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MSCC Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Assists with Regional Honors Institute

Mid-South Community College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, Beta Epsilon Psi, served as one of four host chapters at the Arkansas/Oklahoma Regional Honors Institute at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro Sept. 28-29.

"Our chapter did a great job representing Phi Theta Kappa and Mid-South Community College," said Chapter Advisor Michelle McMillen, a Communications instructor at MSCC. "I am so proud of them. It is through participating in regional activities that our students have the opportunity to network and learn what other chapters are doing. It was a wonderful experience."

Mid-South's chapter coordinated the regional sales table at the event and actively participated in all aspects of the conference. Beta Epsilon Psi received a plaque of recognition for its efforts before and during the institute.

MSCC attendees included Richard Walker, Marion, President; Patricia Crume, Jericho, Vice President; Andrea Robinson, West Memphis, Treasurer; Douglas Natereli,



West Memphis, member; Patty Natereli, West Memphis, member; Juletha Hancock, West Memphis, member, and McMillen.

The honors students gathered to review and discuss the international honor society's Honors Topic "The Culture of Competition." Guest speakers included professors and other professionals who explored the topic as it related to their fields of expertise.

Eight seminar groups, led by representatives of the Association of Chapter Advisors, Carl Albert State College, Redlands Community College, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, Oklahoma State University-OKC, and Arkansas State University-Mountain Home, convened on Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday morning.

After the conference, students from the various Phi Theta Kappa chapters engaged in further study of the competition topic with a bowling competition at the Jonesboro Bowling Center. Andrea Robinson's team captured first place and earned winners' trophies, and all of the MSCC student participants received gift cards from Chili's for second and third place finishes.

The other host chapters for the event included Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas, Black River Technical College, and ASU-Newport. Additional participants from the Eastern District included National Park Community College, Southeast Arkansas College, Ouachita Technical College, East Arkansas Community College, University of Arkansas Community College Morrilton, Southern Arkansas University Tech, University of Arkansas Community College Batesville, Ozarka College, Pulaski Technical College, and UA Community College Hope.

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.

Phi Theta Kappa has recognized two-year college scholars 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 and 1,100 chapters located in the United States, U.S.

territories, Canada, Germany, and Japan. The three ideals that band PTK members together are wisdom, aspiration, and purity.