

Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education celebrated the installation of the new Penn State Altoona Chapter, Alpha Epsilon Pi, on Sunday, November 15, 2009 in the Port-Sky Cafe. More than 60 new charter members were initiated.

Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) is one of the largest and most prestigious educational honor societies in the world. It is dedicated to fostering excellence in education and promoting fellowship among leaders dedicated to teaching. With more than 550 active chapters throughout the world, Kappa Delta Pi is dedicated to the ideals of Fidelity to Humanity, Service, Science, and Toil. Students have been carefully selected based on very stringent expectations, high academic accomplishments, and promising leadership examples as prescribed in the KDP bylaws. In order to be eligible for the Penn State Altoona chapter, students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above, be in sophomore standing, and complete or be in the process of completing at least 12 credit hours of specific education courses. This year, only the top 11 percent of students in the elementary and secondary education majors were initiated.

This is the first education honor society to be established at Penn State Altoona and only the second KDP chapter in the Penn State System. The other chapter is located at Penn State Harrisburg.

In addition, selected local public school administrators were presented with the prestigious KDP "Educators Make A Difference" certificate in recognition for their exemplary leadership in the community and their significant contribution to our pre-service teachers: Mr. Richard Adams, Principal Wright Elementary School; Ms. Betsy Baker, Principal Spring Cove Elementary School, Dr. Dennis Murray, Superintendent Altoona Area School District, Dr. G. Brian Toth, Superintendent Bellwood-Antis School District.

(Installation of KDP Charter)



Kappa Delta Pi National Education Honor Society Charter, Alpha Epsilon Pi Chapter accepted by Dr. Lori J. Bechtel-Wherry, Chancellor, Penn State Altoona. Charter presented by Dr. Pamela Kramer Ertel, President of Kappa Delta Pi, Dean of the College of Education at East Stroudsburg University.

(Kappa Delta Pi Officers)



Jessica Miller (Publicity Chair), Laura Marancik (President), Ms. Lynn Nagle (Instructor of Psychology, KDP Associate Counselor), Dr. Barbara Hong (Associate Professor of Special Education, KDP Chapter Counselor), Wade Williams (Vice President), John Zabinsky (Treasurer).

(Kappa Delta Pi Members and Initiates)



**2009 Student Initiates:**

Shannon Amici, Karla Berkebile, Liane Braman, Jessica Breighner, Delicia Burkett, Amanda Casteel, Tommi Ann Church, Kelly Day, Stephanie Delvecchio, Jenna Dillon, Kayley Dull, Elissa Fromknecht, Alexa Gornizky, Sharon Green, Amy Greene, Kathryn Haines, Olivia Hallahan, Emily Hoffman, Brooke Johns, Lindsey Jordan, Melody Kephart, Brittany Kitko, Corby Lancaster, Mark Lynch, Laura Marancik, Michelle Mardula, Ann Massoud, Erin McLaughlin, Jessica Miller, Meghan Pease, Darlene Pennington, Christopher Perry, Jacqueline Peters, Caitlin Pohlman, Bridget Querry, Krystal Ross, Typhani Russo, Megan Saltsgiver, Molly Saltsgiver, Heidi Saltsman, Matthew Sheedy, Desiree Sipes, Elizabeth Snyder, Jenna Spinazzola, Sarah Steinbugl, Cherina Strait, Lauryn Taylor, Valerie Turnbaugh, Joshua Wagner, Brittany Weyandt, Wade Williams, John Zabinsky, **Honorary Member:** Ms. Stephanie Tanner

**Faculty Initiates:**

Dr. Eric Charles, Ms. Linda Conway, Dr. Leigh Ann Haefner, Dr. Laura Palmer, Ms. Helen Rentz, Dr. Peter Shull, Dr. Timothy Slekar, Ms. Paula Templon, Dr. Daniel Thompson, Dr. Kenneth Womack. **KDP Reaffirmed Members:** Dr. Lori J. Bechtel-Wherry, Dr. Barbara Hong, Ms. Lynn Nagle