



PHI THETA KAPPA

HONOR SOCIETY

2025 PHI THETA KAPPA

ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM

RECOGNITION CEREMONY

April 10, 2025

Brookland Baptist Banquet & Conference Center
West Columbia, SC

*Presented by the SC Technical College System and
Phi Theta Kappa, International Honor Society of the Two-Year College*



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Dear Honorees and Guests,

On behalf of Phi Theta Kappa's Board of Directors and members worldwide, I am honored to extend my warmest congratulations to all attending the 2025 All-South Carolina Community College Academic Team Recognition Ceremony.

Today, we celebrate your child, spouse, parent, friend, or student—not simply because they are smart, hard-working, or engaged on their campuses and in their communities, but because they are all these things and more. The members of the 2025 All-South Carolina Academic Team have demonstrated exceptional leadership, scholarship, and service, making a lasting impact on their colleges and beyond.

This recognition is especially meaningful because these individuals have been nominated by their own institutions as the best examples of academic excellence and student success. To be selected by college leaders is more than just an honor—it's a testament to the deep impact these students have made. It means that those who guide and shape South Carolina's community colleges have seen their dedication firsthand and believe they are truly worthy of distinction.

We also extend our sincere gratitude to South Carolina's community college presidents and state officials for their unwavering commitment to student success. This recognition program not only honors these distinguished students but also shines a light on the outstanding education and opportunities available at South Carolina's community colleges.

Congratulations to all honorees! We celebrate your achievements and look forward to all you will accomplish in the future. Be proud of this moment—you represent the very best of South Carolina's community colleges and the incredible potential of community college students nationwide.

Sincerely,

Lynn Tincher-Ladner, Ph.D.
President & CEO
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

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*Each year, Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society
of the Two-Year College, conducts a program to honor
outstanding students from technical, junior and
community colleges nationwide.*

*South Carolina's team members have demonstrated
outstanding academic achievement and an impressive
record of service to their colleges.*

*Congratulations to the members of South Carolina's
2025 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team.*



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1066 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia, SC 29169

9:30 am **College and Student Check-In**

10:00 am **Call to Order and Welcome**
Dr. Rosline Sumpter - Vice President

10:05 am **Phi Theta Kappa Overview**
Emily Fox - Student Services and Strategic Initiatives Coordinator

10:10 am **System President Remarks**
Dr. Tim Hardee - System President

10:15 am **Special Speaker Remarks**
Andrew Rutherford - 2015 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team, Aiken Technical College

10:25 am **Student Recognition**
Dr. Aimeé Carter - Associate Vice President
Lane Goodwin - Director of Academic and Program Compliance
Jennifer Black - Director of Academic Partnerships and Engagement

11:10 am **PTK Advisor of the Year Awards**
Dr. Crystal Ratliff - Associate Vice President

11:15 am **Final Remarks**
Dr. Rosline Sumpter - Vice President

11:20 am **Group & General Pictures**

11:30 am **End of Ceremony**



Alexander R. Finley (*Jackson, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Arts – Exercise and Sports Science

Awards/Honors: Recipient, Greg and Betty Ryberg Scholarship

Activities: Member, Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa



Hunter Duff McClinton (*Chippewa, PA*)

Degree: Associate in Science

Awards/Honors: Dean's List

Activities: Member, Aiken Fencing Academy



Stephen Cross Magee (*Lincoln, DE*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List

Activities: Member: SC Student Nurses Association House of Delegates, Student Nurses Association; Volunteer: Sumter SC Young Professionals, Local Church



Christy Lea Pinho-Perdigao (*Worcester, MA*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Human Services

Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List

Activities: Member, TRiO; Volunteer: Bethesda Food Pantry, Ruby J. Johnson HeadStart



Landon Jase Young (*Portal, GA*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Computer Technology

Awards/Honors: Recipient: Presidential Scholarship, Bulloch County NAACP Scholarship; Participant, Cyber Fusion Security Operations Center Apprenticeship Program; Cast Member, In the Black: Voices to Brothers play; President, NAACP Youth

Activities: Student Residential Camp Counselor; Volunteer, Bulloch County Food Bank



Jilliyann Michelle Douglas (*Cheraw, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Respiratory Care

Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List; Member: Alpha Chi Pi Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team, SC Beta Club; Recipient: National Board of Respiratory Care Scholarship, APUSH Award; Honor Graduate, Cheraw High School

Activities: Beauty Advisor



Komi Elvis Kassa (*Togo, West Africa*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: President's List; Recipient, PTK Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship; Member: Honors Night-2024, S-STEM Pee Dee Scholars

Activities: Student Ambassador; Member, Alpha Chi Pi Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa



Nyashadzashe Tadiwa Makosa (*Rusape, Zimbabwe*)

Degree: Associate in Science; Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List; Nominee, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team

Activities: Member, Student Government Association; Public Relations Officer, Alpha Chi Pi Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Children's Ministry Leader, Cumberland United Methodist Church (UMC); Assistant Boy's Coach, Sneed; Seasonal Counselor and Soccer Coach, Camp Cobbossee for Boys; Member, Alive in Christ - Francis Marion; Media Personnel, Cumberland UMC



Max A. McKnight (*Florence, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: Nominee, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team; Representative, Class Cohort

Activities: Volunteer/Philanthropist, Homeless and Underserved Communities



Myaisha Shatori Primus (*Florence, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Dental Hygiene

Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List

Activities: Member, Crocheting/Knitting Club



Jessica J. Thompson (*Greeleyville, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Human Services

Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List; Member, Alpha Chi Pi Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa

Activities: Notary Public



Rachel Claire Bradford (*Greenville, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Dental Health

Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List; Member, Alpha Zeta Sigma Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa

Activities: Student Tutor, Anatomy and Physiology 210 and 211; Community Volunteer, Ophthalmic Technician



Zachary Price Elmore (*Greer, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Automotive Technology

Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List

Activities: Volunteer, Thanksgiving Food Drive



Abdurrahman Basil Housari (*Greer, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Science – Electrical Engineering

Awards/Honors: President's List; Vice President, Alpha Zeta Sigma Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Recipient, Palmetto Fellows; 98% SAT Score

Activities: Tutor; Laboratory Technician; Engineering Intern; Volunteer, Arabic Instructor; Member, GE Next Engineers



Angelina Lynn Rockhill (*Myrtle Beach, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Digital Arts

Awards/Honors: President's List; Member, Alpha Zeta Sigma Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Exhibitor, WAVES Student Journal; 4.0 GPA

Activities: Work-Study; Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity; Event Manager, Welcome Week; Intern, Career Services



Shaw Monique Howell (*Lumberton, NC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Management-Supervision

Awards/Honors: Scholar's List; Dean's List; Recipient, Outstanding Ambassador Award

Activities: Student Ambassador; Vice President of Leadership, Alpha Eta Kappa Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; President and Success Networking Team Coordinator, National Society of Leadership and Success



Phoebe Johnson (*Columbia, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Science – Biology

Awards/Honors: Scholar's List; Recipient: Gerhard Metzen Scholarship, Richland W. Riley Educational Opportunity Center Scholarship, Richland County Association of Educational Office Professionals Scholarship, Solomon Jackson Jr. Foundation Scholarship

Activities: Member: African American Women's Alliance, Alpha Eta Kappa Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; College Ambassador; Veterinary Intern; District Young Women's Leader



Gavin Christopher McGillivray (*North Augusta, GA*)

Degree: Associate in Arts – Business

Awards/Honors: Graduated High School at 16; Competitive GPA



Sarah Elizabeth Vaught (*Lexington, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: President's List; 4.0 GPA

Activities: Member, Alpha Eta Kappa Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa



Michelle H. Tucker (*Mount Croghan, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Science – Massage Therapy

Awards/Honors: President's List; Member, Alpha Kappa Theta Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa

Activities: Volunteer: Phi Theta Kappa events, Backpack Ministry for Ruby Elementary School



Kristen Chayka (*Greenwood, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Respiratory Therapy

Awards/Honors: President's List; Recipient, SC Society for Respiratory Care Scholarship

Activities: Member: Omega Chi Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa, Respiratory Care Club; Sunday School Teacher, Grace Baptist Church



Amber "Niko" Jones (*Atlanta, GA*)

Degree: Associate in Science – Computer Science/Cybersecurity and Networking

Awards/Honors: President: Beta Sigma Psi Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa, Business Alliance Club; Vice President, Service for the Pride Club; Member: National Technical Honors Society, Disability Club, ASL Club; Liaison, Computer Science Club; Organizer, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Event - Special Needs Community

Activities: Volunteer, Community and College Events



Catelyn Tracey Neal (*Liberty, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Accounting - Information Systems Electives

Awards/Honors: President's List; Dean's List; Nominee, Chaser's Hall of Leaders; Recipient, Prudential Spirit of Community Award; Truist Emerging Leaders Certification

Activities: Vice President and Professional Development Officer, Beta Sigma Psi Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Member, International Honor Society; Vice President, SCC Business Alliance Club; Treasurer, HubCityIT Computer Science Club; Coordinator and Volunteer, IRS VITA Program



Ashley Haith Smith (*Gaffney, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Computer Technology

Awards/Honors: Dean's List; Member: National Society of High School Scholars, National Technical Honor Society, National Society of Leadership and Success

Activities: Vice President of Service, Beta Sigma Psi Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa



Ashley Samantha Tinsley (*Spartanburg, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Management

Awards/Honors: –Dean's List; Scholar, Coca-Cola Military Leader of Promise; Vice President, Beta Sigma Psi Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Member, National Technical Honor Society; Secretary, Student Government; Former Student Ambassador; Poem publication; Model, College Advertisements and Website

Activities: Volunteer, College and Community Activities



TECHNICAL COLLEGE
OF THE LOWCOUNTRY



Brian Lamar Glover (*Charleston, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: President's List; 4.0 GPA

Activities: Full-time Emergency Medical Technician (EMT); Volunteer and Participant: Food Drives, Beach Sweeps, Adopt-a-Highway Cleanups, School Supply Drives



Tri-County Technical College



Linley Jane Schrader (*Six Mile, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Accounting

Awards/Honors: Dean's List; Member, National Society of Leadership and Success; Recipient, Foundations Scholarship Recipient (Dr. Henry Coward Drake Memorial Endowed Scholarship)

Activities: Volunteer, Church



Emily Ann Thompson (*Wallhalla, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Business Administration - Management Emphasis

Awards/Honors: Dean's List; Member, National Beta Club; Recipient: Bill Pepper Memorial Award, Hamilton Career and Technology Center Academic Excellence Award, Christ Community Church/ELM Endowed Scholarship, Sue Lawrence Gignilliat and Thomas McCutchen Gignilliat Endowed Scholarship

Activities: Member, Alpha Zeta Beta Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Recipient: Microsoft Office Specialist, CPro™-Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration certifications; Peer Tutor, National Society of Leadership and Success; Representative, Student Leadership Council; Team Leader, Marketing and Management Projects; Speaker, 2024 NSLS Induction Ceremony



TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE



Alexis Yvonne Bailey (*Summerville, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Early Care & Education - Inclusive Care

Awards/Honors: Dean's List; Recipient: Hibernian Society of Charleston Foundation Scholarship, Exchange Club of Charleston Scholarship, Child & Youth Studies Department Scholarship, Joseph P. Riley Sr. Scholarship, Sen. Ernest F. Hollings Endowed Scholarship, State Credit Union Scholarship

Activities: President, Early Childhood Development Club; Treasurer, Alpha Epsilon Omicron Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Secretary, TTC Gospel Choir; Member: International Club, Terra Bella Society, Charleston Horticultural Club,

SC Endeavors/South Carolina Early Childhood Association, National Society of Leadership and Success; Member and Signatory, Early Childhood Common Agenda; Tutor: Reading Partners, Heart Math; Volunteer: AMOR Healing Kitchen, Green Heart Project, SC Department of Natural Resources - Wire Reef Fabrication; Advocate, Tri-County Speaks On-Call; Lead Mentor, Allegro Charter School of Music for Kids on Point



Rumi Howell (*Charleston, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Science - Mechanical Engineering

Awards/Honors: Dean's List; Participant and Member, U.S. Embassy Access Alumni Leadership Summit, English Access Microscholarship Program; Best Delegate, Model United Nations

Activities: Member, National Society of Leadership and Success; Student Ambassador; Vice President, International Club



Jonesia Jewel Little (*Charleston, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Dental Hygiene

Awards/Honors: Recipient: Outstanding Member Award for Dental Assisting, Outstanding Leadership Skills Award

Activities: Volunteer: One80 Place, Free Dental Day at Family Dental Health, Beach Sweep, Charleston Animal Society Shelter



Shounda Gerald Peay (*Florence, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Practical Nursing / Associate in Arts – Healthcare Administration

Awards/Honors: Member: Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team; Certified: Professional Coder - American Academy of Professional Coders, Phlebotomy Technician - National Health Career Association, Medical Administrative Assistant, Basic Life Support Instructor-National Healthcare Association, Medical Transcription, Electronic Health Records; Secretary, Faculty Senate Board; Registered Pharmacy Technician; Participant: American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, American College of Medical Informatics; Grant Writer; Spokesperson, Christian Academy

Activities: College Instructor: Phlebotomy, Medical Coding, Medical Law and Healthcare; Leader and Volunteer: Youth Director, Vacation Bible School Team, Food Drive, Youth Advisor



Malcolm Jervon Salters (*Salters, SC*)

Degree: Associate in Arts

Awards/Honors: Dean's List; State Competition Winner and Scholar, Future Business Leaders Association

Activities: Member, Alpha Sigma Gamma Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Volunteer, Beta Club; Participant: Football, Track and Field, Quiz Bowl Team



Windi Christine Bahl (Lancaster, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: Nominee, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team; President, Alpha Alpha Iota Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa



Shaqueta Danielle Bragdon (Lancaster, SC)

Degree: Associate in Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: Dean's List

Activities: Member, Alpha Alpha Iota Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa



Megan Lorrain Day (Charleston, SC)

Degree: Associate in Science – Practical Nursing

Awards/Honors: Dean's List

Activities: Member, Alpha Alpha Iota Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa



Alyssa Brianna DeLeo (Santa Clarita, CA)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Radiology Technology

Awards/Honors: Nominee, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team

Activities: Captain, USC Lancaster's Women's Soccer Team



Margarita Norris (York, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: Dean's List

Activities: Participant, PTK Regional Service Project; Volunteer, Church's Children Ministry



Ana Virginia Vitrago (Merida, Venezuela)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Nursing

Awards/Honors: Dean's List; Member, Alpha Alpha Iota Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa; Inductee, National Society of Leadership and Success

Activities: Honors in Action Project



Natylie Zollo (Clover, SC)

Degree: Associate in Applied Science – Early Care and Education

Awards/Honors: Honor Student, Clover High School; Nominee, Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team

Activities: Vice President of Service, Alpha Alpha Iota Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa

2025 Phi Theta Kappa Advisor of the Year Nominations

The mission of Phi Theta Kappa is to “focus on recognizing and encouraging the academic achievement of college students while providing opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service, and fellowship programming.”

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) advisors provide guidance and supervision to PTK chapters on 2-year college campuses. Advisors promote individual student development and work to increase chapter membership and engagement.

The Phi Theta Kappa Advisor of the Year Award recognizes a chapter advisor or group of advisors who cultivate leadership, increase awareness of PTK, and bridge the gap between colleges and the community via PTK's initiatives.

Phi Theta Kappa Advisor of the Year nominees were identified by faculty and staff, at their respective institutions, as outstanding leaders who positively impact the chapter, college, and/or local community.

Florence-Darlington Technical College

April Cudd

Midlands Technical College

Sylvia Hayes

Piedmont Technical College

Vernessia Wideman

Trident Technical College

Dr. Laurence Neely

York Technical College Advisory Team

Heather Eddy

Courtney Jadidian

Viji Padmanabhan

Bobby Osborne

Kevin Proctor

Dr. Jennifer Ramsey

Krista Rinehart

Angela Riddle

Each nomination was scored in five categories: student growth and development, chapter growth and development, local impact, student support, and overall quality of the nomination.

2025 Phi Theta Kappa Advisors of the Year

York Technical College Advisory Team

Alpha Alpha Iota Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa

Notable remarks from the nomination:

- help students navigate academic challenges and connect them with resources
- ensure robust representation from all three of the college's academic divisions
- empower members to fully experience the benefits of PTK membership and maximize their personal and professional growth

Student comments about the advisors:

“She helped me find scholarships and other opportunities to pay for school and without her I would not be able to graduate.”

“They have shown me what being a real leader is like and how to lead effectively.”

“I have had the great honor of being lead by a team that helped me grow in ways I didn't even know I needed.”

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, South Carolina's sixteen technical colleges provide quality learning and skill development opportunities for the residents of the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, forty students from South Carolina's technical colleges have been recognized by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society for their outstanding records of academic achievement and for service to their college and local communities; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2025, these forty students will be recognized at an awards ceremony sponsored by the South Carolina Technical College System; and

WHEREAS, these students are a testament to the tremendous resources found in the citizens of the Palmetto State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry Dargan McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 10, 2025, as

SOUTH CAROLINA'S ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join me in congratulating these students for their commitment to personal excellence.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry D. McMaster".

HENRY DARGAN McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

