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Phi Theta Kappa Recognizes Colleges for Exemplary Transfer Pathways

Jackson, Mississippi — Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) has named 123 colleges and universities to its 2020 Transfer Honor Roll in recognition of the dynamic pathways they have created to support transfer students.

The Transfer Honor Roll recognizes four-year colleges and universities that have developed transfer pathways that lead to excellence and success among community college transfer students. Colleges were selected based on their Transfer Friendliness Rating, which is determined by the Transfer Profile they create in PTK Connect.

<u>PTK Connect</u> is Phi Theta Kappa's online tool that helps students find their best-fit colleges, career pathways, and more. Students can search for colleges by name, scholarship offerings, or cost, and they can use the institutions' profiles to help evaluate where they'd like to enroll.

"The Transfer Honor Roll reflects the growing importance of recognizing and responding to the needs of transfer students," Phi Theta Kappa President and CEO Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner said. "This award is given to four-year colleges and universities with proven outcomes for transfer success. They are the best at providing a supportive and smooth transition from community college — equating to increased rates of bachelor's degree attainment for transfer students."

Colleges utilizing PTK Connect can complete a Transfer Profile, which asks questions about admissions practices, cost of attendance, campus life, recruitment practices, and peer reviews. It is meant to reflect what the transfer student experience is like at their colleges, as well as the strategies colleges are taking to support and enroll transfer students.

The profile immediately gives colleges a Transfer Friendliness Rating they can use internally to gauge how friendly their admissions and recruitment strategies are. The top 25 percent highest-rated colleges are named to the Transfer Honor Roll.

"PTK Connect and the Transfer Profile are one of a kind — no other resource specifically focuses on supporting transfer students and sharing data relevant exclusively to this population of students," said Christin Grissom, Phi Theta Kappa's Vice President of Scholarship and Membership.

Through a unique partnership with the National Student Clearinghouse, colleges can have data from the Clearinghouse automatically populated into their Transfer Profiles each year.



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Students can see some of this data on the colleges' profiles, enabling them to assess what the college does to support transfer students, see the number of transfer students enrolled at that college, and determine whether the school could be a good fit.

The Transfer Profile also serves as a resource colleges can use when evaluating their admissions and recruitment practices to create new strategies to better support the transfer student population.

Members of the 2020 Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Honor Roll are:

Adelphi University (NY)
Antioch University (CA)
Antioch University (WA)

Appalachian State University (NC) Arizona State University (AZ) Baldwin Wallace University (OH)

Bay Path University (MA)
Becker College (MA)
Belhaven University (MS)
Bellevue University (NE)
Carroll College (MT)
Carthage College (WI)

College for Creative Studies (MI)
Colorado Mesa University (CO)

Columbia College (SC) Cornell College (IA)

Dallas Baptist University (TX)
Delaware Valley University (PA)

DePaul University (IL)
Drake University (IA)
Duquesne University (PA)

East Texas Baptist University (TX) Eastern Illinois University (IL) Eastern Oregon University (OR)

Eckerd College (FL) Elmhurst College (IL) Emerson College (MA)

Florida International University (FL) Freed-Hardeman University (TN)

Friends University (KS)

Georgetown University SCS (DC)

Georgian Court University (NJ) Gonzaga University (WA)

Illinois College (IL)

Illinois Institute of Technology (IL)

Illinois State University (IL) Kansas State University (KS)

Kean University (NJ)
Kutztown University (PA)
La Salle University (PA)
Lake Forest College (IL)
Lee University (TN)
Lees-McRae College (NC)

LIM College (NY)

Lipscomb University (TN)

Long Island University Post (NY) Loyola Marymount University (CA) Loyola University Chicago (IL)

Marian University (IN)
Marquette University (WI)
Maryville College (TN)
Merrimack College (MA)

Metropolitan State University of Denver

(CO)

Miami University Regionals (OH) Mississippi State University (MS) Missouri University of Science &

Technology (MO)

Mount Mercy University (IA)
Mount St. Joseph University (OH)

Neumann University (PA) Newman University (KS)



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North Carolina Wesleyan College (NC)

North Central College (IL)

North Dakota State University (ND)

Northern Arizona University (AZ)

Northland College (WI)

Northwest Nazarene University (ID)

Notre Dame de Namur University (CA)

Oglethorpe University (GA)

Ohio Dominican University (OH)

Ohio University (OH)

Prescott College (AZ)

Randolph-Macon College (VA)

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY)

Rider University (NJ)

Roger Williams University (RI)

Rollins College (FL)

Rowan University (NJ)

Russell Sage College (NY)

Rutgers University Newark (NJ)

Saint John Fisher College (NY)

Saint Joseph's University (PA)

Saint Peter's University (NJ)

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

(IL)

Southern Wesleyan University (SC)

Spring Hill College (AL)

Springfield College (MA)

St. Cloud State University (MN)

St. Edward's University (TX)

Stephens College (MO)

Stevenson University (MD)

Suffolk University (MA)

SUNY – Cortland (NY)

Tarleton State University (TX)

Texas Lutheran University (TX)

Texas Tech University (TX)

Texas Wesleyan University (TX)

The College of Saint Rose (NY)

Union Institute & University (OH)

University of Arizona (AZ)

University of Colorado Boulder (CO)

University of Illinois at Springfield (IL)

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

(IL)

University of Kansas (KS)

University of Louisville (KY)

University of Mississippi (MS)

University of Mount Union (OH)

University of New Haven (CT)

University of North Texas (TX)

University of Northern Iowa (IA)

University of Pittsburgh Bradford (PA)

University of San Francisco (CA)

University of Southern Mississippi (MS)

University of Tampa (FL)

Valparaiso University (IN)

Walsh College (MI)

Wayne State University (MI)

Webster University (MO)

Wells College (NY)

Whitworth University (WA)

Wichita State University (KS)

Wilmington College (OH)

Wisconsin Lutheran College (WI)

York College of Pennsylvania (PA)

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The Society is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 11 nations, with approximately 240,000 active members in the nation's colleges. Learn more at ptk.org.