



Board of Directors Regional Coordinator Representative Election

Name: Dr. Adrienne Barkley Giffin

College: John A. Logan College

Chapter: Upsilon Pi

Advisor Start Date: 2013

How long have you served as a chapter advisor and Regional Coordinator?

I have served as a chapter advisor for 13 years and as Regional Coordinator for 6 years.

What is your position at the college?

I get to lead the Student Development team in managing student clubs and organizations, coordinating student activities, and developing cocurricular assessment. I also co-advise student government (with a Phi Theta Kappa alumnus!) and team up with faculty and staff throughout the college on a variety of efforts. Basically, I'm a Builder of Leaders – it's a sweet gig!

What does student success mean to you, and where does Phi Theta Kappa fit into that story?

Student success means each student achieves their self-defined academic, professional, and personal goals. Community college students have a range of pursuits, and Phi Theta Kappa provides a variety of paths and resources to help them realize their dreams at their highest level of excellence.

Describe your most significant contribution to Phi Theta Kappa's mission.

I have the joy of guiding students to confidence, leadership, and achievement, starting with the recognition of the membership invitation and extending to the discovery of strengths and abilities through projects and leadership positions. Each member becoming more of who they truly are as scholars, leaders, and servants is the ultimate fulfillment of Phi Theta Kappa's mission. It is a powerful impact that ripples from our members throughout colleges, communities, and the world.

Why do you wish to serve as the Regional Coordinator Representative to Phi Theta Kappa's Board of Directors?

This role is an opportunity to serve members and my fellow Regional Coordinators, chapter advisors, and alumni in Phi Theta Kappa's journey of growth and continued improvement. From previous service on local and state non-profit boards, I respect the relationship between a board's governance and strategic planning role and the staff's responsibilities for management and operations. I will focus on what is best for our members, chapters, and Regions in all decisions the Board considers.

Additionally, please provide a "PTK Bio" below that highlights your involvement with Phi Theta Kappa in list format (including key roles, dates, and recognition).

- 2013 – Chapter Advisor, Upsilon Pi at John A. Logan College
- 2014 – Paragon Award for New Advisors
- 2014, 2019 – Distinguished Honors in Action Project
- 2018 – Leadership Development Studies Certification
- 2018, 2020-2022 – Distinguished College Project
- 2019 – Distinguished Chapter Advisor
- 2019, 2021, 2024 – Distinguished Chapter
- 2019 – Illinois Regional Coordinator
- 2019 – Regional Award for Excellence: Service
- 2022 – Regional Award for Excellence: Chapter Engagement
- 2023-2025 – Regional Award for Excellence: Fellowship
- 2024 – Distinguished Regional Coordinator
- 2025 – Regional Award for Excellence: Leadership