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**AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE PHI THETA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 3-5, 2008 - The Alpha Tau Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Athens Technical College received the following awards at the 2008 Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 3-5, 2008:

Top 100 Chapter

Distinguished Chapter Advisor Award - Kay Helms

Paragon Award For New Advisors - Dr. Randall Fameree

Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction - Dr. Flora Tydings

This year, nearly 500 chapters competed for the Society's most coveted awards. The Hallmark Awards Program is the Society's capstone awards competition annually recognizing excellence in programs that promote the Phi Theta Kappa Hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship. Exceptional members, officers, advisors, college administrators and chapters are recognized annually at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention for their achievements.

Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the Two-Year College, has recognized academic excellence in the two-year college since 1918. The Society is comprised of more than 1,250 chapters at community, technical and junior colleges in all 50 of the United States, in Canada, Germany, U.S. Territories, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, the United Arab Emirates, the Republic of Palau and the British Virgin Islands, making it the largest and most prestigious honor society serving two-year colleges. Membership is based primarily upon academic achievement. The organization offers a myriad of opportunities for scholarships, intellectual enrichment and personal development through programs based on the Society's Hallmarks.