FAITH ALAWODE
FOR DIVISION III VICE PRESIDENT

EKAABO! WELCOME!

My name is **Faith Alawode,** and I was born in Abia State, Nigeria into a Yoruba Family living in an Igbo community. Growing up between cultures taught me how to build bridges, embrace diversity, and lead with empathy. At 10,I attended an All girls boarding school in Lagos, where I got to experience sisterhood and got my first taste of advocacy. My journey through education and service led me to Phi Theta Kappa, where I found community, mentorship, and the confidence to grow as a leader. I am a passionate advocate for women's health equity, breast cancer awareness, and education equity. My philosophy is simple; There is always a choice, choose to be the person in the room that radiates warmth and embrace people with empathy.

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Career Aspirations

My interest in public health was shaped long before I had the language to describe it. Growing up close to community health work in Nigeria, I learned early that the conditions people live in often matter more than the choices they are later asked to make. Conversations around nutrition, access, and community well-being were part of my everyday life. My father was involved in expanding polio vaccination access in underserved communities which was something I didn't fully understand as a child, but came to appreciate with time. Through community health initiatives, I witnessed how environment, education, and access to care quietly determine outcomes long before a child ever enters a classroom or clinic. These experiences shifted my focus from individual behavior to systems, power, and accountability. They shaped my interest in environmental injustice, education inequality, gender-based violence, and food quality, and led me to approach health through a sociological lens. Today, I'm drawn to the intersection of community health, healthcare policy, and health law as pathways toward equity because protection and dignity should never be conditional. Everyone deserves to feel safe and healthy in an environment they contribute to.

Leadership & Service

- Michigan Regional Officer, Phi Theta Kappa
- Vice President, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter
- Student Executive Council Member
- Peer-to-Peer Mentor
- Community Health Support Leader
- Summer Camp Counselor
- Student Support & Guidance Leader
- Community Health & Wellness Advocate

Fellowship & Scholarship

- All USA Academic Team nominee
- All Michigan Academic Team Awardee
- 3x Deans List
- PTK Catalyst Convention 2025
- PTK Honors Institute 2025
- Michigan Leadership Conference 2024
- Michigan Leadership Conference 2025
- Michigan Regional Conference 2025
- PTK Regional Officer Engagements & Convenings
- Chapter & Regional Fellowship Events
- PTK Leadership & Community-Building Experience

Volunteering

From Nigeria to Detroit, service has been a constant part of my life. Growing up in Nigeria, I supported community health efforts at a neighborhood health center, assisting nurses during infant immunization days and helping families navigate basic care. I later became involved with the Nigerian Red Cross, where I participated in first aid support, hygiene education, and community outreach. At the time, I didn't fully understand the impact of this work, I only knew that being present mattered. After moving to the United States, I continued this commitment through disaster response and community service across Southeast Michigan with the American Red Cross, supporting families during emergencies, food distributions, and recovery efforts. Showing up in moments of crisis reinforced my belief that service is not about recognition, but about reliability by being someone communities can count on when support is needed most. In Detroit, I've found deep fulfillment in hands-on community health work. I have served at food pantries and community events, supporting families with access to food and health resources. Through Brilliant Detroit, I have worked with children and families around early wellness and nutrition education, helping create positive, supportive spaces for learning and growth. As I officially join the Brilliant Detroit team in the upcoming session, I remain committed to serving communities in ways that are practical, compassionate, and rooted in care.

MI Regional conference Spring ‘25

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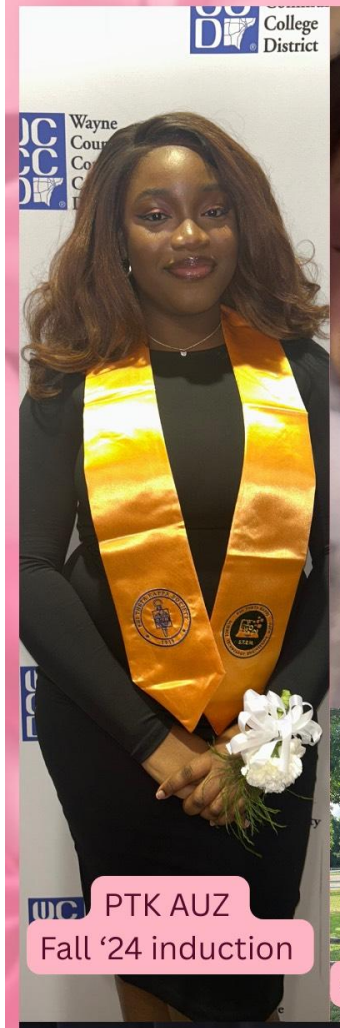
MI Leadership conference Fall ‘25

PTK AUZ FALL ‘24 Induction

MI Regional conference Spring ‘25

MI Leadership conference Fall ‘24



PTK AUZ
Fall ‘24 induction

How I look after bawling

MI Leadership conference Fall ‘25

MI Leadership conference Fall ‘25

FLLC Summer ‘25
(my coworkers tried Nigerian food for the first time)

Honors Institue
Chicago Summer ‘25

My favorite thing to do on a stressful day

Pictures speak a thousand words