

Phi Theta Kappa provides students with:

- an experience that enables them to develop in areas of leadership and service;
- fosters an intellectual climate that encourages a free exchange of ideas;
- supports a lively fellowship for scholars;
- and that stimulates student interest in continuing academic excellence.

Beta Sigma Delta is a five-star Phi Theta Kappa chapter, with an impressive legacy of students who display leadership abilities and scholarly worthiness both during their academic careers and beyond.

The emphasis placed on leadership and services to the local community is seen in such activities as:

- our annual 5K Turkey Run,
- the establishment of a scholarship in the name of Annabelle Pomeroy, and
- the collection of clothing for students who need to dress appropriately for job interviews.

These contributions have a significant impact in the community, as they affect people's lives both here on campus and in the larger community.

I encourage you, our latest inductees, to become involved in these or other opportunities to help others as part of your role as a member of Beta Sigma Delta.

You are the best and the brightest among our students, having met many the hurdles faced by so many community college students, such as managing the competing needs of jobs, family responsibilities, and, in many cases, community responsibilities.

Impressively, you have accomplished all of this while maintaining a 3.5 GPA over 12 college course hours.

With this solid foundation of dedication and academic excellence, you are sure to continue your success in your academic career and in life.

At Northeast Lakeview College, you have learned what it is to meet challenges as they come, and to overcome them with hard work, perseverance, and grace.

You will take these lessons with you as you continue your road through higher education.

As we recognize your accomplishments this evening, we also to recognize the important role that family support plays in the life of a successful student.

I congratulate the families of these outstanding young people for the commitment to their education and success that brings you here tonight.

As the President of Northeast Lakeview College, I thank you all for coming and ask you to join me in welcoming our newest Beta Sigma Delta inductees.