe ways in which the regional officer has demonstrated scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship at the regional level, as well as, enthusiasm for programs of Phi Theta Kappa, in an essay of 500 or fewer words and be submitted to the Regional Coordinator. ***The recipient shall be selected by the non-regional officer members of the Regional Advisory Board.***

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD: The Alumni Service Award recognizes outstanding contributions to Phi Theta Kappa at the chapter, regional, and/or international level, as well as individual accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship, by an alumna/us of the honor society. Nominations can be made to the Regional Advisory Board by chapters, members, alumni, or advisors and submitted to the Regional Office.

REGIONAL HONORS PROJECT AWARD: A scholarship of \$150 to be used for Honors Study Topic programming will be presented to the chapter which has most successfully implemented the Regional Honors Project at its college. The project's theme and requirements may vary each year and requires a special application. **The recipient will be determined in January 2008 by the regional officers.**

PHI THETA KAPPA GOOD AS GOLD AWARD: Presented to the chapter that has best demonstrated the ideals of Phi Theta Kappa on a local or regional level over the past year (from January 1 – December 31, 2007). This can include college, community and/or regional service projects and/or outstanding examples of scholarship, leadership, and fellowship. The award will use one of the chapter's Hallmark submissions as the basis for demonstrating best practices in one of the Hallmarks. The chapter must submit a cover sheet which includes the chapter name, college name, a copy of the Hallmark essay to be used to evaluate the chapter's accomplishments and a brief (less than 250 words) statement as to why the chapter deserves to receive this award. All entries should be submitted to the New England Regional Office.
Given by the regional officers.

REGIONAL COMMUNICATION AWARDS: These awards recognize excellence in chapter communications through any of a variety of media that promote the local chapter or Phi Theta Kappa among members, fellow campus citizens, or within the external community. Although chapter communications ordinarily include written components, this award represents communication that is multimedia or multimodal in nature and is intended to extend knowledge about Phi Theta Kappa at the local, regional, or international level. **Examples (not limited to):** *Written, non-written or multimedia publication, graphic or oral presentation, journalistic or other news features, copies of a chapter publication, such as newsletters, sets of fliers or advertisements, websites, PowerPoint presentations, advertisements, logos, brochures, a storyboard or published advertisement, which appeared in print; VHS videotapes, CDs, DVDs, or cassette tapes, which contain the communicated piece, reviews of chapter communication work by third parties; explanation of and links to chapter websites.*

This award gives highest priority to the following qualities: clarity of expression, measured or potential target audience impact, organization of materials, sufficiency, precision, development and style suitable to form, and effectiveness of communication. ***This award will be judged by the Regional Advisory Board.***

OVERVIEW OF ART AWARDS

Each of the following awards has been established to encourage New England Phi Theta Kappa members and chapters to submit superior work that expresses a central idea. To that end, the following three award areas—Honors Anthology, Performing Arts and Fine Arts are intended to be interpreted broadly. Applicants may submit work in a variety of forms and media appropriate to the selected category.

Submission Requirements for Creative Arts Awards

While submissions must be original work or live performances of others' cited works, they can originate from course assignments; as well as, be those authored specifically for award consideration. All submissions must relate to a Phi Theta Kappa International Service Project or Honors Study Topic. The connection between submission and Service Project or Honors Study Topic activity must be explained in 250 words or less in a cover sheet to accompany all submissions, regardless of category or media. This requirement will serve to guide judges as they read or otherwise experience candidates' works.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR CREATIVE ART AWARDS

In addition to the required cover sheet, the following rules and guidelines apply:

- Individuals and chapters may submit multiple entries for any award categories.
- All submissions should relate to the Honors Study Topic or the International Service Project for the current year. The degree with which the submissions examine the Honors Study Topic will be central in the evaluation of these submissions.
- Where practical, copies of works must be submitted prior to the Spring Convention
- Submission copies become the property of Phi Theta Kappa / New England Region.
- Submissions will not be returned unless pre-approved by the Regional Coordinator.
- Unique artwork or performance winners will be presented at the next Spring Convention following the submission deadline.
- Applicants are responsible for the transport, setup, and removal of any work displayed at convention. Requests for assistance must be made in advance of the Spring Convention to the Regional Coordinator.

Unless expressed otherwise in writing by the applicant, The New England Region may publish submissions, in part or in full, in future communications, publications, or on its website, with proper citation, or may photograph or record performances similarly solely to promote members, chapters, the region or the society.

CREATIVE ART AWARDS

Honors Anthology – Students who have demonstrated exemplary ability to convey an idea clearly in writing, photography, computer-generated imagery, and any other creative arts format that can be portrayed in 2D can be submitted for the Honors Anthology. Topics may originate from any academic discipline; however, the entrant must clarify the relationship between the entry and an international, regional, or local chapter service project or Honors Study Topic activity, either directly within its content or in the cover sheet. **Examples (not limited to):** *Prose, poetry, creative writing, persuasive essays, technical writing, lyrics, soliloquies, monologues, plays, photography, computer-generated imagery, paintings (in photograph form)*

This award gives highest priority to the following qualities: clarity of expression, effective communication of ideas, and demonstration of relationship to a service or Honors Study Topic-related activity. Entries will be judged by the Savannah College of Art & Design and published in an anthology format. **Requires a separate application with a cover sheet and is due to Regional Headquarters by Dec. 31st.**

Performing Arts – This award is presented to members who create performing arts or who perform them, whether original or adaptations of properly cited works. Sub-categories include music, dance or movement, and verbal performances in theatre, stage, or televised media. Musical works may be vocal, instrumental, or a combination of both. Dance and other movement forms may be submitted for consideration. Theatre arts include verbal or mime live performances, such as monologues, comedy routines, dramatic readings, and adaptations of theatre production. Submissions must be submitted via VHS tape, DVD, or CD. All performances may be accompanied by non-applicants, regardless of their membership status in Phi Theta Kappa. **Examples (not limited to):** *Recorded performances of music, dance, or theatre arts; original musical scores or arrangements; unique choreography or direction of work performed by others; design or creation of sets, backdrops, or wardrobe; artistic gymnastic routines.*

This award gives highest priority to: clarity of expression, performance precision, engagement of audience and props, development and style suitable to form, and relationship to a service topic or Honors Study Topic activity. Written elements of performing arts, such as plays, comedy routines, lyrics and television scripts are eligible for the Honors Anthology only.

Fine Arts – This award is presented to members who submit paintings, sculpture, videography, chapter scrapbooks or yearbooks, folk crafts, pottery, woodworking, or other material expression, where the artist produces or transforms an object with regard to its aesthetic attributes. Entries can be

photographs, videotapes, or audiovisual CDs of original works, where transportation and display are not practical. Please note: Works which can be represented in 2D, including photography and paintings, should be submitted to the Honors Anthology category. **Examples (not limited to):** *Sculpture, videography, folk crafts, pottery, and woodworking, where the artist produces or transforms an object with regard to its aesthetic attribute.*

Judges will consider awards for works in different media. This award gives highest priority to: clarity of expression, organization of materials, development and style suitable to form, unique use of materials, relationship of submission to the International/Regional Service Project or Honors Study Topic activity.