

2021 PHI THETA KAPPA ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM

RECOGNITION CEREMONY

April 22, 2021 Virtual

Presented by the SC Technical College System and Phi Theta Kappa, International Honor Society of the Two-Year College

State of South Caroling Sovernor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, South Carolina's sixteen technical colleges provide quality learning and skill development opportunities for the residents of the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, forty-three students from South Carolina's technical colleges have been recognized by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society for their outstanding records of academic achievement and for service to their college and local communities; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2021, these forty-three students will be recognized at a virtual awards ceremony sponsored by the South Carolina Technical College System; and

WHEREAS, these students are a testament to the tremendous resources found in the citizens of the Palmetto State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2021, as

SOUTH CAROLINA'S ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join me in congratulating these students for their commitment to personal excellence.

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Each year, Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the Two-Year College, conducts a program to honor outstanding students from technical, junior and community colleges nationwide.

South Carolina's team members have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and an impressive record of service to their colleges.

Congratulations to the members of South Carolina's 2021 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team.



Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team Recognition Ceremony Program

Virtual • April 22, 2021 at 9:45 am

9:45 am	College and Student Check-In	Betty Dixon Administrative Coordinator Kim Burkett Program Assistant
10:00 am	Call to Order and Welcome	Dr. Rosline Sumpter Interim Vice President for Academics, Student Affairs and Research
10:05 am	Phi Theta Kappa Overview	Austin Floyd Student Services and Strategic Initiatives Coordinator
10:10 am	System Office Remarks	Dr. Tim Hardee System President
10:15 am	Former PTK Member Remarks	Antonia Adams 2020 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team
	114	Dr. Aimeé Carter Director of Academic Partnerships and Engagement
10:20 am	Student Recognition	Lane Goodwin Director of Academic and Program Compliance
		Emily Fox Academic Project Coordinator
10:55 am	PTK Advisor of the Year Award	Dr. Eric Brown Associate Vice President & Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator for Student Affairs
11:00 am	Final Remarks	Dr. Rosline Sumpter Interim Vice President for Academics, Student Affairs and Research
11:05 am	General Picture	Team, Colleges, and Family
11:10 am	Group Virtual Picture	All-State Academic Team
11:15 am	End of Ceremony	



Aiken Technical College

Dr. Forest Mahan, President



Becki Leitner Berry (Gilbert, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: Dean's List: Member, 2021 PTK All-State Team

Activities: Volunteer, Keep America Beautiful



Heather Renee Lockhart-Lamar (Belvedere, SC)

Degree: Associate in Arts – Business Transfer

Awards/Honors: Member, Alpha Xi Lambda of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society - Distinguished Achievements in Regional Programs; Recipient, Ashley J. Little Endowment Scholarship, Founding Fathers Scholarship

Activities: Volunteer: Local race, Soup kitchen



Hannah Elizabeth Reason (Aiken, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Early Childhood Education

Awards/Honors: Recipient: Super Smart Girl, Celebration of Character, Most Outstanding Student of the Year awards

Activities: Volunteer: ACTS Senior Food Program, Assisted Living Blanket Drive and Visitation Program, Run United Race, Earth Day, Aiken Museum, School Supply Drive. Vacation Bible School



Central Carolina Technical College Dr. Kevin Pollock. President



Loretta P. Brown (Sumter, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Human Services

Awards/Honors: President's List; Member: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Central Carolina Technical College's Management Advisory Council: Recipient. Foundation Scholarship

Activities: 2021 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Team



Torie Elizabeth Williamson (Sumter, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Paralegal

Awards/Honors: President's List; Phi Theta Kappa Carolina's Region Hall of Honor; Member, 2021 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team

Activities: President, Beta Eta Pi; Volunteer: Community Clean-ups, Faculty and Staff Luncheons, Angel Tree Project, Ronald McDonald House; Student Representative, Paralegal Advisory Committee; Ambassador, Paralegal Program



Felix Anthony Wilson (Sumter, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Advanced Air Conditioning and Heating

Awards/Honors: President's List; Recipient: Outstanding Work Study Award, TRIO Academic Wall of Fame, TRIO Grant, TRIO Scholarship

Activities: Participant: 22nd Wanda Hendricks-Bellamy (WHB) Student Leadership Conference, NAPE Equity Summit, Clemson Men of Color National Summit, Student Leadership & Diversity Conference, Central Carolina Technical College's Thanksgiving Giveaway







Angelon Daquan Brooks (Denmark, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Electromechanical Engineering Technology Awards/Honors: Member: Phi Theta Kappa, 2021 PTK All-State Team



Elizabeth Nichole Shirey (Barnwell, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: Member: National Honor Society, 2021 PTK All-State Team

Activities: Member. Health Science Club



Florence-Darlington Technical College

Mr. Edward Bethea. Interim President



Dr. Marilyn Murphy Fore. President





Faraji Franklin Sadek Jones (Dillon, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Electronics Engineering Technology

Awards/Honors: President's List: Dean's List: Member. 2021 Phi Theta Kappa

All-State Team: Recipient, Tech Stars Scholarship

Activities: WIOA Youth Program



Matthew Jacob Defreitas (Fort Bragg, NC)

Degree: Associate in Science - Transfer

Awards/Honors: 4.0 GPA, Summa Cum Laude; President's List; Recipient, Life Scholarship; 2021 Carolinas Region Hall of Honor; 2021 Carolinas Region Distinguished Chapter Officer: Member, 2021 All-State Academic Team

Activities: Vice President of Scholarship, Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society; Participant: College Project, Honors in Action Project; Volunteer, PTK Scholar's Dash/Local Beach Sweep



Greenville Technical College

Dr. Keith Miller, President



Ola Louisa Watson (Pawleys Island, SC)

Degree: Associate in Arts - Transfer

Awards/Honors: Recipient, "Service in Action" Award, Project Challenge of N.C.

Activities: Member: Board of Advisors, Florence Crittenton of N.C., Early Grade Reading Action Council, Black River United Way; Immediate Past Member: Board of Directors, Students In The Word, Board of Directors, State of N.C. Juvenile Services Association



Lawanda Kay Croom (Pelahatchie, MS)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: Dean's List

Activities: Volunteer, Meals on Wheels: Member, Student Nursing Association







John Anthony Johnson (Greenville, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science - Cybersecurity Awards/Honors: President's List: Dean's List



Adam Steven Broome (Pendleton, SC)

Degree: Associate in Science - Transfer

Awards/Honors: Magna Cum Laude; President's List; Recipient, Trustee Scholarship: Nominee: MTC Outstanding Student in Science. All-USA Academic. Coca-Cola Academic Team

Activities: President, Alpha Eta Kappa Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa; Initiated college platform for mental wellness; Part-time Tutor



Eric Theodore Lewis

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Machine Tool Technology and Auto Body Repair

Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List; Member, PTK; 2021 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team; Recipient: Lockheed Martin Foundation Fellowship, Gregory Bernard Shaloski Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Activities: Founding Member. Belton Beautification Committee: Founder/Market Manager, Belton Farmers Market: Cartoonist and Author, Published Short Stories, Poetry, and Essays



Megan NaRae Livingston (Aiken, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Dental Hygiene

Awards/Honors: President, MTC Student Dental Hygiene Alliance; Member, Phi Theta Kappa; Recipient: Ester Wilkins Hu-Friedy Scholarship, Savanah River Site Scholarship, Sarah Rhames Scholarship

Activities: Volunteer/Participant: Virtual Career Fair - Interviewed for Dental Hygiene Video, Harvest Hope Food Can Drive, Sistercare Bake Sale, Boo at the Zoo. Dental Week Elementary School Presentation



Corey R. Wells (Columbia, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science - Paralegal

Awards/Honors: President's List

Activities: Volunteer, Non-profit Organizations; Sponsor, Supplies Instructional

Materials for Underserved Community



Northeastern Technical College

Dr. Kyle Wagner, President



Carol Shea Linton (Society Hill, SC)

Degree: Associate in Science - Transfer

Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List; Member, 2021 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team; Semifinalist, 2021 Cooke College Scholarship; 2020 Carson Scholar

Activities: President and Vice President, Student Government Association; Member: Alpha Kappa Theta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, National Technical Honor Society, National BETA Club; College Representative, ACCT Community College National Legislative; Community Volunteer



Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College

Dr. Walter Tobin, President



Andre Jamal Johnson (Orangeburg, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Engineering Instrumentation **Awards/Honors:** Dean's List; 2021 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team

Activities: Member: Phi Theta Kappa, The Society for Collegiate Leadership &

Achievement (SCLA)



Piedmont Technical College

Dr. Hope Rivers, President



Heather Dawn Deel (Pomaria, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Accounting

Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List; Member: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, 2021 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team; Recipient: 2020 Judy Daulton Accounting Scholarship. 2020 Coca Cola Leader's of Promise Scholarship.

Activities: Member, Very Involved Person's (VIP) Club; Ambassador, Newberry Opera House



Alyssa Nicole Flynn (Newberry, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science - Nursing

Awards/Honors: President's List; Member: National Technical Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, 2021 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team

Activities: Representative, Phi Theta Kappa at ICC (Interclub Council)



Madalyn Elyse Harris (Ninety-Six, SC)

Degree: Associate in Arts – Healthcare Certificate

Awards/Honors: Converse Scholar; Presbyterian Fellow; National Honors Society; National Technical Honors Society; Junior Marshal; Member, 2021 All-State Academic Team; Recipient, Coca-Cola Scholarship; Student Body President, Ninety-Six High School; Top 4% graduating class, Ninety-Six High School; Selected for MUSC Mentorship Program

Activities: Presidential Ambassador; Panelist, SC Technical College System-TLT Session; Presidential Ambassador Admissions Position employee; Speaker, PTC Parent's Night - Topic: Dual Enrollment; Member: HOSA, Praise and Worship Team







Al'Valon Je'Keria Allen (Boiling Springs, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: Dean's List, Recipient: Lula Spencer Scholarship, Tri-County Nursing Association Scholarship; President, National Technical Honors Society; Member, Phi Theta Kappa; CNA Certified

Activities: Student Ambassador; Past-President, Future Business Leaders of America; Atlantis Fellow; Member: Chorus, Multicultural Club; Co-founder of Forever More Event Planning



Melissa Jennifer Poole (Leon, IA)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: Member: Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society: Recommended member, National Technical Honor Society

Activities: Volunteer: Homeless Shelter, Animal Shelter



Technical College of the Lowcountry

Dr. Richard Gough, President







Kimberly May Lunceford (Port Wentworth, GA)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science - Nursing

Awards/Honors: President's List; Girl Scout Volunteer of Excellence; President, Alpha Lambda Beta Chapter of PTK; Recipient, Macgregor Kilpatrick Memorial Scholarship

Activities: Volunteer: America's Second Harvest Food Drive, Coastal Health District; Girl Scout Leader; Member, Biker's Against Bullies U.S.A., Beaufort, SC Chapter



Sydney S. Pollins

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Radiologic Technology **Awards/Honors:** 2021 Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-State Team



Tri-County Technical College *Dr. Galen DeHay, President*



Haley Brooke Marchbanks

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Early Care and Education **Awards/Honors:** 2021 Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-State Team



Douglas Charles McClure

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – CNC Programming and Operations **Awards/Honors:** 2021 Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-State Team



Morgen Symone Brown (North Charleston, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: Dean's List

Activities: Member: Student Nurse Association, Phi Theta Kappa



David Golden Burgess

Degree: Associate in Arts

Awards/Honors: 2021 Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-State Team



Kellie Sams Clarke (Charleston, SC)

Degree: Associate in Arts - Hospitality and Tourism

Awards/Honors: 2021 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team

Activities: Volunteer, Surfers Healing



Dasaray Fyall (Charleston, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Computer Technology-Information Systems

Awards/Honors: 2021 Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-State Team



Julianna Nicole Gomez (Flat Rock, MI)

Degree: Associate in Science - Computer Science

Awards/Honors: 2021 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team

Activities: Volunteer, Pet Helpers



Lillian Rose Gurnicz (Missoula, MT)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science - Dental Hygiene

Awards/Honors: 2021 Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-State Team



Nicholas T. Wilson (Summerville, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Horticulture

Awards/Honors: Dean's List

Activities: Part-time student; Full-time employee, Town of Summerville



Naomi Tara Mendenhall (Santa Cruz, CA)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: Dean's List

Activities: Volunteer: Lowcountry Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy (LEAP),

Bohicket Blooms





Victoria Louise Moen (Charleston, SC)

Degree: Associate in Science - Network Administration and Cybersecurity

Awards/Honors: Dean's List

Activities: Veteran, United States Air Force; Volunteer, Veteran's Administration



Degree: Associate in Arts – Arts
Awards/Honors: Dean's List
Activities: Member, Phi Theta Kappa



Nadia Emily Siekert

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Veterinary Technology

Awards/Honors: 2021 Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-State Team

Activities: Volunteer Veterinary Technician, Allendale County Animal Shelter





Marlaina Deandrea Spencer (West Columbia, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Human Resources

Awards/Honors: 2021 Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-State Team; Dean's List



Michele Ann Nunziata (Rock Hill, SC)

Degree: Associate in Arts – Business Administration

Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List; President, Alpha Alpha Iota Chapter

of Phi Theta Kappa

Activities: Volunteer: 2019 Phi Theta Kappa Riversweep, CMPD's Animal Care

and Control Kitten Nursery



Allyson Beth Velkovich (Rock Hill, SC)

Degree: Associate in Science

Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List; Member: BCAS Dean's Council,

National Society of Leadership and Success

Activities: Participant, Phi Theta Kappa activities



Vanya R. Stewart (Charleston, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Radiologic Technology

Awards/Honors: Member, Phi Theta Kappa

2021 Phi Theta Kappa Advisor of the Year Nominations

The mission of Phi Theta Kappa is to "Recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and; Provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming."

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) advisors provide guidance and supervision to PTK chapters on 2-year college campuses. Advisors promote individual student development and work to increase chapter membership and engagement.

The Phi Theta Kappa Advisor of the Year Award recognizes a chapter advisor or group of advisors who cultivate leadership, increase awareness of PTK, and bridge the gap between colleges and the community via PTK's initiatives.

Phi Theta Kappa Advisor of the Year nominees were identified by faculty and staff, at their respective colleges, as outstanding leaders who positively impact the chapter, college, and/ or local community.

Greenville Technical College Catherine Blass

Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Beth Caraway
Heather Jones
Leila Rogers

Spartanburg Community College Warren "Tim" Arnold Dr. Akash Garg Katie L. Marchbanks

> Trident Technical College Carmela Gordon Daryl Milligan Mozell Rollerson Christine Solomon

Each nomination was scored in five categories – 1) Student growth and development, 2) Chapter growth and development, 3) Local impact, 4) Student support, and 5) Overall quality of the nomination.

2021 Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Team of the Year



Katie Marchbanks, Warren "Tim" Arnold, Dr. Akash Garg Spartanburg Community College Beta Sigma Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa

During the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, this chapter was forced to stop meeting. This team of advisors organized the "rebirth" of the chapter and encouraged their students to successfully achieve the five-star status they had set out to reach pre-pandemic.

Notable accomplishments:

Chapter Membership: 300 students

2020 Reach Rewards Recipient: The Reach Rewards is a program that recognizes the recruitment efforts of chapters that are growing in membership.

2020 Five Star Chapter Recognition: The Five Star Chapter Plan is PTK's guide for building strong, engaged chapters. Chapters are encouraged to set goals at the beginning of each calendar year to reach a certain level based on the PTK activities and programs in which they participate. Chapters are recognized yearly in obtaining the set goals.

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2021 Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Team of the Year

Excerpts from the team's nomination:

"The college has been positively impacted through the chapter's collaboration with collegewide initiatives and by virtue of state and regional recognitions. The local community is benefitting from the participation of the chapter members to improve the overall welfare of those living in the community."

Spartanburg Community College student, Nicolas Rodriguez, Vice President, Beta Sigma Psi Chapter:

"The PTK advisory team exemplifies what it means to be leaders...Dr. Garg, Mrs. Marchbanks, and Mr. Arnold have displayed compassion, leadership, sincerity, and kindness throughout the year, even amongst the hurdles faced with the pandemic. They helped us evolve not only as students, but as better people. If anyone deserves a nomination, it is our SCC advisors."

Spartanburg Community College student, Ysamin Carrera, President, Beta Sigma Psi Chapter:

"Our advisors have done an excellent job keeping us motivated and pushing us to reach our goals. After the COVID-19 shut down, within a month, our chapter managed to become a 5-star chapter, thanks to our supportive and understanding advisors... Each advisor is kindhearted and uplifting, but together they truly make an outstanding group of advisors."



