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Kay Helms Appointed Phi Theta Kappa Regional Coordinator

Jackson, MS - Kay Helms, a speech instructor at Athens Technical College in Georgia, Charlie Klein, a mathematics instructor at De Anza College in California; Amy Wolgamott, a speech instructor at Meridian Community College in Mississippi, and Arshi Nisley, an English instructor at Laramie County Community College in Wyoming, have been appointed Regional Coordinators for the Georgia, Nevada/California, Mississippi/Louisiana, and Nebraska/Wyoming Regions by Phi Theta Kappa's Executive Director, Rod A. Risley.

Each of Phi Theta Kappa's 29 regions is directed by a Regional Coordinator who is also an experienced chapter advisor. Regional Coordinators facilitate the integral relationships among chapters in the region, between Phi Theta Kappa and the chapters, and between the Society and the two-year colleges within the region.

Helms, winner of a 2008 Distinguished Advisor Award, has served as Phi Theta Kappa advisor to the Alpha Tau Zeta Chapter at Athens Technical College for six years. Klein, an advisor to the Alpha Sigma Alpha Chapter at De Anza College since 1981, has served as Chairman of the Association of Chapter Advisors. Wolgamott, who is working on her Ph.D. in community college leadership, has served as advisor of the Nu Epsilon Chapter at Meridian Community College since 2004. Nisley, a certified instructor in Phi Theta Kappa's Leadership Development Studies program, has served as advisor of the Alpha Omega Zeta Chapter at Laramie County Community College since 2007.

"Serving as Regional Coordinator provides significant professional leadership opportunities and significant exposure for the individual's college," Risley said. "Education leaders throughout the state will come to respect their leadership ability, as we have at Phi Theta Kappa. Kay, Charlie, Amy, and Arshi's participation in Phi Theta Kappa's international conferences and programs will position their colleges in the educational arena as institutions committed to providing students and faculty with quality academic programming."

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, is the largest honor society in American higher education with 1,250 chapters on two-year and community college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates and U.S. territorial possessions. More than two million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 100,000 students inducted annually.

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