

# Alpha Kappa Psi Chapter Newsletter

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## Chapter Advisor's Address

This year we are proud to present the new Five-Star Membership Enhancement Program for the year 2005-2006. This program was designed to allow students to accrue service hours for personal growth and scholarship applications while accruing points towards fabulous prizes and scholarships given by their chapter and campus. The recognitions for accomplishments are based on hours of service and/or participation. This is how it works at each level:

### ONE STAR

1 STAR Certificate of Appreciation and a star pin (Minimum 5 Hours)

### TWO STAR

2 STAR Certificate of Appreciation and a star pin (Minimum 10 Hours)

### THREE STAR

3 STAR Certificate of Appreciation, a star pin, and a KCC/Phi Theta Kappa pen (Minimum 15 Hours)

### FOUR STAR

4 STAR Certificate of Appreciation, a star pin, a KCC/Phi Theta Kappa Pen, and a Phi Theta Kappa 4 STAR Key Chain (Minimum 20 Hours)

### FIVE STAR

5 STAR Certificate of Appreciation, a star pin, a KCC/Phi Theta Kappa Pen, a Phi Theta Kappa 5 STAR Key Chain, and recognition in the Phi Theta Kappa Newsletter (Minimum 30 hours). In addition, students with the highest hours of service/participation will be considered for the following scholarships:

- ◆ 5 Star member(s) with the highest amount of participation/service points will be nominated for **free tuition** at KCC for the spring 2006 and fall 2007 (one will be awarded for spring and two for fall). If you are an out-of-state student or an International student, the waiver covers only the equivalent of the resident tuition fee.
- ◆ Entry into scholarship competition for most valued member winner will receive certificate and cash award (\$50.00) for most valued member officer (\$100.00) for most valued member officer. Recipient based on cumulative points for the year; both scholarships awarded spring semester only.
- ◆ Travel funding for the International Conference in Seattle, Washington scheduled for spring. Only Executive Board members may be considered for this scholarship. Recipient of scholarship based on cumulative points for the year; scholarship awarded in spring.

This is the perfect time to get started with the program. Scholarships for spring participation will include the following: (2) Fall 2007 tuition waivers, (1) travel, room and board to Seattle, Washington, (1) \$50.00 scholarship, and (1) \$100.00 scholarship.

There are several ways to begin accruing points today. I encourage you to stop by the Honors Office (Ohi'a 103 A) to pick-up your Five-Star Program Form or contact the Honors Office @ 734-9370 and we will email you one. We are excited about our new program and hope to add more scholarships and prizes to our list soon.

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Scholarship Workshop**  
November 28, 2005  
Ilima 202B, 12-2pm
- ◆ **World Aids Day**  
December 1, 2005

## Upcoming Meetings

- ◆ Thursday, December 8, 2005



## GET INVOLVED!

ALL Phi Theta Kappa/Alpha Kappa Psi members are encouraged to participate in chapter events and activities. You are also invited to join in on our chapter meetings. We'd love to hear your ideas on improving not only our chapter, but also our community. Come and make new friends who share this common goal and just have FUN. Take

advantage of the opportunity to improve your leadership skills, meet fellow members, earn scholarships, and lend a helping hand in service.

Here's your chance to make your membership in the Alpha Kappa Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa a memorable one.

*Interested?*

*Got questions?*

*Contact the Honors Office at 734-9370*

## Upcoming Events

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2005- SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP**  
'ILIMA 202B from 12 to 2 pm

*Come learn about the scholarship opportunities available to you. Representatives from various colleges will be on hand to aid you in the application process. There are many scholarships available to you just for being in Phi Theta Kappa! Don't let this opportunity pass you by.*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2005- WORLD AIDS DAY**  
OHI'A CAFETERIA

*Pin on those red ribbons and join Phi Theta Kappa and the rest of Hawaii for World Aids Day. Show your support for all of those who live with HIV/AIDS.*



Visit [www.worldaidsdayhawaii.org](http://www.worldaidsdayhawaii.org) for more information.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2005- ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
OHI'A CAFETERIA, 11 am

*I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! Phi Theta Kappa, along with other campus organizations, will be scooping and handing out yummy scoops of ice cream to all. You are invited to join us in this fun event!*



*First Row: Nani Giltner, Irina Francis, Marcia Rufo  
Second Row: Gary Ohashi, Randy Rivera, Christine Tooher, Carlos Tome*

### **President** **Irina Francis**

"To succeed, you don't need to be smarter than others, you just need to be one step ahead." That is the motto of Irina's life. Since she was appointed President of the Honor Society, she will dedicate the next two semesters to leading and improving our chapter. Besides school, she works for a law office as a paralegal and is a member of the American Translators Association, which inspires her to improve her education. She would like to encourage students to become involved in their community. She welcomes new members into our Chapter and will happily talk to any KCC student.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President** **Of Service** **Carlos Tome**

Carlos was born and raised in Spain. He has traveled extensively around the world and lived in different countries. His major is Liberal Arts and his goal is to become a teacher. He enjoys all kinds of outdoor activities, especially surfing.

### **Press Secretary/Historian** **Marcia Rufo**

Marcia was born and raised in Hawaii and is a 2003 graduate of Farrington High School. She will be entering the Medical Laboratory Technician Program here at KCC next spring. She is very excited about getting involved in Phi Theta Kappa because of the opportunity to develop leadership skills, meeting new people, and getting involved in our community.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** **Of Leadership** **Christine Tooher**

Christine grew up in Rhode Island where she worked as a preschool teacher and studied early childhood development. She moved to Hawaii 3 years ago with her husband and 3-year-old daughter. She completed the Entrepreneurship Program here at KCC last year. Her goal is to open a preschool of her own in the near future. She is currently taking business courses to help aid in her endeavors. She looks forward to the challenges she'll face in the leadership position and hopes to not only enhance her own leadership skills, but help students develop theirs.

### **Financial Secretary** **Randy Rivera**

Randy is a lifetime Honolulu resident. He is currently pursuing a career in nursing. Although much of his schooling covered logical scientific stuff, he has recently started to explore his artistic side and loves it. He feels that art has nothing to do with being right or wrong but rather honestly expressing and exploring oneself. Of all his qualities, the one he's most proud of is that he's a human being because that's what everyone has in common. "Right and wrong, good and bad, left and right, top and bottom, men and women. Life is usually both or neither. Very rarely is it one or the other."

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** **Of Scholarship** **Nani Giltner**

Nani says she has been very fortunate to have been born and raised in Hawaii. Her earlier years were spent enduring the trials and tribulations of Hawaii's work force. Ten years had past when she decided to return to school. She entered KCC in spring of 2003 and has been able to experience all that the campus has to offer. Her major is Fine Arts, which has caused her to expand herself creatively and meet a lot of interesting people. Taking on the duties of scholarship is a great opportunity for her to help others and she's very enthused about working with everyone.

### **Regional Representative** **Gary Ohashi**

Gary is a returning student with a B.A. in drama and theatre. He is a former Electronics Technician who enjoys walking, reading, singing and ping pong. His college goals are to get into the KCC Nursing Program and become a Registered Nurse. When asked, "What type of skills should leaders possess," he responds, "thoughtful, kind, decisive, and a good listener." He thinks being a good listener is his greatest strength. Finally, the animal that his work style would resemble is a golden retriever because he likes "to chase and catch things."



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## Upcoming Meetings

All Chapter meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. They take place in 'Ilima 202A @ 1pm. You are welcome to attend all meetings.

## OUR NEXT MEETING

DECEMBER 8, 2005

This final meeting of the semester will be in 'Ilima 202A @ 1pm.