



The Texan

Texas ΦΘΚ

May 2026 Edition

Introducing your 2026–2027 Texas Regional Officer Team!



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PTK Catalyst 2026 Highlights

5-STAR REGION: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

REGIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE:
CAREER READINESS

SOAR (SUPPORT, OPPORTUNITY, ACTION, AND RECOGNITION)

DISTINGUISHED REGIONAL OFFICER TEAM

DISTINGUISHED REGIONAL OFFICER AWARD:
ROJELIO VELA

TOP 10 MOST DISTINGUISHED CHAPTERS:
THIRD FINALIST - ALPHA MU TAU | COLLIN COLLEGE

BETA ALPHA CONTINUED EXCELLENCE AWARD:
ALPHA OMICRON | TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE
ALPHA MU TAU | COLLIN COLLEGE
OMICRON PSI | GRAYSON COLLEGE

[Click here to check out the full list of awards.](#)

2026 Texas Regional Convention Reflection

My favorite part of TRC was the Yearbook Competition and, of course, the Gala. I loved exploring both traditional and digital yearbooks and seeing the creativity and impactful projects Texas chapters work on throughout the year. The originality behind each submission was truly inspiring! I also enjoyed the Gala because it is an amazing way to celebrate and recognize the people and projects that make the Texas Region so special.

Reconnecting with my chapter as an alumna was also a meaningful experience. It was honestly strange coming back, and I was a bit stressed because I felt like I didn't have my place anymore. However, the sense of belonging quickly returned, reminding me why I loved being a Phi Theta Kappa member so much and all the amazing things it brought me.



**Marie-Claude holding Petey,
Phi Tau's mascot.**

—Marie-Claude Mutomb

TRC/Catalyst 2026 Reflection

On one great big bus we all climbed in,
Bound for a place where we'd all fit in.
A home for Texans chasing their grades,
And hearts always ready to lend their aid.

We listened close to voices wise,
Whose words lit sparks behind our eyes.
They filled our minds, made thinking tough,
And somehow made our brains feel buff.

We laughed with friends both old and new,
In every moment, joy just grew.
Not once did spirits dip or fall,
There wasn't a hint of blue at all.

The ROs of old then stepped aside,
Letting new leaders rise with pride.
Fresh ideas flowed, unchained, unbound,
As hope and change moved all around.

That night we danced and stayed up late,
Letting go, we celebrated fate.
With music loud and laughter bold,
We felt like stories yet untold.

Then soon we soared on wings of steel,
Chasing dreams we longed to feel.
Over lands so vast and cold,
Toward adventures waiting to unfold.

Our hearts were light, our spirits sure,
Ready for all we would endure.
With every mile, excitement grew,
A journey calling me and you.

We found our comrades, strong and true,
A crew united through and through.
And on our ship, we claimed our course,
Driven by will, not bound by force.

The food was rich, a welcome treat,
Though time slipped by with every seat.
Between each bite and laugh we shared,
We raced the clock, though none quite cared.

Our wisdom stretched in every way,
Through sleepless nights and endless days.
Each lesson learned, each challenge faced,
Left lasting marks we can't erase.

Then came the Gala, dressed our best,
A shining night above the rest.
The stage alive with cheers and sound,
As recognition passed around.

And after that, the dance floor called,
Where every doubt and worry stalled.
We moved as one, carefree and bright,
Lost in the rhythm of the night.

At last, we turned our journeys home,
Some by road and some by chrome.
On wheels or wings, we made our way,
Carrying memories that will stay.

This year has carved what won't degrade,
A thousand bonds that time won't fade,
And though the world may shift and sway,
These moments with us always stay.



Alpha Omicron at Catalyst 2026.

—Ethan Chastain

Reflecting on Phi Theta Kappa

At first glance, many people ask, "Why join Phi Theta Kappa?" However, I have experienced leadership, travel, and academic recognition that the Society offers. As a member, I was not sure what to expect initially. I ran for a chapter officer position in Fall 2025 and was completely unsure of the road to come. I was given two officer roles: Reporter and Co-Honors in Action Vice President. So far, I have been nothing but impressed by the community, support, and academic rigor of this group.

This spring semester, I had the privilege of becoming friends with Nanami, an international student whom I met through my chapter. We traveled with Alpha Omicron to Fort Worth for our first convention. At the time of writing this article, I decided to include an important element, a direct quote from Nanami, regarding the impact of Phi Theta Kappa: "Before joining, I had very limited experience with volunteering or working with others as a team. As an international student, it was especially difficult to find an environment where I felt connected to the community...through events and meetings, I gained opportunities to engage in community activities easily. What impressed me the most was the dedication of the members. Despite having busy schedules, everyone maintains high academic performance. Some are in demanding programs like nursing, while others balance work and school, yet they still contribute actively to the community."

Phi Theta Kappa creates an environment where all students can thrive, grow, and connect with the community. In Fort Worth, our chapter received regional awards. Each member of our officer team was awarded a medal for Distinguished Officer Team and the chapter won the District III Vice President position. I was incredibly grateful for this opportunity and enjoyed attending the convention.

In Baltimore, Maryland, I attended Phi Theta Kappa's international convention, Catalyst. I had never experienced anything like this before. In fact, I went on my first flight. Like-minded individuals surrounded me, and the guest speakers poured into our ability to dream big while also providing the blueprint for achieving success in our own lives.

I became friends with Angie, a new member inducted to my chapter this semester, who was able to attend Catalyst. She hopes to become an officer next year. Angie states, "PTK has brought me new experiences and opportunities to grow my career." I could not agree more. During Catalyst,

a book signing with Amanda Nguyen took place. She is the author of Saving Five: A Memoir of Hope, an activist for women's rights, and an astronaut. This was a monumental moment for me, as I have dreamed of becoming a writer myself. This convention was filled with positive energy and motivational and inspirational speakers who pushed me to grow and challenge myself.

As I end this semester with an associate degree in Medical Office Management from Tyler Junior College and reflect on the past months of travel and involvement with Phi Theta Kappa, I can answer one question with full certainty: "Will I be coming back next year to Phi Theta Kappa?" And the answer is yes. I will continue my involvement, majoring in health administration, despite having a full-time job and being a full-time student, because I believe the community involvement, travel, and leadership experience make the effort worthwhile. I cannot express how excited I am about Alpha Omicron's 2026-2027 academic year!

—Ethan Lux



Alpha Omicron in Fort Worth at 2026 TRC.



Omicron Psi celebrated new members and outgoing officers at their Spring 26 induction.

Dr. Mary Hood STAR Scholarship



Applicants must be a student returning to a community college for the 2026-2027 academic year with a GPA of 3.5 or higher who has completed a total of 15 credit hours and who was enrolled in at least 9 hours during the Spring 2026 semester to receive a Texas STAR scholarship. The Scholarship is contingent on the student being enrolled in at least

9 credit hours each semester the scholarship is awarded (the scholarship is divided into two payments: half in Fall 2026 and the remainder in Spring 2027). The application must be completed in full in order to be considered for an award.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JUNE 18, 2026 AT 11:59 PM CDT

Upcoming Event – Texas Honors Institute

WHERE: TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE

WHEN: JULY 10-12

Check out the Region's Linktree to register!

