

# Winter Phi Theta Kappa Induction

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*Left to right: 2024-2025 Phi Theta Kappa leaders: Malina Siharath, Lindsey Quiroz, Jude Georgeades-Tambara, and Mary Chavez*

Congratulations to the 23 Clark College honors students who became members of Alpha Sigma Phi, the college's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) during this winter term. PTK celebrated these new members at the 2025 Winter Induction Ceremony on March 4.

The official honor society for two-year colleges, PTK recognizes the academic achievement of college students and provides opportunities for its members to grow as scholars and leaders. Clark's first PTK induction ceremony was in 1991.

Students are invited to join PTK when enrolled in at least 12 credits per term and achieve a minimum 3.25 grade point average.

"Phi Theta Kappa is all about recognition," said Darci Feider, PTK advisor. "During our induction ceremony, we recognize people for being scholars, for their achievements, and for being a part of our community."

Additionally, Feider spoke on the importance of storytelling and connecting with the *Honors In Action* project that Phi Theta Kappa submitted in December 2024. Presented by Vice President of Service Jude Georgeades-Tambara, the *Honors in Action* project is a PTK program that combines academic research and service to address issues within students' communities. The project's 2024-2025 theme, *The Power of Storytelling*, was encapsulated in the induction.

## 2024-25 PTK Officers

The 2024-25 PTK officers are Mary Chavez, Vice President of Scholarship; Lindsey Quiroz, Vice President of Fellowship; Jude Georgeades-Tambara, Vice President of Service, and Malina Siharath, Director of Public Relations.

## Officer Applications Open

Officer applications are now open for the 2025-2026 school year. Benefits include professional development, public speaking skills, networking, training, and travel opportunities.

## All-Washington Academic Team

PTK scholars representing Clark College will join PTK scholars from all the state's 34 community and technical colleges to be recognized at the 2025 All-Washington Academic Team ceremony on April 24 at South Puget Sound Community College in Lacey.

The All-Washington Academic Team program recognizes and honors the state's finest higher education students attending two-year colleges. The program has become the showcase for Washington's community and technical colleges because it honors the academic high achievers, the individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to success in their classrooms and in their communities. This recognition demonstrates the state's commitment to scholarship and community service on the part of those attending the state's public community and technical colleges. [Learn more here.](#)

## About Phi Theta Kappa

**Q:** *What is Phi Theta (PTK)?*

**A:** Phi Theta Kappa is the international official Honors

Society for two-year colleges.

*Q: How does PTK benefit students?*

**A:** Phi Theta Kappa recognizes the academic achievement of college students. It provides opportunities for its members to achieve academic and career success through scholarships and leadership training.

*Q: Where are PTK chapters?*

**A:** PTK has a presence at almost 1,300 community college campuses in 11 nations.

*Q: What is the history of PTK?*

**A:** PTK was established in 1918. Later, the American Association of Community Colleges recognized Phi Theta Kappa as the official honor society for two-year colleges in 1929.

*Q: How many students have been inducted into PTK?*

**A:** More than 3.5 million students have been inducted into PTK.

*Q: How many active PTK members are there?*

**A:** There are about 250,000 active PTK members in the nation's community colleges.

## **PTK at Clark College**

Clark College has recognized Phi Theta Kappa as an official honor society since 1991. PTK doesn't just recognize students' academic success. It also provides them opportunities to develop professional and leadership skills, earn scholarships, explore career paths – and make their worlds a lot bigger.

Clark College's Alpha Sigma Phi Chapter

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