Presidents Academy Summer Institute
2012

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Dr. Rod Risley, Executive Director
Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society
1275 Chapters in 50 States, U.S. Territories and Nine Nations

Over 2.5 million members, 135,000 New Members Inducted Annually

Membership Eligibility:
Completion of at Least 12 hours of Associate Degree Course Work, 3.5 GPA
2,700 chapter advisors & 29 Regions

Headquarters Staff 80 – Center for Excellence
Jackson, MS

Communication network, 350,000 receive weekly electronic communication from Headquarters
2012 Annual International Convention – 4,000 attendees – Nashville, TN

2013 – 95th Convention April 4-6, 2013
San Jose, CA

Largest honor society in terms of chapters and members inducted in higher education
CC Completion Challenge Website

About the Community College Completion Challenge

In April of 2010 leaders of six key organizations in higher education signed Democracy's Colleges Call to Action to engage all stakeholders in supporting community college completion. The Community College Completion Challenge website showcases the missions, action plans and strategies developed by each organization to involve their constituency in a joint venture to produce 5 million more associate degree and certificate holders by 2020.

The Call to Action signers pictured left to right at the signing include: Dr. Gerardo de los Santos, President and CEO of the League for Innovation in the Community College; Dr. Evelyn Wawiaho, Director of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD); Dr. George Boggs, President and CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC); Dr. Rod Risley, Executive Director of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society; Dr. Kay M. McClenny, Director of the Center for Community College Student Engagement (CCCSE); and J. Noah Brown, President and CEO of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT).

Video Gallery

Community College Completion Panel Discussion

Part 1

Community College Completion Panel Discussion

Part 2

Community College Completion Panel Discussion

Part 3

Videos from the White House Community College Summit on October 5, 2010

- Opening Session
- Closing Session
Join Us, Commit To Complete

President Obama and higher education leaders have pledged to boost college completion rates by 50 percent over the next 10 years. Phi Theta Kappa is leading the Community College Completion Corps, a student-led initiative to raise awareness of the importance of college completion not only for students but for colleges and the communities they serve.

Here community college stakeholders will find a centralized repository of resources to assist them in the success of this national initiative. While working to boost college completion.

Completion News

Encouraging Deep Learning

Many community college students do not engage in enough classroom activities that enhance their "broadly applicable thinking, reasoning and judgment skills," according to the latest Community College Survey of Student Engagement released today.

Read the full article →

Measuring Two-Year Students' Success

A little attention misses in the winter
**C4 Toolkit Resources**

Online at [www.cccompletioncorps.org](http://www.cccompletioncorps.org)

- **Top 10 Reasons to Complete Flyer**
- **Dr. Risley’s Editorial**
- **Sample Press Release**
- **How to Order Buttons**
- **C4 Logos**
- **Signing Day Planning Checklist**

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### Top 10 Reasons for Completing Community College

1. You’ll earn more! Students who complete their associate degree or certificate can expect to earn as much as $8,000 more per year and about $400,000 more in a lifetime than a high school graduate.

2. You’ll be prepared! People change jobs up to 10 times in their working lives – and when you are job-hunting, a college credential will always give you an edge.

3. Credential holders also are more likely to retain jobs. Unemployment for community college graduates is typically 30 percent lower than for high school graduates.

4. You’ll encounter fewer barriers to transfer! Many state college systems have articulation agreements that guarantee transfer of community college credits when associate degree students enter state universities.

5. You’ll save time and money by not having to repeat courses or take courses you did not know you needed.

6. You’ll help reverse a national trend in the declining number of college graduates, and you’ll also open doors for your children. Children of college graduates are more likely to graduate themselves.

7. You and your family’s health will improve. Research links greater educational attainment to longer life, healthier eating, exercising and avoiding risk factors. Better-educated people are quicker to change behaviors in response to new evidence. Better-educated people have higher incomes, making them more likely to have health insurance and live in safer neighborhoods with better access to recreational facilities and grocery stores.

8. You’ll be more likely to promote environmental sustainability.

9. You’ll be more likely to volunteer, vote, contribute to charity, serve on boards and run for office.

10. You’ll be an educated, prepared and higher-paid employee, providing support for federal, state and local governments and helping the national workforce be competitive and productive in the global economy.

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**Fiction:** You can get a good job without finishing college.

**Fact:** 60 percent of jobs by 2020 will require a college credential.
Toolkit Resources

Printed & Online at www.cccompletioncorps.org

• Student Guide
• Administrator Guide
• “Call to Action” Poster
• Posters
• Stickers

Commit Today, Earn More Tomorrow

Support Community College Completion

If you are an underachiever, DO NOT READ THIS
Community College Completion

Call to Action in Support of Students

We believe that community college completion matters and that every student counts.
We believe that community colleges are a protectorate for hard-working students, who ask no favors and rise to succeed.
We believe in every student’s potential and responsibility to succeed, and that an engaged student is more likely to complete community college.
We believe the open door must not be a revolving door, and that community colleges must take responsibility for student success.
We believe that community colleges serve as essential gateways to intellectual progress and economic prosperity for more than 13 million students.
We believe that community colleges should provide all students with the essential resources and support systems that lead to college completion.

We commit to planning for college completion.
Planning a **C4** Signing Event

**Highlights:**

- Engage all student organizations, faculty and administrators
- Invite media; help secure interviews
- Host a brief program at time of day best for attracting a large crowd
- Make it celebratory (music, cheerleaders, food)
- Take photos/video for publicity
- [Report participation at](http://www.cccompletioncorps.org/ccccorps/ptk/got-commitment)
## Commitment Makers

Below is a list of colleges that have signed the Completion Challenge. Tell us about your Signing event!

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Got Commitment?
Chapters, tell us about your Signing Day event and join our list of Commitment Makers, Tell us about it >

View our Commitment Makers >

Contact Us
completion@ptk.org, 601-984-3504

Press Contact:
Melissa Mayer, 601-984-5484
While attending Community College:

- Coca Cola Leaders of Promise –
  increased from 30 to 180 $1,000 = $180,000
- Coca Cola New Century Scholars –
  increased: 50 to 52 $2,000 = $104,000
- Coca Cola Gold Scholars  50 $2,000 = $100,000
- Coca Cola Silver Scholars 50 $1,500 = $75,000
- Coca Cola Bronze Scholars 50 $1,000 = $50,000

Total: $509,000
While attending Community College:

NEW: Orbendorf Lifeline to Completion
10 $500 awards, quarterly to Phi Theta Kappa members within 15 hours of completing a degree who have experienced an unanticipated catastrophic event that could prevent completion. First awards fall of 2012
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMPLETION

While attending Community College:

All-USA Community College Team: 20 $2,500 = $50,000

Lanza Scholars – Nursing, EMT, Respiratory
increased: 25 $1,000 to 20 $2,500 = $50,000
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMPLETION

For Transfer to Senior Colleges:

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation

Increased from 30 to 60 $30,000 a year
for 3 years  =  $5,400,000

Graduate/Doctoral Study $50,000  =  $3,000,000

Total:  $8,400,000
For Transfer to Senior Colleges:

Hites Scholars –
  increased: from 5 to 12 $7,500 = $90,000

Guistwhite Scholars
  20 $5,000 = $100,000

All State CC Team Members
  = $41,000,000

Phi Theta Kappa Senior College Partners
  increased from 700 to 745
  = $37,000,000
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMPLETION

Grand Total all Scholarships: $87,057,500
Phi Theta Kappa’s:

CollegeFish.org

$3 Million Grant
Gates Foundation
AL, FL, IN, KY, WA