Dear College Leader:

The mission of Phi Theta Kappa is two-fold. First, we recognize the academic achievement and excellence of the hardest-working students in college today. But we believe that it is the second part of our mission that sets us apart. Once inducted, Phi Theta Kappa provides students an opportunity to grow as scholars and leaders. We do this through local, regional, and national events that provide students with opportunities to participate in activities that support their growth in the areas of soft skills, leadership and personal development, undergraduate research, and transfer and employment.

Our three-day national conference, PTK Catalyst, is the culmination of Phi Theta Kappa’s mission — giving students an opportunity for national recognition, while also providing meaningful networking and professional development opportunities through activities like our Educational Forums and Senior College Transfer Fair.

Educational Forums are short seminars that cover topics including how to complete the FAFSA, getting into medical school, and how to successfully transfer to a four-year college or university or into the workplace — and everything in-between. These educational forums are led by the nation’s top community college faculty and staff and by leaders from organizations like The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, Pearson Higher Education, and others.

Our senior college transfer and internship fairs are what I like to consider a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Universities and four-year colleges from across the country travel to Catalyst just to recruit the nation’s top community college students and tell them about the millions of dollars in PTK transfer scholarships available to them. This provides students an opportunity to connect with dozens of transfer and job recruiters in one centralized location.

This year’s general session speakers are going to be nothing less than inspiring. We will have connectional intelligence expert and author Erica Dhawan; internationally recognized artist Erik Wahl; and leading international memory expert and neuroscientist Dr. Boris Konrad.

We close the event with the culmination of your chapter’s yearlong activities, the Hallmark Awards Gala — a night of celebration and recognition of the hard work of our amazing students and advisors and the impact they are having on your campus and in your community.

PTK Catalyst is a remarkable time of learning, fun, and fellowship — all rolled into three unforgettable days. I hope to see you and your students there.

Sincerely,

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