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The Brookdale chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the two Year College

Alpha Pi Theta is your local chapter

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society for students in two-year Community Colleges. The society has thousands of members. As a member of our local Brookdale chapter, Alpha Pi Theta, you become a member of Phi Theta Kappa. We represent our chapter by the four Hallmarks: **Leadership, Scholarship, Fellowship and Service**. Our events and activities are established with these four Hallmarks as our basis. As Vice President of Leadership, part of my responsibility is to implement the *Honor Study Topic*. Our society's headquarter assigns a theme each year for all members in the organization to incorporate into their chapter's activities. This year the topic is: "**Customs, Traditions, and Celebrations: The Human Drive for Community.**"

There are many benefits to being a "PTK" member. I could make a list that could go on forever. Well maybe not forever but pretty long. As

students, we all understand the cost of higher education. Or should I say the high cost of higher education. Our organization has many agreements with four-year institutions all over America for transfer *scholarships*. Phi Theta Kappa also has programs that are designed for you to become a *leader* or to enhance your leadership skills in the community. There are also many *service* activities for members to get involved in. Personally, I believe in the long run taking a little time out for others in our community is the most beneficial.

If you are interested in getting involved or finding out more about our activities, please feel free to contact me or any of my fellow officers. Come see us during our office hours (in LAH219), at our general meetings, or send us an e-mail.

- *Meredith Verona,*
VP Leadership

Meet Our New Officers 2001-2002

Hi, I'm Vicki DeVico. I'm a part-time student at Brookdale, majoring in Business Management. Although I have a full-time career in a major corporation, I've found that my studies here have given me tools and insights that have been of great value on the job. Returning to school after all these years has been a rewarding experience for me--I can't believe I waited this long!

I'm the **Secretary** of Alpha Pi Theta--which means I do a little of eve-

rything. My main duties are to take minutes at executive board meetings and be sure records are kept of all our activities throughout the year, but I find myself participating on many committees and helping out at various events.

When I'm not at work, at school or at a PTK event, you can find me helping the Boy Scouts, at the Community Food Bank in Hillside, NJ, helping with fundraisers, or online at AOL, helping people with their computing
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Alpha Pi Theta's Officers in the Executive Board 2001-2002:

President: Tara Bruno

Vice President of **Leadership**:
Meredith Verona

Vice President of **Fellowship**:
Kara Kerek

Vice President of **Scholarship**:
Christopher Letu

Vice President of **Service**:
vacant

Vice President of Membership:
Julie Rutkowski

Vice President of Fundraising:
Denise McGloan

Vice President of Communications:
Kirsten Kristensen

Treasurer: Sandi Abreo

Secretary: Vicki DeVico

Our Chapter Advisor:
Dr. Shahin Pirzad

The above themes in bold, Leadership, Fellowship, Scholarship and Service, represent the four Hallmarks that we strive to stress and implement in our chapter work throughout the year.

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*"People with goals succeed
because they know where
they are going"*

- *Earl Knightingale*

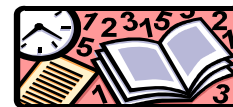
Ask about our See-Do-Be IT
goal-setting program.

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Believing in yourself, is an endless destination



Meet Our New Officers 2001-2002 (cont.)

(cont.) problems. If you see me around campus, feel free to stop me, introduce yourself, and chat...I'd love to meet you and to tell you more about PTK.

Hello my name is **Julie Rutkowski** and I am working on an AA degree in Liberal Arts with a concentration on History and Political Science. Once I graduate Brookdale I hope to transfer to the Rutgers College campus of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

As **VP of Membership**, my duties are to coordinate the orientation and induction of new members. It is a very important responsibility because the first impressions that prospective members observe about the organization determine whether they are willing to become members or not.

Outside of PTK, I enjoy kickboxing, cheerleading and dance.

Iam **Sandi Abreo**. I am a returning adult student with a husband I have been married to for 12 years and with whom I have had two children.

My position is the **Treasurer**. I am very involved with the PTA at both my children's school. I have been a Cub Scout leader for 3 years. I will be serving on the Executive Board for Cub Scouts for all of Tinton Falls. I will also be a Brownie leader for the first time. My major is Psychology and I intend to graduate at the end of the spring semester 2002.

My name is **Kirsten Kristensen**. I am **VP of Communications**. It means that I am responsible for this

newsletter, our website, information in Happenings, and other information and communication necessary. If you have information or want information, please contact me, in person, or send me an e-mail.

I am a Danish citizen, have been in the U.S. for 3 years, married to Per and have two daughters, Maj 11, and Lin 9. I finished an AA degree in Psychology and work on another in Business Management. I have lived in Denmark and Hong Kong. Before moving to the US I had my own company, coaching managers in goal setting and success planning. I hope to be able to pass on a lot of this experience to you, if you join our See-Do-Be IT program.

Hello. My Name is **Meredith Verona** and I am the **VP of Leadership**. My responsibilities are to incorporate activities into our community which comply with our Leadership Hallmark. Another job is to implement activities for our Honor Study Topic: "Customs, Traditions, and Celebrations: The Human Drive for Community." I am a Business Administration major and plan to transfer to a four-year college. When I am not working on a project for our chapter or doing schoolwork you can usually find me working at Lenscrafters.

My name is **Denise McGloan**. I am the **VP of Fundraising**. This means I am responsible for making money for our chapter. Right now I am studying Broadcasting here at Brookdale. When I'm not at school you can find me working at Cath-

erine's Clothing, hanging out with my friends, or spending time with my family.

Hi, my name is **Chris Letu** and I am a Social Science major here at Brookdale. I will be graduating next Spring and after I do hope to be able to attend Drew University.

I am the **VP of Scholarship**. I am responsible for managing the BITTS Project (*Brookdale Igniting Today for Tomorrow's Solutions*) for high school students, and for keeping you members informed of any scholarship opportunities that might be available to you from any of the colleges in New Jersey.

When I am not in class, doing schoolwork, or attending any PTK meetings, I enjoy reading, hiking, and going to the gym (when I have the time).

Hi my name is **Kara Kerek** I am an Accounting major at Brookdale. I am the **VP of Fellowship**. My job is to make sure everyone is enjoying themselves and coming together as a group in a positive productive manner. I usually provide the food at the meetings, I also have little fellowship gatherings where members of Phi Theta Kappa come together and have a great time.

Some of my interests are keeping fit, getting engulfed in a really good book, enjoying great music with my friends, basically living life to it's fullest. I love outdoor activities, poetry and good times. Look for me in the library, or you might catch me at the Internet cafe on an open mic night.