

# LORETTA HARRIS

## FOR DIV IV VP



I am a first-generation college student, a single mother of three, and someone whose life has been shaped by responsibility at a young age. Growing up without access to higher education role models and later navigating college while raising a family has taught me resilience, time management, and the importance of community. My children are my greatest motivation as they watch me study late, lead with integrity, and show up even when it's hard. Every step I take in my academic and leadership journey is rooted in the belief that education is transformative not only for individuals, but for families and future generations.

Phi Theta Kappa became a place where I found belonging, purpose, and confidence in my voice as a leader. Through my involvement and leadership, including serving as chapter president, I experienced the power of collaboration, mentorship, and servant leadership. PTK gave me space to grow, to support others, and to lead with empathy. Some of my most meaningful experiences have come from uplifting fellow members, creating inclusive opportunities, and reminding students they deserve to take up space and succeed.

I hail from the Alpha Chi Mu chapter of Porterville College in Porterville, California. Go Pirates!



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# LEADERSHIP

- 2024-2025 Chapter President
- Co-lead the Honor's in Action 2024 project
- Fall 2025 NV/CA Regional Vice President of the Northeast District leading forums for the Fall Conference
- PASS Leader/Tutor for English and Mythology 2023-2024 at Porterville College
- Stage Manager, Assistant Director and Prop Manager for plays at Lindsay Community Theater



# SCHOLARSHIP



- 2024 Family Housing for Education Endowed scholarship
- 2025 Zonta Club scholarship
- 2025 William "Bill" Richardson/ Anthropology Club scholarship
- 2025 AAUW scholarship
- 2025 Sim Iness Memorial Endowed scholarship
- 2025 Porterville College Distinguished Sociology and Student Services
- 2025 EOPS/FYSP/DRC Overall Excellence Award
- 2025 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Award
- Associate of Arts-Sociology 2025
- President's and Dean's list for 2023-2025-Porterville College
- Dean's list 2025-CSU Chico



# SERVICE

Service is huge passion of mine. I love helping others in many ways. In the past few years, I've volunteered with several organizations but these two have my heart so much.

- Volunteer Board Member for Lindsay Community Theater since 2019 (I'm holding the cow in the picture below)
- Volunteer peer support for first responders and their families with Serve. Support. Heal. since August 2024



# FELLOWSHIP

I LOVE meeting new people! One of my favorite things to do is talk to people and hear their stories. At Catalyst 2025, I made it my mission to try to meet someone from every state and take a picture with them. I made it to 30, I'm hoping to catch everyone this year! I've also attended:



- 2024 Catalyst
- 2024 NV/CA Fall Regional Conference
- 2025 NV/CA Spring Convention
- 2025 Honors Institute
- 2025 NV/CA Fall Regional Conference





# ABOUT ME



I have three AMAZING kids ranging from 16–20. We absolutely love Halloween through Christmas time, which I have dubbed Hallowthanksmas.

My family lore is a little bit different than most people's. I was raised in foster home along with my parents who were mentally disabled. I'm open to questions if anyone has any!



My chapter advisors are some of the best and most supportive people I have met. Thank you for all of your support Professor Haney, Dr. Quesada, and Dr. Burgess



I can talk about books as long as you let me! I currently work as a library technician at my college and plan to become a librarian.

