



PHI THETA KAPPA[®]

HONOR SOCIETY

2023 PHI THETA KAPPA ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM

RECOGNITION CEREMONY

April 18, 2023

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
Richland Room – Lower Level
1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC 29201

*Presented by the SC Technical College System and
Phi Theta Kappa, International Honor Society of the Two-Year College*

Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team Recognition Ceremony Program

April 18, 2023

Each year, Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the Two-Year College, conducts a program to honor outstanding students from technical, junior and community colleges nationwide.

South Carolina's team members have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and an impressive record of service to their colleges.

Congratulations to the members of South Carolina's 2023 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team.



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9:30 am	College and Student Check-In	Betty Dixon <i>Administrative Coordinator</i> Jennie Brantley <i>Assistant State Coordinator, JAG-SC</i> Heather Goff <i>Program Assistant</i>
10:00 am	Call to Order and Welcome	Dr. Rosline Sumpter <i>Vice President</i>
10:05 am	Phi Theta Kappa Overview	Leroy D. Gibson <i>Student Services and Strategic Initiatives Coordinator</i>
10:10 am	System Office Remarks	Dr. Tim Hardee <i>System President</i>
10:15 am	Phi Theta Kappa Remarks	Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner <i>President and CEO, PTK</i>
10:25 am	Student Recognition	Dr. Aimeé Carter <i>Associate Vice President</i> Jennifer Black <i>Director of Academic Partnerships and Engagement</i> Lane Goodwin <i>Director of Academic and Program Compliance</i>
11:00 am	PTK Advisor of the Year Awards	Dr. Eric Brown <i>Associate Vice President</i>
11:10 am	Final Remarks	Dr. Rosline Sumpter <i>Vice President</i>
11:15 am	Group & General Pictures	All-State Academic Team, Colleges, and Family
11:30 am	End of Ceremony	



Ella Kate Rich (Aiken, SC)

Degree: Associate in Arts – General Arts
Awards/Honors: Outstanding Student Award for Associate in Arts
Activities: Actress, Aiken Community Theatre



Brendaliz Thabiti (Augusta, GA)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing
Awards/Honors: Dean's List; Recipient, Ben & Gen Rhoden Endowed Scholarship; Member: Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter, National Honor Society, Student Nurses Association
Activities: Volunteer: church, Student Nurses Association college events



Charles Jarrod Whiteman (Zanesville, OH)

Degree: Associate in Science
Awards/Honors: Outstanding Student Award for Associate in Science



Cody Brendon Mattingly (Shaw AFB - Sumter, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing
Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List; Recipient, Sandhills Medical Foundation Scholarship; 2021-2022 Student Employee of the Year Award; Member: Phi Theta Kappa - Beta Sigma Phi Chapter, Student Nurses Association
Activities: Volunteer: PTK Chapter events, Student Nurses Association college activities/events



Carlos Anthony Ramirez (Lugoff, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Engineering Design Technology
Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List; Recipient, Six Sigma Yellow Belt Certification; Member, Phi Theta Kappa - Beta Sigma Phi Chapter
Activities: Tutor



Crystal Louise Darby (Orangeburg, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Human Services
Awards/Honors: Member, National Technical Honor Society
Activities: 2022 Miss Human Services; Volunteer: campus food drive, college Treat Event, Reaching Out to the Entire Nation Ministries Worship Center Community Service Program



Andre Martin Payne (Greenwood, MS)

Degree: Associate in Arts – Business Administration
Awards/Honors: President's List; Mr. Denmark Technical College; M.I.R.R.O.R. President (Male Initiative for Recruitment, Reward, and Overall Retention); Member: NJCAA Region 10 All-Academic Team, Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Epsilon Psi Chapter
Activities: Member, college basketball team



Letia Michelle James (Florence, SC)

Degree: Certificate in Applied Science – Essential Web Development
Awards/Honors: GPA 4.0; Student Panelist, Teaching and Learning Tuesday (TLT); Moderator, Black History Health and Wellness Panel Discussions; Recipient: Act with Humility Award from Teach for America-South Carolina, Frank Sessoms Scholarship, DL Scurry Scholarship, Fred Fore Scholarship; Inductee, Nike's Exclusive 90s Club; Selected, Nike's Athlete Spotlight video; Marketing idea showcased in the annual Idea Expo
Activities: President, Student Government Association; Student Ambassador; Member, Pathways to a Brighter Future; Work study, Student Affairs



Gretchen Faith Frayseth (Mauldin, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science
Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List; Member: National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Zeta Sigma Chapter, National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) - Sigma Alpha Pi Chapter; Honor Graduate
Activities: Volunteer: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Parent Teacher Association, Mauldin Cultural Arts Center; Member: CREW Upstate



Melissa Anne Hyatt (Mauldin, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Human Services
Awards/Honors: Recipient: Girl Scout Gold Award, Recovery Coach Certification from Favor Upstate; SC Certified Peer Support
Activities: Vice President of Membership, Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Zeta Sigma Chapter; Volunteer, addictions recovery coach with Favor Upstate



Kara Leanne Medlin (Simpsonville, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Human Services
Awards/Honors: Dean's List; Member, Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Zeta Sigma Chapter
Activities: Volunteer: PTK activities and events, FAVOR Upstate



Anna Elizabeth Romano (Greenville, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Human Services
Awards/Honors: Dean's List; Member, Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Zeta Sigma Chapter
Activities: Event Manager, college's Counseling Center; Member, college's Peer Support Leader Program; Volunteer/Advocate, local community affordable and mental health initiatives and organizations

Midlands Technical College
Dr. Ronald Rhames, President



Tonyea Lynn Daley (Sumter, SC)

Degree: Associate in Science – Mechanical Engineering
Awards/Honors: Member: National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS), Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter, SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society
Activities: Mentor, community youth



Angela Marie Jackson (Cayce, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Dental Assisting
Awards/Honors: President's List; Recipient, Student Ambassador Assembly Support Scholarship
Activities: Vice President of Membership, Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Eta Kappa Chapter; Student Ambassador - Phi Theta Kappa; President, Student Chapter of the American Dental Assistants Association; Student Representative, Dental Assisting Student - College Dental Programs Advisory Committee; Mentor, GED; Speaker, 2022 Graduation Class; Volunteer, Scooter Scott Project



Kenia Rodriguez Lexiur (Lexington, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Management Entrepreneurship
Awards/Honors: Student Honor Roll; Member: Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Eta Kappa Chapter, National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS)
Activities: Volunteer: PTK activities and events, Honors In Action, College Project, church catechist



Natasha Liz, Aponte Marquez (Ponce, Puerto Rico)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Radiologic Technologist
Awards/Honors: Recipient: Alpha Eta Kappa - Certificate of Excellence, Research Edge Award, Culinary Arts and Baking Diploma; Honor student, Interamericana de Ponce, PR
Activities: Public Relations Officer, Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Eta Kappa Chapter



Sam Pendleton McConnell (Columbia, SC)

Degree: Associate in Arts – International Business
Awards/Honors: Academic Honor Roll
Activities: President, National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS)



Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Dr. Marilyn Murphy Fore, President



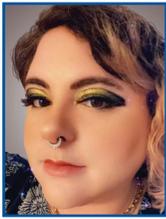
Michaela Leigh Cooper (Conway, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing
Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List; Member: Sigma Kappa Delta (The English Honor Society), Alpha Delta Nu (Nursing Honor Society), Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter
Activities: Volunteer, Alpha Delta Nu Thanksgiving Food Drive; Participant, Scholars Garden Party



Abigail Noble Sellers (Georgetown, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Teacher Education
Awards/Honors: Presidents List; Member, Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter; Life Scholar
Activities: Volunteer: PTK activities and events, community fundraisers



Kathleen Marie Nichols (Lexington, SC)

Degree: Associate in Arts – Applied Psychology

Awards/Honors: Scholars' List; Member, Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Eta Kappa Chapter

Activities: Vice President of Fellowship, Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Eta Kappa Chapter; Academic Advisor, SC TRIO-Upward Bound



Latanya Nicole Wright (Lexington, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Architectural Engineering Technology

Awards/Honors: Recipient: Baptist E&M Young Woman of the Year, Outstanding Church Women United of Columbia Outstanding Young Church Women, Martin Marietta - Cayce Front Entrance Redesign Scholarship, College Foundation Scholarship

Activities: Ambassador, Fibroid Foundation - Lexington SC Chapter; Volunteer: Brookland Baptist Young Woman's Auxiliary (YWA), Brookland Baptist Prison Ministry, Soldiers' Angels; Board Member: Move by FAITH Feeding, Inspiring the Homeless, Hannah House, Lynn Brown Inspires, Young CEO's and Leaders of Tomorrow

Piedmont Technical College

Dr. Hope Rivers, President



Ashley Michelle Capps (Enoree, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Human Services / Associate in Arts

Awards/Honors: President's List; Graduate, Summa Cum Laude; Recipient: Distinguished Student Award, Start2Finish Award, Academic Excellent Award, Human Services Club Dedication Award, National Technical Honor Society Award; Member: Phi Theta Kappa - Omega Chi Chapter, Tau Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

Activities: President, Human Services Club; Secretary, Human Services Honor Society; Student Representative, Human Services Department Council; Volunteer/Organizer, community initiatives and events



Jonathon Franklin Holden (Columbia, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Engineering Design Technology

Awards/Honors: Member, high school varsity football and band

Activities: Volunteer: Mt. Olive Preschool Tuition Fund drive and events, Friarsgate Skate Park fund drive and events



Hannah Elizabeth Simmons (Greenwood, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Veterinary Technology

Awards/Honors: Graduate, Magna Cum Laude - Associate in Arts degree; President's List; Recipient, Merit List Award

Activities: Secretary, Vet Tech Club Communications, Member/Participant: Beta Club, National Honor Society; Volunteer: local food bank, Meals on Wheels, nursing homes



Amaro Sunga (Greenville, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Respiratory Care

Awards/Honors: Recipient: Goodwill CNA Training Program Award, Highest GPA Award in CNA Training Program, Merit List Award, Lonza Endowed Scholarship Award, Manning Family Endowed Scholarship, Early Professional Student Scholarship of SC Society for Respiratory Care (SCSRC)

Activities: College Presidential Ambassador



Northeastern Technical College

Dr. Kyle Wagner, President



Donna Jean Haines (Bennettsville, SC)

Degree: Associate in Science – Healthcare

Awards/Honors: President's List

Activities: Volunteer, 4-H; Member, Marlboro County Advisory Council



Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College

Dr. Walter Tobin, President



Lara Elizabeth Pugh (Orangeburg, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Engineering Design and Technology

Awards/Honors: Member: National Honor Society, Interact Club, SCISA All-Star Debate Team

Activities: Volunteer, PTK events and activities

**Sumayyah Akhira Abdul-Rahim** (Philadelphia, PA)**Degree:** Associate in Arts**Awards/Honors:** Dean's List; Member, Phi Theta Kappa - Beta Sigma Psi Chapter; Recipient: SC Workforce Scholarship for the Future, SCC Career Services Soft Skills Certification**Activities:** Library Assistant**Devin James Scott Bramlett** (Anderson, SC)**Degree:** Associate in Science – Computer Science**Awards/Honors:** Dean's List; Recipient, 2022-2023 Outstanding Student in Phi Theta Kappa**Activities:** Vice President, high school Beta Club; Volunteer, school and community activities and events**Victoria Lynn Murphy** (York, SC)**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Respiratory Care**Awards/Honors:** Dean's List; Member, Phi Theta Kappa - Beta Sigma Psi Chapter; Recipient: South Carolina Society for Respiratory Care (SCSRC) Early Professional Student Scholarship, Ledbetter Junior Memorial Scholarship**Trident Technical College**
Dr. Mary Thornley, President**Soufiane Bouatlaoui** (Hanahan, SC)**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Electrical Engineering**Awards/Honors:** Student Ambassador**Lance Turner Fletcher** (Charleston, SC)**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Hospitality and Tourism Management**Awards/Honors:** Dean's List; Graduate, Summa Cum Laude; Member, Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Epsilon Omicron Chapter**Matthew Bryan Mann** (Orangeburg, SC)**Degree:** Associate in Science**Activities:** Disc Golfing**Ruthanne Elizabeth Wilson** (Goose Creek, SC)**Degree:** Associate in Arts**Awards/Honors:** Member, Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Epsilon Omicron Chapter**Activities:** Volunteer, Lowcountry Food Bank, One80 Place**Kari M. Hill** (Council Bluffs, IA)**Degree:** Associate in Science**Awards/Honors:** Dean's List; President, Phi Theta Kappa - Beta Sigma Psi Chapter; Honoree, HERstory**Activities:** Vice President, Science Club; Volunteer: American Cancer Society, Hopeful Horizons**Rebecca Herndon Ramsey** (Walterboro, SC)**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science – Nursing



Williamsburg Technical College

Dr. Patricia Lee, President



Tabby Tameca Holliday (Summerton, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: Inductee, Who's Who of America; Most Valuable Player (MVP), basketball team; Employee of the Week, Cumberland Farms; Recipient, Appreciation Award (saving a patient's life)

Activities: Volunteer/Participant, four and two-year universities and technical colleges activities and events; Member, International Faith Church



Gabriel Paul McDonald (Clover, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – General Technology – Welding

Awards/Honors: Vice President of Leadership, Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Alpha Iota Chapter; Member: National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS), Executive Leadership Committee, Industrial Engineering Technology Dean's Council; Recipient: Executive Leadership Council Excellence Award, Excellence in Welding Award

Activities: College Representative, Commission on Higher Education Student Advisory Council



Leigh Anne Noland (Camden, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: Distinguished Chapter Member, Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Alpha Iota

Activities: Member: Executive Leadership Council, National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS)

York Technical College

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Dr. Stacey Moore, President



Robert Wayne Canipe (Summerton, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – General Technology - Air Conditioning/Refrigeration

Awards/Honors: Dean's List



Jason Stroud

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing



Christian Michael Howze (Chester, SC)

Degree: Associate in Arts – Dual Enrollment

Awards/Honors: President's List; Chester Senior High School: Virtual Student of the Year, AP Biology Student of the Year; Member, College Board National Rural and Small Town Program; Recipient: Platinum WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate, College Board Big Future's Trailblazer Badge; PTKEdge Recipient, Competitive Excellence: Think Badge, Grow Badge, Connect Badge, Collaborate Badge, Perform Badge

Activities: Member: Junior Civitan, Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Alpha Iota Chapter, Beta Club, Prom Committee, Letters For Destiny, College Board - Big Future; Tutor, Math; Election Poll Manager, Chester County Government; Active, music production and songwriting



Lindsay Marie Woodring (Fort Mill, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: Dean's List; Member, Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Alpha Iota Chapter

Activities: Participant, Phi Theta Kappa activities and events



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The mission of Phi Theta Kappa is to “focus on recognizing and encouraging the academic achievement of college students while providing opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service, and fellowship programming.”

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) advisors provide guidance and supervision to PTK chapters on 2-year college campuses. Advisors promote individual student development and work to increase chapter membership and engagement.

The Phi Theta Kappa Advisor of the Year Award recognizes a chapter advisor or group of advisors who cultivate leadership, increase awareness of PTK, and bridge the gap between colleges and the community via PTK’s initiatives.

Phi Theta Kappa Advisor of the Year nominees were identified by faculty and staff, at their respective colleges, as outstanding leaders who positively impact the chapter, college, and/or local community.

**Florence-Darlington
Technical College**
April Yvonne Cudd
Mary (Allie) Smith

**Greenville
Technical College**
Catherine Blass

**Horry-Georgetown
Technical College**
Beth Caraway
Leila Rogers
Paulette LaValley

**Trident
Technical College**
Ashley Ann Woods

Each nomination was scored in five categories – 1) Student growth and development, 2) Chapter growth and development, 3) Local impact, 4) Student support, and 5) Overall quality of the nomination.

2023 Phi Theta Kappa Advisor of the Year



Ashley Ann Woods
Trident Technical College
Alpha Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa

Notable remarks from the nomination:

- communicates well with the students, realizes unique talents, offers professional development opportunities, and provides assistance with scholarships and service projects
- chapter growth through constant recruitment, reaching out to other chapters for ideas and taking advantage of networking
- promotes PTK to local high schools

Student comment about Ms. Woods: “is always there to help and guide us when we need her. She encourages us and is always an email or a call away. She’s always willing to pitch in whenever it’s needed. When members of our Executive Board are unavailable, we can depend on her to represent us and PTK.”

State of South Carolina Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, South Carolina’s sixteen technical colleges provide quality learning and skill development opportunities for the residents of the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, forty-three students from South Carolina’s technical colleges have been recognized by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society for their outstanding records of academic achievement and for service to their college and local communities; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2023, these forty-three students will be recognized at an awards ceremony sponsored by the South Carolina Technical College System; and

WHEREAS, these students are a testament to the tremendous resources found in the citizens of the Palmetto State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 18, 2023, as

SOUTH CAROLINA’S ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join me in congratulating these students for their commitment to personal excellence.



HENRY MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

