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Cover Story

Beta Zeta Takes on Kansas City!

By: Chelsey Walker

PJC's Beta Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa joined over 5,000 PTK members in Kansas City, Missouri at the PTK International Convention on April 19.

Over the course of three days, educational forums were offered for students and advisors to learn more about PTK's history and to provide transfer information.

After two hours of education-



Chelsey Walker

al forums, there where special sessions for everyone to attend. In one of the special sessions,

PJC's director of student life Kenneth Webb won the Distin-

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EMT Certification at PJC-Greenville

By: Dylan Hernandez

On Tuesday nights, PJC-Greenville students enrolled in the EMT certification course learn skills that could one day save lives.

PJC instructor Mark Mallo-

ry is tasked with ensuring his students have the necessary foundational skills required to work as an emergency medical technician. Mallory has been a course instructor at Greenville for a year now.

An EMT in the industry since 1974, Mallory is also

a certified registered nurse and paramedic with a background in EMS management.

Alongside traditional coursework, much of which is completed online, students get hands on experience developing lifesaving skills in basic life support such as physical assessment, resuscitation, bandaging and splinting skills, immobilization, and more.

To achieve certification, students must also complete training clinicals such as 64 hours of ambulance ride-alongs, 24 hours of training in an emergency room, and going on at least eight emergency runs.

Mallory assures me that



Dylon Hernandez

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gished College Administrator Award. This award is given to college vice presidents, deans, or directors serving at a postsecondary institution with an active Phi Theta Kappa chapter. Mr. Webb has demonstrated a strong level of support to Phi Theta Kappa.

Motivational speakers were also a part of the general ses-

sions, including Global Futurist Chris Riddle, Best-selling Authors Amy Cuddy and Susan Cain, and Tony and Grammy Award Winner Daveed Diggs.

“The PTK general sessions radiated with energy. It inspired individual’s intellectual enhancement and refueled each chapters soul with motivation.



photos by: Chelsey Walker

You could not leave without a revived vision,” said PTK-Beta Zeta President-Elect Don Yarbrough.

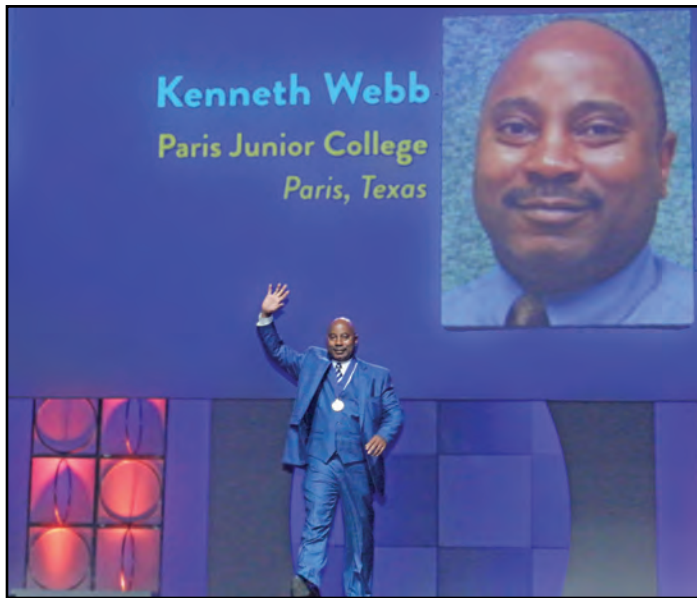
PTK catalyst provided students with a senior college transfer fair with schools from all over the country. Each night special events were held for PTK members. Friday night ended with PTK’s Party of The Century and Saturday night ended with a Gala.

“I enjoyed the convention,” Education major Molly Wans-

ley said. “My favorite educational forum was the nutritional class, ‘You Are What You Eat.’ They teach this class in memory of a PTK member who lost her battle with weight.”

PJC’s Beta Zeta members who joined Mr. Webb in Kansas City were Don Yarbrough, Molly Wansley, Trina Lubbe (advisor), Mac Smithson and Chelsey Walker.

Next year’s PTK International Convention will be held in Orlando Florida.



PJC’s Creative Writing awards

By: Cody Cantrell and Kolton Oaks

PJC held its annual Creative Writing Awards ceremony on April 25 in the Student Center Ballroom.

Participating students were presented with awards and scholarships for their creative writing and academic essays. The evening began with PJC

English instructor Ken Haley explaining the importance of literature as he read from Robert Frost’s poem, “Swingers of Birches.”

Contest director and English instructor Marsha Dennis announced the winner of this year’s William A. Owens scholarship for creative writing. The award was presented to pre-pharmacy major Kar-eyn A. Hellman.

“I enjoyed winning the award, and I feel inspired to keep writing,” said Hellman.

For the Owens scholarship, contestants submit four pieces of writing from at least three different categories.

Haley announced the winner of the English as a second language award to Louis Harahalto. Harahalto’s first language is Japanese.

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Student Life

Kite Nite

By: **Donavan Yarbrough**

Students and faculty enjoyed a Spring evening of fun, relaxation, and socialization on the green lawns of Paris Junior College's Kite Nite event on April 10.



Chelsey Walker

Student Services staff provided a multitude of attractions for students and their families to engage in such as lawn board games, a free hot dog cookout by chef and Director of Student Life Kenneth Webb, tie-dyed T-shirts created by Dragons women's basketball team members, a snow cone stand, and general concessions.

Attendees also provided their own forms of entertainment including groups playing catch with softballs and footballs while



Donavan Yarbrough

others practiced soccer techniques. Contemporary music played over loudspeakers that inspired line

dances and cool moves. Even though some brought their kites, PJC President, Dr. Pam Anglin, provided a generous supply of high-quality kites for those who did not have one of their own. The wind was moderate on this beautiful and warm spring day, and children found that if they could get their kites high enough into the air, the upper winds were strong enough for their kites to ride gentle but brief sustained wind gusts.

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New Works Play Festival

By: **Gervie Stone**

The PJC Drama department hosted their 4th Annual New Works Play festival April 26-29.

This festival featured a series of seven newly written short plays by up-and-coming playwrights. The lineup of plays will be "Big Fish Story," "Nerdicus: My Brother with Autism," "The Wicked Cascade," "Thes-

pis - Athens Greatest Chorus Member," "Vendetta Day," "Just Ignore my Sister," and "Google-heads."

With 75 seats arranged on the PJC stage, audiences experience something different. Sitting just a few feet from the actors, audiences received a much more personal connection to the plays and even some audience interaction throughout the productions.

The event was successful as the festival's creative director and PJC instructor Robyn Huizinga said, "Just about every night was a sellout crowd."



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"Noises Off"



Courtesy photo

By: **Jose Resendiz**

PJC's drama department performed Michael Frayn's "Noises Off" in the Ray Karrer Theater throughout the first week of March.

Directed by William Walker, the play-within-a-play bedroom farce is often referred to as "the funniest farce ever written." Almost as soon as the play's dialogue began,

laughter could be heard from the audience - and it continued throughout every scene.

The actors obviously enjoyed the audience reaction with their moments of breaking character and joining in with audience cheers.

After the production, the audience left with smiles and laughter and one could hear people considering when to come back for more.

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while he can give students the knowledge and skills to begin work as a certified EMT, it is the hands-on experience they will learn out in the field that will advance their abilities.



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Mallory stressed the importance of an EMT maintaining his or her own health and physical well-being, since the lifestyle of an emergency medical technician tends to influence one's ability to do the job after some time in the field.

"One of the things I'm trying to teach them (students) is their safety and their health is the most important thing," Mallory said. "If you hurt your back, you'll be out of the profession before too long, unless you go in to management."

Mallory acknowledged that management positions can be scarce, which is why taking

care of yourself is so vital to your longevity in the field of emergency related services.

I asked Mallory what most of his students say is their motivation for becoming an EMT. With a chuckle, Mallory said, "Actually I ask that at the beginning of every class. What do you want to be? What do you want to do? And by far the most common thing that is said is, 'I want to help people.'"

For students who may be interested in a career in the field of emergency services, Mallory said, "the EMT class is a very good introduction into what you'll be doing, so if you think that you may like it, it's a good

way to start it. It's a good way to be sure."

Mallory expressed that the EMT course is foundational. The next step for those who want more, would begin work on a paramedic certification. "It is very much more in depth...it dives much deeper into anatomy and physiology and pathophysiology and medicines, and they have extensive more clinical time."

It is important to remember that the men and women in the Emergency Medical Service industry are the true heroes in saving lives. If you are interested in enrolling in the EMT certification course, please consult your PJC academic advisor at your PJC campus.

PJC's Creative Writing Awards, continued from page 3...

Jennifer Collar presented the English award to dual credit student Shelby Hen-

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drick. She has been taking college classes online this year, is currently a senior at Detroit ISD, and was just named class valedictorian for her high school graduating class.

Taylor Sheaf won the foreign language award, and Christopher Jordan was awarded for his argumentative and informative essay.

Morial Amin-Allen was awarded for

best poetry and best short essay. Ronnie Potts won the best research and documentation essay.

Engineering major Katrianna Hellman won a creative

writing award and had this to say to aspiring writers, "Don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone, something good might happen."

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Student Life

Student Dodgeball Tournament

By: Trevor Blackshear

On April 11, PJC hosted a dodge ball tournament in the Hunt Center with many PJC students participating.

A total of six teams participated in the tournament: The Muchachos, The Gen-

erals, the Canons, the Light Skins, the Lady Dragons, and Team 1. The Tournament was single elimination until the championship round, which was a best of three matches.

The first match was a clash of PJC sports as The Lady Dragons women's basketball team faced off against the Dragons

men's baseball team, named the Canons. The Lady Dragons knocked out the Canons, advancing to the next round.

Business major and Dragons infielder Grant Gomez said, "I just think we underestimated them because they were a team of girls."

The Generals beat the Light

Skins to advance to a semi-final against the Lady Dragons. The Generals defeated the Lady Dragons in a close match to send them to the Championship round. On the other side of the bracket the Muchachos took the win, qualifying them for the final round against the Generals, a team that



photos by: Trevor Blackshear

was made up of Paris Junior College basketball players.

In the championship round, which was best two out of three, the Muchachos faced the Generals. The Muchachos, a team that consisted mostly of PJC's men's soccer team, took home the gold medal Wednesday night.

After the tournament was over everybody looked like they had a blast. This will definitely be an activity that PJC would do again in the future.



Kite Nite, Continued from page 2...

Kite Nite student activity heralds the college's third annual event, where huge turnouts proved the events to be a success.

The PJC event marks the second Kite Nite event held this academic year. New activities were also added this year to enhance the event's progressive pleasures.

Student Activities Director Leanna Swart said, "this year, we added the tie-dye T-shirts and the brand-new lawn board games."



Donovan Yarbrough

The season of the event is also a new change. Student Katie Cullum, pursuing a nursing major, said, "I have been to the one last fall, but I am enjoying this one better."

No doubt Kite Nite will remain a staple of entertainment for Paris Junior College and will grow and improve with time.

Student Services staff work hard to devise new ways to enhance student life at PJC, and their continued efforts do not go unappreciated.

PTK induction

By: Yuling Xiao

On March 5, PJC held their spring induction ceremony for new inductees into Beta Zeta, PJC's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society.

PTK leaders and officers spoke at the event and then presented PTK's membership book for the inductees to sign—and become official members. At the end of the presentation, inductees lit candles to signify their burning desire to further their education. During a reception following the ceremony, students, family, and friends enjoyed refreshments while congratulating the inductees.

Don Yarbrough, a sophomore inductee majoring in history, said, "I am excited about it because I have never been an honor roll student and I thought I would never have the opportunity to do something like this. This is an important milestone in my life."

PTK inductee Udanti Rendsland said, "I was excited, it feels amazing, I never thought my expectations would come true; it makes me feel accomplished."

Similar ceremonies were held on the Greenville and Sulphur Springs campus later that week to honor students on our other campuses.



Telsi Sorim's drawing of Phi Theta Kappa-Greenville meeting of officers (left to right) Alex Monteo, Brandon Murdick, Anna Corrales, and Isla Casey



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Register for Summer & Fall Classes Today!!!

**Summer Mini-Term
(May 14 - June 1)**

**Summer Long Term
(May 14 - Aug. 16)**

**Summer Extended Term
(June 4 - Aug. 16)**

**Summer I Semester
(June 4 - July 10)**

**Summer II Semester
(July 11 - Aug. 16)**

**Fall Semester
(Aug. 27 - Dec. 14)
Internet and on-campus
courses are available.**

Graduation Day

**Students arrive at PJC
library 6 p.m. with
regalia and line up.**

**Ceremony will begin 7
p.m. at Noyes Stadium.**

Follow PJC on...



Spring Commencement

Graduation Ceremony

Friday, May 11
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Noyes Stadium

A reception will be held for faculty and staff, graduates and their family and friends at the Tennis Courts

If the weather is bad, the ceremony will be moved to the Hunt Center and reception moved to the Student Center.



Spring 2018-Finals Schedule

Monday, May 7, 2018

Exams are to be given for all Mon.- Wed. classes regularly meeting at these periods.

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (All Mon. evening classes.)

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Exams are to be given for all Mon.-Wed. classes regularly meeting at these periods.

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (All Wed. evening classes.)

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Exams are to be given for all Tue. - Thur. classes regularly meeting at these periods.

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (All Tues. evening classes.)

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Exams are to be given for all Tues. - Thurs. classes regularly meeting at these periods.

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (All Thurs. evening classes.)

Friday, May 11, 2018, 7 p.m.
Spring Commencement