

KTE National Newsletter

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KTE 2009 National Convention Highlights

The 2009 National Convention was held March 26th-29th and was hosted by Penn State University in State College, PA. Attending chapters were: University of Maryland Baltimore County, Penn State University, The Ohio State University, Drexel University, Northwestern University, Rutgers University, Texas A&M University, and University of Texas at Austin.

The convention included a campus tour, a business etiquette

luncheon, the annual business meeting and a banquet. The campus tour included a look at Old Main, the original university building; a behind the scenes tour of Beaver Stadium, home of the Nittany Lions Football team; and a trip to Berkey Creamery for ice cream made by Penn State students. Our lunchtime speaker was a expert in business etiquette who gave us tips on proper handshakes and how to remember names among other things.

During our annual business meeting we elected new officers, edited our bylaws and reviewed chapter reports. Jay Walters, KTE's National President announced our Chapter of the Year: The Ohio State University. Sadly, Rutgers Chapter announced that their university was planning to close down their co-op program and KTE chapter. Penn State also announced plans to go inactive. Our annual banquet was held at the Allen Street Grill.



KTE National Convention Attendees pose with Penn State's Nittany Lion

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Changes to KTE Bylaws-Inclusion of Internships and Scholarship

At convention this year, KTE held business meetings where attending chapters voted on proposed changes to the Society's bylaws.

The Society voted to include Internship programs in our Society. Internships are intended to facilitate learning through on-the-job experience which is the goal of KTE. Chapters at schools with internship programs are welcome to invite these students into their chapter. Hopefully, this will allow us to expand the Society by inviting schools with Internship programs to start a chapter.

The Society voted to institute an annual scholarship given by the National Executive Committee. Two scholarship recipients will be selected every spring to receive a \$500 scholarship in the fall. Each active chapter will be able to nominate one student member for the scholarship. The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, have shown outstanding performance during their co-op or internship, and show involvement in their KTE chapter. The chapter advisor must submit the student's name, transcript, co-op or internship records, a personal statement from

the student and a written letter from the student's KTE advisor. In order to enhance their application, a student may opt to have a co-op employer or mentor write a letter in support of their nomination. A student's nomination is not effected by his or her chapter's participation in convention or timely payment of dues. Students need not be chapter officers to be nominated. Nominations for the 2010-11 academic year will be accepted in Spring 2010, more details to come in future issues.

National Executive Committee Officers for 2009-10

National Officers were elected at convention. Julie Costantino, an alumna of Penn State was elected President. Northwestern student, Neil Tiwari is our new Vice President. Drexel alumna, Natalie Draa continues to serve as Secretary. Ohio State student, Kimberly Miller was elected Treasurer. Texas A&M student, John Rourke is the new Society Administrator. Drexel University alum-

nus, Alex Cabinian was reelected as Webmaster. Ohio State alumna, David Schick continues as Fundraising Chair. Ohio State Student, Tom Zimmerman was elected as Recruitment Chair. Texas A&M Chapter advisor, David McMahon will continue to serve as National Advisor. The position of Presidential Advisor was created last year and was vacant during 08-09. Former

President Jay Walters was elected to this role and will continue to serve KTE in this capacity. All of the officers will be working hard this year. Some of the goals for this year are planning the KTE scholarship, enhancing the new website, finding and using new technological tools to enhance communication between National KTE and chapters, and reactivating old and recruiting new chapters.

National Convention 2010 Needs Host Chapter

Our 2010 National Convention is still currently without a host. KTE is looking for a chapter to host the convention at their University. Previous hosts include: Penn State University, Drexel University, Texas A&M University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, University of Texas, and Wichita State University.

National Convention is held in late March or early April and is

usually held from Thursday evening to Sunday morning. The main activities usually occur on Friday and Saturday. The host chapter would be responsible for planning a convention agenda, arranging accommodations for attendees, providing space for business meetings, supplying breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday, and arranging a banquet dinner on Saturday evening, The National Office

contributes a fixed amount of money towards the convention. It is the responsibility of the chapter to fund the convention beyond this amount by using chapter funds, finding sponsors, or charging a small fee for attendance.

If you would like to host, please contact President Julie Costantino to discuss making your bid, president@kappa-theta-epsilon.org

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Kappa Theta Epsilon Society is a national organization that aspires to promote Cooperative Education by recognizing outstanding students in Cooperative Education and Internship Programs, and are among the most able and qualified in the country. In addition, the Kappa Theta Epsilon Society hopes to provide service to the Cooperative Education and Internship Programs at member colleges and universities and serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas regarding Cooperative Education.



Left: Epsilon Chapter's Annual Fall Retreat (Courtesy Epsilon Chapter Website), Right: The convention delegates from Ohio State forget which football field they are visiting and spell OHIO at Penn State's Beaver Stadium (Courtesy Kimberly Miller)

KTE Chapter of the Year: Epsilon Chapter-The Ohio State University

The Ohio State University is a public university with several campuses across the State of Ohio. Its main campus is located in Columbus. Its main campus is the largest single-campus university in the US. The university currently enrolls almost 60,400 students. Majors range from Engineering to Business to Law and Medicine and beyond. Ohio State offers an optional Cooperative Education/ Internship program to Engineering students.

Epsilon Chapter inducted sixteen new members in the fall and eight new

members in the winter. In two quarters they went from five active members to twenty-five active members, meeting their goal stated at last year's convention. One reason they were able to increase member participation is their point system. Members are awarded points for participating in chapter events or doing services for the chapter or the Co-op program, members with the highest number of points are rewarded during spring quarter. They have implemented ideas learned from other KTE chapters such as awarding a scholarship

to a member. They have executed several unique fundraising events such as a coat/bag check at Career Fairs and are involved in several community and university service activities. They also have fun social events for their members throughout the year like the High Ropes Course retreat last fall. Epsilon chapter won this year's Chapter of the Year award by meeting their goal of increasing active membership with their unique point system.

Congratulations Epsilon Chapter!!