



Hello District 1 Phi Theta Kappans!

This is Ryan Heath, your Regional Vice-President for District 1. Earlier this month your Regional Officer team had a fruitful training retreat down in Gulf Shores. In addition to teambuilding exercises and leadership development courses, the team sat down and put some serious thought into the direction of the Alabama Region for the upcoming year. We considered the fantastic gains the Region has previously made, as well as areas of potential future growth. After debating the strengths of our region as well as potential areas of improvement, we decided to dismiss certain goals, institute a few new ones, and ambitiously increase our success margins for others. Our new goals for the Alabama Region for the 2017-2018 officer term are as follows:

1. 75% of Alabama Region chapters submit at least three entries for Hallmark Awards (HiA, College Project, and Individual/Team)
2. 80% of chapters set goals on PTK.org beyond 1 star in 5-star program
3. 85% of chapters publicize the Phi Theta Kappa mission statement
4. 70% attend at least one International Event (International Convention, Honors Institute)
5. 60% of all chapters in the Region are ranked 3-star or higher
6. 75% participation in at least one Regional Event (Leadership Conference, Regional Convention).

Your regional team is looking forward to working together to achieve these goals. In particular, I am excited to come see all of our fantastic District 1 chapters and assist you all in any way I can.

While on the subject, the Regional team is looking to update our contact list for chapter advisors. Please be on the lookout for a phone call to confirm contact information for all of our chapter advisors.

Over the summer, I'd like to encourage all District 1 chapters to practice some "healthy chapter habits" for maintaining activity and promoting growth for all our scholars. First, holding regular chapter meetings, even over the summer, is a great way to ensure continued student interest in chapter activities. Second, I would encourage all chapters to make time for formal Officer training for all Chapter Officers. Leadership Development is one of the key ways that Phi Theta Kappa helps carry out its mission of recognizing scholars and building servant-leaders. Last, I would like to encourage all chapters to attend our Mock Chapter event held on July 14 at Jefferson State Community College, Shelby Campus. Mock Chapter can help all Phi Theta Kappans gain critical skills needed to make the most of their Phi Theta Kappa experience, including how to successfully earn a 5 Star Level for your chapter, refine professional soft skills, and practice developing successful Chapter projects, all while having lots of fun with members from all over the state!

In addition to Mock Chapter, our nearest upcoming event is Honors Institute, held from June 5th to June 10th at Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois. For those who are attending, I look forward to mingling with you as we hear from some fantastic speakers and learn more about the

world around us.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

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<i>Lambda Epsilon</i>	Bevill State	Jasper
<i>Omega Mu</i>	Bevill State	Fayette
<i>Sigma Lambda</i>	Calhoun	Decatur
<i>Beta Upsilon Xi</i>	Drake State	Huntsville
<i>Alpha Sigma Beta</i>	Northwest-Shoals	Muscle Shoals
<i>Alpha Zeta Iota</i>	Northwest-Shoals	Phil Campbell
<i>Psi Epsilon</i>	Northeast	Rainsville
<i>Theta Iota</i>	Snead State	Boaz