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-----August 2026 Edition-----



Texas Honors Institute Reflection



I was beyond grateful for the opportunity to participate in Texas Honors Institute (THI). I connected with so many people who had positive energy and embraced their Phi Theta Kappa pride. My favorite part of THI was meeting people with different interests who were all disciplined and committed to their education and career goals.

Additionally, the keynote speakers were very insightful and entertaining. My favorite keynote speaker was Tianna. During her session, we participated in a deep breathing activity and took moments to “brag” about our achievements with our peers. The activity was relaxing, and being able to pause, breathe deeply, and be proud of my achievements (even the little things, like waking up early) was a great mental shift.

Moreover, the seminar groups were very enlightening. In my group, we discussed ongoing social issues, and it was encouraging to know that there are people who are actively spreading awareness. Overall, the Texas Region of Phi Theta Kappa is cultivating future leaders who will bring good to this world!

—Venessa Nwachukwu, Beta Delta Omicron



2026 Dr. Mary Hood STAR Scholars



**JOSE FUENTES, ALPHA MU CHI,
NORTHEAST TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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DALLAS COLLEGE - NORTH LAKE**

**EMMA MENDOZA, ALPHA MU CHI,
NORTHEAST TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE - SOUTHEAST**

**SKY BASS, ALPHA MU CHI,
NORTHEAST TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE - SOUTHEAST**

**ELENA ROACH, ALPHA MU CHI,
NORTHEAST TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

NINA ISABELA L. SIGUA, ZETA NU, LEE COLLEGE

**IBTESAM JAHAN ISHIKA, ALPHA GAMMA ZETA,
SAN JACINTO COLLEGE - SOUTH**

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SOUTHWEST TEXAS COLLEGE - EAGLE PASS**



Texas Gives: A Children's Hospital Service Project



Texas Region, it's time to GIVE!

TRAA + AMTAA are teaming up for Texas Gives: A Children's Hospital Service Project, and we're calling on chapters across the Region to help stock children's hospitals with toys, books, toiletries, clothing, and other needed items. And because this is Texas, we're adding a little friendly district competition. The district that donates the **MOST ITEMS** wins! But the bragging rights aren't the only thing on the line. Two chapters from the winning district will be selected by drawing to receive a Golden Opportunity Scholarship!

Bring your donations to:

- Any District event
- The Hallmark Writing Workshop
- Texas Leadership Conference (TLC)



Before you shop: Children's hospitals have strict guidelines for what they can accept. Check the Texas Gives donation list in our Texas Region Linktree to make sure your items can be donated. We'll keep the competition going all the way to TLC, where we'll announce the winning district AND draw our two Golden Opportunity Scholarship recipients. So rally your chapter, start collecting, and help your district fill those boxes. Every item counts, and every donation is going somewhere that matters. Texas Gives. Let's see which district gives BIG.

Gamma Omicron



This photo was taken at my first big Texas Phi Theta Kappa event. I never went out in a big group setting like this before, and I didn't know what I was doing. That weekend helped me in a lot of ways. I was able to start talking to a lot more people, go out and be in bigger crowds, and it also helped my fellow officers and I get to know each other a lot more.

Now that I have graduated I can say Phi Theta Kappa has changed my life and now I can meet new people and talk to them without any anxiety. Kilgore College, Gamma Omicron, will always have a special place in my heart. Without Professor Curtis Ivory or Professor Lori Solley, I don't know how my college experience would have been if I was not in Phi Theta Kappa.

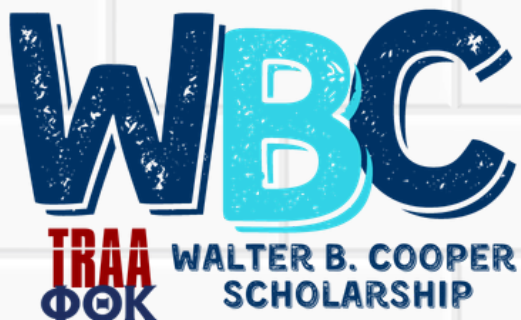
—Lucas Tyson



Alpha Mu Tau Summer Induction



Scholarship Opportunity



OPEN NOW!
SUBMISSIONS DUE:
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
11:59 PM CDT

Individuals applying for this scholarship must be an active member of Phi Theta Kappa at a community college who will be

pursuing a baccalaureate degree in the 2027-2028 academic year. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25.

All applications must be submitted through the online form. Please make sure all documentation is submitted at the same time. If the application is incomplete, it will not be judged.

NOTE: Any member who received any scholarship under the Dr. Mary Hood STAR Scholarship program in 2026 is ineligible for the 2026 Walter B. Cooper Memorial Scholarship.



Texas Leadership Conference



October 9th – 11th
Texas A&M – RELLIS



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