



News Release

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Athens, GA—The Alpha Tau Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Athens Technical College received several Hallmark awards at the honor society's 2009 international convention held in April in Grapevine, TX.

The Alpha Tau Zeta Chapter received an International Top 25 Distinguished Chapter Award, an International Top 100 Chapter Award, the International Five Star Chapter Award, and the International Scholarship Hallmark Award.

Cheri Griffin, president of the Alpha Tau Zeta Chapter during the 2007-2008 academic year, received the International Distinguished Chapter President Award, while Kathleen Roberts, chapter president for 2008-2009, received the Sarah Anne Staples Award. Ms. Roberts also received the Georgia Region Scholarship to attend the 2009 Honors Institute, which will be held in June at the University of Richmond in Richmond, VA.

Over 500 chapters competed for the honor society's most coveted awards. The Hallmark Awards program is the society's capstone awards competition, and it annually recognizes excellence in programs that promote the Phi Theta Kappa hallmarks of scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship. Exceptional members, officers, college administrators, and chapters are recognized annually at the international convention for their achievements.

Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, has recognized academic excellence 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, as well as in Canada, Germany, U.S. Territories, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, the United Arab Emirates, the Republic of Palau, and the British Virgin Islands.

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Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is primarily based upon academic achievement. The organization offers opportunities for scholarships, intellectual enrichment, and personal development through programs based on the society's hallmarks.

Kay Helms, speech instructor, and Dr. Randall Fameree, anatomy and physiology instructor, serve as advisors for the Athens Technical College Chapter.

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