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2019

**PHI THETA KAPPA
ALL-COLORADO ACADEMIC TEAM**

Recognition Ceremony and Luncheon

March 13, 2019

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DR. RYAN ROSS

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In 2016, after fourteen years of educational work, he transitioned from the leadership team at the Community College of Denver to the American Petroleum Institute, based in Washington D.C., as the Regional Manager for Mobilization. Honoring his commitment to leadership development and community, Ryan simultaneously accepted an appointment by former Denver mayor, the Honorable Wellington E. Webb to

lead the Urban Leadership Foundation of Colorado (ULFC), which focuses on diversifying boards, commissions, and C-suites while also building the next generation of African American leaders in the greater Denver Metropolitan area.

In addition to ULFC, Ryan currently serves as a trustee for J.K. Mullen High School, the Denver Botanic Gardens, the Denver African American Philanthropy group, and owns a boutique speaking and consulting firm called Stirred UP Enterprises.

"I believe education is the great equalizer and community college is the pathway to address the educational underachievement that has affected so many in our state and the pipeline to ensure our economy and workforce is strong."



**ARAPAHOE
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

LITTLETON CAMPUS



Jami Helmig

Jami Helmig began her studies at ACC in the fall of 2017. She has earned recognition on the Dean's List (3.50 - 3.74 term

GPA) and will complete her final clinical rotation and earn her AAS degree (Physical Therapist Assistant) this spring. Jami aspires to work as a PTA in an acute ICU setting or skilled nursing facility, promoting health awareness and assisting physical/emotional trauma victims through manual & massage therapy. Her interests also include yoga, acupuncture, meditation and group discussions. Jami, who earned her GED and massage license prior to enrolling at ACC, plans to eventually transfer to a four-year institution.



Ryan Holmes

Ryan Holmes is the President of the Colorado/Wyoming

Region of Phi Theta Kappa. Formerly the VP of Honors in Action for ACC's Sigma Phi Chapter, he currently serves as the ACC Student Government representative (Treasurer) on the State Student Advisory Committee. Ryan began his studies at ACC in 2017 and has earned recognition on the President's List and Dean's List. He works as a tutor in the Student Success Center and is involved with the Astronomy Club and Philosophy Club. Ryan will earn his associate degree (History) this May and hopes to be accepted at either Yale or Cornell this fall. He aspires to earn a Ph.D. and teach history.



Ellie Mayer

Ellie Mayer is the Regional Vice President of Colorado for the CO/WY Region of Phi Theta Kappa. She also serves

as VP of Leadership for ACC's Sigma Phi Chapter. Ellie, who served as Sigma Phi's Vice President of Fundraising in 2017-18, has attended ACC as a concurrent enrollment student throughout her high school career (Two Roads Charter School). She completed her associate degree (Biology) last fall and is taking classes to fulfill her high school diploma this spring. Ellie, a Boettcher Scholarship finalist, has amassed a 4.0 cumulative GPA. She will attend CSU this fall to study Biology and aspires to become a forensic toxicologist.



**COLORADO
NORTHWESTERN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

CRAIG CAMPUS



Mario Lewis

Mario grew up in Panguitch until he was 15. He then moved to Vernal, Utah, where he

completed high school. He was awarded the Sterling Scholar for Science award. Mario was married right out of high school and has been married for over 15 years. He and his wife have three children. At 20 years of age, Mario joined the Army, and served over 7 years until medically discharged due to head injuries. These injuries exacerbated an underlying Tourette's Syndrome. Mario earned an AS from CNCC last year and will receive an AA this year. Mario is also currently enrolled in ASU Online and is pursuing a Bachelor's in Biological Science.

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RANGLEY CAMPUS

Preslee Bunch

Preslee grew up in Grand Junction, Colorado. In 8th grade she decided it was her dream to

become a Dental Hygienist. She chose CNCC because of their prestigious dental hygiene program. Her passion is to help others, and biggest career goal is to travel to impoverished countries and provide free dental care. She is currently President of Student Government and CNCC's Student State Advisory Council Representative. She is also a Student Ambassador and served as the Beta Epsilon Tau President of Phi Theta Kappa during the 2017-2018 academic year.



COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF AURORA



Cameron Fall

Cameron Fall moved to Colorado after graduating high school in 2014. He started attending the

Community College of Aurora in the fall of 2017 and will graduate with an Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education in May of 2019. At CCA, Cameron was invited to join Phi Theta Kappa. His second and third semesters he was able to make it onto the President's List and maintain a 4.0 GPA. After graduating Cameron plans on returning to CCA to attain his Early Childhood Director Certificate before moving on to CU to attain his degree in Education and Human Development.



Jean Philippe Ochoumare

Jean Philippe Ochoumare began attending the Community College of

Aurora in January 2017. Jean Philippe is an International student from the Republic of Benin, a country located in West Africa. While his home country has a good educational system, he chose to come to the United State for the opportunities a western degree provides. Jean Philippe will graduate this spring with an Associate's degree in Business, with an emphasis in Entrepreneurship. His goal is to transfer to a four-year university and venture in a career related to fashion, for that is his passion.



COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF DENVER



Robert Mastronardi

Robert graduates with an associate of arts with a designation in communications and a second associate of arts

with a designation in political science. He is among the first accepted to the University of Denver for the Fall 2019 class as a transfer student to continue studies focusing on communications and political science with a full ride on basis of academic excellence and community leadership. Robert plans to seek employment as a director of communications for either a political campaign, public office, or international nonprofit organization. He has been honored as a "Most Outstanding Student of Colorado Community College System" in 2018 and is a Semifinalist for the highly competitive national Jack Kent Cooke Transfer Scholarship.



COMMUNITY
COLLEGE OF
DENVER

of the Alpha Mu Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Christina Adjiman

Christina was awarded an Associate’s of Science degree last December, and served as the Executive Vice President

complicated her experience as a student, but has also allowed her to advocate for others dealing with mental illness. She hopes to help end the stigma associated with seeking help. Violet is president of the Student Government Association and the Feminist Uprising Collective at FRCC-Boulder County.

LARIMER CAMPUS



**FRONT RANGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

BOULDER COUNTY CAMPUS



Elena (Len) Barrera

Len is working toward an A.S. and plans to transfer to CU-Boulder to earn a master’s degree in mechanical engineering. As a child



Jasmyn Brecheisen

Jasmyn is in her fifth semester at FRCC. She is working toward a degree in psychology, and plans to continue on to a Ph.D. in developmental

psychology. Her career goal is to work with kids using creative therapies, such as art therapy. This field of study appealed to her because she feels strongly that being mentally healthy is critically important, especially for kids who may feel lost due to mental health issues. Jasmyn volunteers as a “homework helper” at The Matthews House, which empowers young adults and families in transition to navigate through difficulties on the road to self-sufficiency. She’s also enjoys playing piano and reading.

her family struggled, and she was forced to drop out of high school, while she and her six sisters lived at friends’ homes or in spare trailers. Now a first generation college student-as well as a working single parent-she has overcome many challenges to become a role model for her three-year-old daughter. An environmentalist at heart, Len has a desire to help people live in more environmentally friendly ways through technology. She chairs the State Student Advisory Council and is SSAC’s representative to SBCCOE.



Violet Stoudt

Violet is working toward an A.A. in women’s studies, and plans to transfer to CU-Boulder’s Women and Gender



Gilbert Castaneda

Gilbert became a father at a young age. He dropped out of high school as a sophomore and started working

as a construction laborer to provide for his young family. His wife went back to school in 2016 and earned a degree in early childhood education, which inspired Gilbert to go back for a degree. The first in his family to go to college, he is now working toward an A.A. in criminal justice, and plans to pursue a bachelor’s degree next. He volunteers at a youth program

Studies Department (and participate in the INVST leadership program). Her goal is to break down barriers-including the oppression of marginalized communities-and improve society for all people. Violet’s struggle with bipolar disorder has

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in Wellington, and wants to work in a career field that will allow him to help the community and be a positive role model and mentor by working with at-risk youth.



Shana Yates

A nursing student at FRCC, Shana plans to complete her bachelor of science degree. She chose this field because

she finds the human body “fascinating,” and she enjoys taking care of people. An adult learner, she says it was difficult to quit her full-time job in order to go back to school—and she recalls that learning how to be a student again was harder than she expected, but she has proudly stuck with it into her fourth semester at FRCC. Shana’s medium-term goal is to work in a hospital, to gain more hands-on experience but she doesn’t intend to stop there. Once she is eligible, she intends to earn her MSN, specializing as a nurse-midwife.

WESTMINSTER CAMPUS



Jamie Lynn Barth

Jaime earned her GED at 17, then started working and raising a family. After a family tragedy left her widowed with two kids,

she went back to school. She completed her A.A. (with psychology designation) in December. Jaime now has junior status at UNC and has begun taking classes toward a B.A. in psychology. After that, she wants to work with adolescents. A family history of mental illness, alcohol and drug dependency drives her interest, as well as a simple desire to help people. Single parenting her 12- and 15-year-old sons keeps Jaime in constant motion. She made the President’s List in fall 2017 and 2018, and graduated cum laude.



Sophia Maisano

Sophia is keeping her left and right brain active by working on both an associate degree in art history and a business

owner’s certificate. She’ll use the certificate in her daily work when she takes over for the owner of the auto repair shop where she works. She chose art history because it “feeds her soul,” while classes like accounting have immediate applications for her work. A mom of three kids, she is also a first-generation college student (as well as a first-generation American). She found returning to school at age 37 both “liberating and humbling,” but she knows her hard-working immigrant parents would be very proud of her.



David Olguin

David came back to school from a career in NYC, where he worked as an industry leader for companies like Lacoste.

Despite having landed on two feet as an adult, he had struggled as a kid. His mom worked hard to support her family as a single parent, and his older brother went to prison at 18—forcing David to grow up fast at age 14. He’s now the first person in his family to go to college—and is working toward an A.A., plus a certificate in interior design. He plans to transfer to Metropolitan State University of Denver to focus on Chicano studies. President of the Latinx club, he combines his passion for advocacy, writing and community building to give Latinx people a voice.



LAMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Shuamae Maestas

Shuamae Maestas started at LCC in the nail tech program, but after a successful semester and with the guidance of her instructor

Kendra King, she decided to continue in the Cosmetology program, which she loves. She is also thinking of continuing with the barbering add-on for licensed cosmetologists. Shuamae has passion for beauty and a drive to make it her career. She enjoys making other people feel special when getting their hair or nails done. Shuamae is a first generation college student and will graduate in May with a cosmetology certificate. After graduating and completing her licensure exams, she plans to open her own salon.



Keith Mergenthal

Keith Mergenthal is a sophomore at LCC, pursuing a career in communications and public relations. He

currently serves as the Public Relations Officer for LCC's Beta Eta Gamma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Through that position, he organized an on-campus drive for Toys for Tots and Food for Families. In addition to being a full-time student, Keith is also on the LCC golf team and is recovering from a back injury sustained this past fall. He has been recognized at LCC for his high level of engagement, involvement across campus, and his no-quit attitude. Keith will be graduating with honors in May of 2019 with his Associate of Arts degree.



MORGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Mikala Daughenbaugh

Mikala Daughenbaugh will graduate May 2019 from Morgan Community College with an Associate of Applied Science Physical

Therapist Assistant degree. She has been recognized for her leadership at MCC in numerous areas, including her involvement in assessing campus facilities for Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, conducting health screenings for students with disabilities at Med Fest, organizing a Special Olympics swim meet, and assisting with the MCC Employee Health Fair. Mikala is excited to pursue her career as a Physical Therapist Assistant and to make a positive influence on patients as they work through their rehabilitation.



Lizbeth Gonzalez

Lizbeth Gonzalez, a first-generation college student, will graduate May 2019 from Morgan Community College

with an Associate of Applied Science in Radiologic Technology. She has been recognized on the college's President's List and for her volunteer service with MCC. Lizbeth plans to seek employment after graduation with a local health organization, where she can use her education to help build a healthier community. Lizbeth, bilingual in Spanish and English, intends to help provide better health care and service to the Spanish speaking community. She volunteers with the local Recreation Department, where she coaches youth in sport activities.

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Vanesa Sanchez

Vanesa Sanchez, a first-generation college student, will graduate May 2019 from Morgan Community College with

an Associate of Arts degree and transfer to the University of Northern Colorado. Vanesa plans to pursue a career in higher education and serve as an academic advisor, where she can help students succeed regardless of their circumstances. Vanesa is actively involved with Student Life, serves in the Student Government Association, and is the current President of MCC's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She is passionate about serving her community, and has helped raise money for the Humane Society and Rising Up homeless services.



Brandy Savage

Brandy Savage, a first-generation college student and Air Force veteran, will graduate May 2019 from Morgan

Community College with an Associate Degree in Nursing. She plans to transfer to a four-year college to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Influenced by nurses who helped immediate family during their illnesses, Brandy intends to provide the same excellent care and advocacy they received. She is very passionate about patient care, in particular medical care for veterans, and plans to pursue a career as a registered nurse at a Veteran Affairs Hospital.



NORTHEASTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE



Jordan Matthews

Jordan was born and raised in Sterling, Colorado and is a concurrent enrollment student through Merino High School. Jordan is

planning on attending Fort Hays State University in the fall of 2019 to pursue her passion in chemistry with an ultimate goal of attaining a Ph.D. in Biochemistry. Jordan has a strong interest in studying how genes are related to mental disorders. While maintaining her 4.0 GPA at NJC, Jordan is also involved in many roles on campus; she is a peer tutor, the Vice President for her PTK chapter, Zeta Theta, and enjoys many activities during her spare time including, hiking, reading, crafts and acting.



Ben Newton

Ben will graduate from NJC this spring with an Associate of Arts in Business before continuing on to pursue

his Bachelor's degree in Finance. He is an active member of PTK, the NJC baseball team, and volunteers at Family Resource Center with homework help, the NJC concession stand, and work with community members who are relocating. This spring, Ben will participate in the Tax Help Colorado program sponsored by the Piton Foundation as a volunteer tax preparer for low income community members. Ben is originally from Loveland, Colorado. He enjoys hiking in the foothills with his dog, Clara, and playing cards with friends and family. Consistent with his helpful personality at school, on the team, and in the community, Ben's goal is to help people reach their financial goals.



OTERO JUNIOR COLLEGE



Jules Berg

Jules Berg is non-traditional sophomore at Otero Junior College from La Junta. She will graduate with an

Associate of Arts degree. Berg is enrolled in OJC's teacher preparation program (TPREP). In two years she will complete the TPREP program and graduate from the University of Colorado Denver with a Bachelor's degree in elementary education. Berg is currently the president of OJC's Phi Theta Kappa, president of the teacher candidate community, secretary for student government, and is a peer tutor. She wants to be a kindergarten teacher and eventually get a master's degree. Berg hopes to make a difference in at least in one student's life.



Holly Carter

Holly Carter is a second year nursing student at Otero Junior College and will graduate this spring. Carter is from Pueblo. Carter hopes to get

accepted to the Graduate Nurse Residency program at Memorial Central working in the cardiovascular ICU department this summer. Eventually she wants to continue schooling to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. She is the president of the Student Nurse Association. Carter has participated in a number of volunteer events and works at Pioneer Health Care Center as a LPN. She chose OJC because she knew the nursing program was one of the best in the state and loves the student to staff ratio.



Jade Witzel

Jade Witzel is a sophomore at Otero Junior College from Stratton Colorado.

Witzel will graduate this

spring with an Associate of Arts degree with plans to transfer to the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS). At UCCS she intends to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree with a minor in psychology. She eventually would like to get a master's degree and become an art therapist. During school breaks Witzel works full-time. Witzel explained that she loves the class sizes at OJC. "All the instructors have gotten to know me. It is extremely easy to ask them for help when needed."



PIKES PEAK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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CENTENNIAL CAMPUS



Kathleen Chavez

Kathleen serves as president of Alpha Gamma Alpha, PCCC's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor

Society. She will next be attending Colorado State University to obtain her PhD in Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology. Kathleen hopes to travel to Africa to work on conservation efforts. More specifically, she would like to be a part of the black rhinoceros endangered species management program. Until then, Kathleen works and volunteers at National Mill Dog Rescue where she helps rehabilitate discarded puppy mill dogs. Kathleen's ultimate goal in life is to be a voice for the voiceless.

RAMPART CAMPUS



Emily Scott

Emily was selected as a member of PPCC's All-Colorado Academic Team because of her demonstration of academic excellence, leadership, and service, both in and out of the classroom. She completed her Associate of General Studies Degree in Fall of 2018 at PPCC with support from the Kane Family Foundation Scholarship. Currently, Emily studies Speech Language Pathology with a Psychology minor at Metropolitan State University of Denver. Eventually, she hopes to pursue her doctorate. Emily volunteers with children as a literacy tutor at The Children's Literacy Center.



Leah Tulepkaliev

Leah is studying Business Administration at Pikes Peak Community College. She will continue to study at the university level. Her primary goal is to use her business skills to open an orphanage in a third world country. Leah immigrated to America from Kazakhstan 15 years ago and is very grateful for the opportunities and life that America has given her.



PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Frederic Schmid

Frederic, a concurrent enrollment student at PCC, is the son of Swiss immigrants. He was homeschooled through eighth grade and is a senior at Goal Academy. He will graduate from PCC in May with an AS degree and plans to attend CSU-Fort Collins to double major in Mechanical Engineering and Music Performance. Frederic began playing cello at age 5. Now 17, he performs with the Pueblo Symphony and last year received a merit scholarship to the prestigious Montecito International Music Festival. He is an active member of 4-H, serving as club president. His interests include martial arts, outdoor sports and restoring classic VW Beetles.



Barbara Wilson

Barbara is a first-generation, nontraditional student at PCC with a 4.0 GPA and will graduate in May with an AA degree.

She plans to transfer to the University of Northern Colorado to get bachelor's and master's degrees in Audiology/Speech-Language Sciences so she can work with children who have communication disorders. Barbara showed great tenacity in conquering personal challenges including Lyme disease, divorce and homelessness. She used that strength to excel in PCC and community leadership positions including PTK vice president of leadership, President's Leadership Program officer, Destination Imagination team manager and CASA volunteer.



RED ROCKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Lindsay Goodrich

Lindsay strives relentlessly to cultivate a culture of warmth at RRCC. As a full time student and a part time

employee, she has also acted as Student Government Public Relations Officer, Community Service Committee Chair, Peer Counselor, LGBTQ Advocate, and Community Outreach Liaison between Jefferson County Action Center and RRCC. Some of her projects at Red Rocks have included creating a Rest and Relaxation Room, organizing a warm clothing drive for students, advocating for student mental health awareness and acting as a role model for prospective students. She will graduate in May with an AS in Psychology and will attend Naropa University.



Makena Sneed

From Castle Rock, Colorado, Makena attended Red Rocks Community College for two years to begin her

studies in the field of Communications. During her time at Red Rocks, she was involved in Phi Theta Kappa and The National Society of Leadership and Success. In January 2019, Makena transferred to Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee. Currently, she is pursuing a B.A. in Public Relations. Outside of her education, Makena currently works on Lipscomb's ESPN broadcasting team and shoots freelance photography.



TRINIDAD STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE



Issac Essien

Issac Essien grew up in the Denver area. He had a difficult childhood, living in dozens of different places over the

years. In 7th grade he went to live with a friend and stayed there until he graduated from high school in Highlands Ranch. A point guard, he came to Trinidad State on a basketball scholarship at the urging of his club coach. Isaac wants to become a doctor and practice sports medicine and physical therapy. He carries a 3.8 grade point average and will receive an Associate of Arts Degree in May. "Right now I'm waiting to see where basketball takes me, said Essien. "Hopefully I'll get to go to a school that has my major."



Hannah Gilmore

Hannah Gilmore came to Trinidad State on a basketball scholarship from the tiny town of Cedaredge on the

Western Slope. She has a 4.0 GPA and will graduate in May with an Associate of Arts degree. She is interested in counseling and cognitive therapy and plans to pursue a psychology degree and also hopes for a continued basketball scholarship. Hannah says, "I really love Trinidad because of the people here. I feel we get really close in classes and to our teachers because it's very personable in classes. That's something I really enjoy. The personal relationships I've developed have really helped me learn in a more efficient way."



Lan Nguyen

Lan Nguyen came to the U.S. as an international student from Vietnam at the age of 18. She started courses at Aims in the

ESL program. After two years, she moved into college level courses to earn an AS degree. She has long dreamed of working in a chemical profession. Her proudest moment thus far happened when she received the award for having the highest grade average in two of her Chemistry classes. Lan's goal is to fulfill her dream of becoming a chemical engineer and, in doing so, to devote all of her energy and intellect to improving the chemical industry.



AIMS COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Ashlie Hampson

A Colorado native, Ashlie Hampson will soon celebrate 25 years of marriage. She is also blessed to have a

14-year-old daughter. Ashlie served as VP-Scholarship and has been the team leader for an induction ceremony and the 2018 HiA Project. Graduating in May with an AA, with a Liberal Arts emphasis in Psychology, Ashley will transfer to University of Northern Colorado to pursue both BA and MA degrees in Psychology and become a certified counselor. Inspired by Dr. Brene Brown, whose writings gave Ashlie the biggest ah-ha moment of her life, she will also become a certified Daring Way facilitator.



NEW CENTURY SCHOLARS



The New Century Workforce Pathway Scholarship and the New Century Transfer Pathway Scholarship are awarded to the students receiving the highest All-USA Academic Team application scores in each state. "Workforce Pathway" indicates that

the student plans to enter the workforce after completing a certificate or associates degree, and "Transfer Pathway" indicates that the student intends to transfer to a four-year college after.

In selecting New Century Scholars, judges consider academic accomplishments, leadership, activities and most importantly, how students extend their intellectual talents beyond the classroom.

The program recognizes 100 Scholars annually. Each New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar receives special recognition at the Association of Community College Trustees Congress. Each New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar receives special recognition at the American Association of Community Colleges conference.

The New Century Pathway Scholarship program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation, The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa.

COCA-COLA ACADEMIC TEAM

The Coca-Cola Academic Team recognizes high achieving two-year college students who demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom to benefit society.

Nationally, fifty students are named Gold Scholars, fifty students are named Silver Scholars, and fifty students are named Bronze Scholars. A state may have multiple Gold, Silver or Bronze Scholars. The Coca-Cola Academic Team is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.



NEW CENTURY
WORKFORCE
PATHWAY SCHOLAR
Holly Carter
Otero Junior College



NEW CENTURY
TRANSFER
PATHWAY SCHOLAR
Barbara Wilson
Pueblo Community
College



GOLD SCHOLAR
Ellie Mayer
Arapahoe
Community College



GOLD SCHOLAR
Robert Mastronardi
Community College
of Denver



BRONZE SCHOLAR
Ryan Holmes
Arapahoe
Community College

ABOUT PHI THETA KAPPA

This luncheon celebrates the 2019 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-Colorado Academic Team. The 40 members of this year's team were chosen through a competitive process open to hundreds of Colorado PTK members.

PTK is the international honor society for two-year colleges and academic program participants. The largest honor society in American higher education, it celebrates academic achievement and provides opportunities for students to grow as scholars and leaders.

The PTK All-Colorado Academic Team members are eligible to compete for a spot on the PTK All-USA Academic Team, and over \$500,000 in scholarships.

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