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Honor Society at MSCC Inducts 35 New Members

Mid-South Community College's Beta Epsilon Psi Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society inducted 35 new members during its spring semester ceremony on Tuesday, April 12.

Chapter Vice President Heather Soto from Proctor provided the welcome and address to new members. She talked briefly about her experiences with Phi Theta Kappa and recognized the inductees for their accomplishments.

"I have really enjoyed the time I've spent on service projects and other activities of Phi Theta Kappa," Soto said. "It's a wonderful opportunity. We're very proud of our new inductees, and we're excited to have them as a part of our organization."

Chapter Public Relations Officer Susie Jackson from West Memphis followed with introductions of officers, advisor, and support staff. She also recognized former Phi Theta Kappa officers and current MSCC employees Katherine Stoddard and Kara Madison "for being such a great help to our chapter."

Delia Turner from West Memphis, chapter secretary, explained the organization's symbols, and President Laura Mason from Marion administered the oath of membership.



“These students have fulfilled all requirements for membership and have been selected because they have chosen scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship as their hallmarks,” Mason said.

MSCC inductees for spring 2011 (listed by home towns) are as follows:

CRAWFORDSVILLE – Thomas Evans, Jennifer Gardner, Billy Hale, and Luich Lucio;

HUGHES -- Rhonda Butler;

MARION – Stephanie Dubaniewicz, Lauren Gibson, Justin Guarisco, Stephen Henry, Katie Hutton, Treshauna Lark, Shawn Miltenberger, Nettie Parr, Yvonne Peeler, Mary Webber, and Christina Ray:

MARKED TREE – Kristi Loyd;

MEMPHIS – Torri Reed;

TRUMANN -- Marcia Criswell and Larry Vinson;

TURRELL -- Kristen Holmes

WEST MEMPHIS – Donald Andrews, Debra Carthon, Candice Eaton, Dolores Emerson, Alyson Gray, Julie Hart, Kassie Johnson, Lori King, Jackie Mablin, Laura McDaniel, Irene Michael, Stephanie Rickman, Christi Stanton, and Calvin Wordlaw.

Chartered in the spring of 1997, MSCC’s chapter includes service-oriented students with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher in at least 12 hours of course work leading to an associate degree.

MSCC’s Phi Theta Kappa members participate in a variety of projects to benefit the campus and the community. The Beta Epsilon Psi chapter is actively involved in a book recycling effort and collecting clothing and food items for the Eighth Street Mission in West Memphis.

In addition, in support of the Operation Green initiative encouraging environmental awareness, the local chapter collects recyclable plastic shopping bags in partnership with Wal-Mart to benefit the environment.

Logan Oliver, MSCC English instructor, serves as advisor for the Beta Epsilon Chapter at the college.

“Phi Theta Kappa is a prestigious organization, and meeting the requirements for membership is a remarkable achievement,” he said. “It is gratifying to have the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the academic excellence, leadership, and service that these students demonstrate in our classes and in our community,”

Phi Theta Kappa has recognized academic achievement in two-year colleges since 1918 and is the only internationally-acclaimed honor society serving institutions with associate degree programs. The organization is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.3 million members.