



2018–2019 Celebration of Teaching Top Projects

Gold Projects

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Omicron Pi Chapter

Future 49ers Teach

The “Future 49ers Teach” program is a large-scale community event that sees hundreds of local high school students brought to the UNC–Charlotte campus to celebrate and promote the profession of teaching. This year, more than 350 high school students participated in the event. The day’s activities included a KDP keynote speaker, breakout sessions, student panel, campus tour, lunch, and a resource fair. Omicron Pi chapter members led the student panel discussion, which allowed prospective UNC applicants to ask questions about the education program and the KDP chapter. KDP members also led the tours and ate lunch with the participants in order to network. The most impressive thing about this program is its results. More than 50% of the students that participated in “Future 49ers Teach” applied to UNC–Charlotte, either before or after the event. The Omicron Pi Chapter continues to prove how valuable a KDP chapter can be to their institution!

University of Saint Joseph

Tau Omega Chapter

Tau Omega Chapter 25th Anniversary Celebration

KDP Counselors serve a critical role in the success of a chapter, and the members of Tau Omega wanted to recognize their counselor, Dr. Virginia Johnson, for her 25 years of service to the chapter. Dr. Johnson has been with the chapter since its inception, and she has worked to grow the chapter from a small handful of students to a network of more than 450 members. To honor Dr. Johnson, the chapter reached out to its alumni members to share stories and fond memories of their time with her. They compiled these messages into a video to play at their spring initiation. Additionally, many members and alumni wrote letters of support for their former counselor. Those letters were packaged in a shadow box for Dr. Johnson. Finally, all members and alumni were invited to a special luncheon in her honor. This project serves as a wonderful reminder that Celebration of Teaching can start with your own KDP counselor!

Western Governors University

Alpha Epsilon Sigma Chapter

Inspiring Future Educators

The Alpha Epsilon Sigma Chapter held an online messaging and advocacy project to share many inspiring messages of the profession. Through a Google Forms Survey, the chapter polled different populations to collect positive stories about teaching. They sought contributions from current students, former students, veteran teachers, and new teachers/student teachers. Once the messages were collected, they were posted on a Facebook page to share with the world. The goal of this project was to highlight the positive aspects of the profession, and the dozens and dozens of thoughtful responses certainly accomplished this goal. The chapter also learned valuable information through these surveys, which they plan to incorporate into future programs.

Kean University

Delta Rho Chapter

Teacher Appreciation: Teachers of Today and the Future

The Delta Rho Chapter addressed both aspects of Celebration of Teaching through a two-part project in their community. First, the chapter played a key role in hosting Kean University's Future Teacher's Academy: an event that brings high school students to campus to participate in breakout sessions, interact with faculty, and tour the school. KDP members facilitated the activities, and shared information about the mission and benefits of Kappa Delta Pi. The participants left the event energized and excited about their future careers! The second part of Delta Rho's project was to recognize and celebrate teachers in a local elementary school. For Teacher Appreciation Week, the chapter did several things, including creating celebratory banners to be hung in the school, giving each teacher an "I am a teacher, what's your superpower" pin, co-hosting a catered lunch, and hosting a raffle.

St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn Campus

Alpha Epsilon Omega Chapter

Celebration of Teaching!

The Alpha Epsilon Omega Chapter hosted an in-depth campus visit project for local high school students. Unlike the other campus visit projects on this list, this was the Alpha Epsilon Omega Chapter's first time hosting such a program. The day began with a welcome from the chair of the department and the Executive Dean of the college. Next, the students were taken on a tour of the campus and laboratory preschool, highlighting the importance of fieldwork in their curriculum. After this, the students were taken to a real university class where they sat in on an Ed. Psych lecture. The high school students followed along with the lesson and even participated in the class discussion. The Alpha Epsilon Omega Chapter also facilitated a teacher panel of seven past and current teachers. Finally, the students participated in a mock classroom activity, where they role-played teachers in a parent-teacher conference. Overall, this was a fantastic first-year project!

Silver Projects

University of Wisconsin–Platteville

Iota Rho Chapter

Celebrate a Teacher

Angelo State University

Mu Gamma Chapter

Let's Celebrate You!

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Eta Phi Chapter

Celebration of Teaching

Mount Saint Mary College

Sigma Tau Chapter

Passing the Torch of Teaching

Camden County College

Alpha Alpha Psi Chapter

Relax With a Massage

Bronze Projects

Chapman University

Chi Beta Chapter

Thank-A-Professor

Sul Ross State University

Zeta Delta Chapter

Celebration of Teaching Reception

University of Portland

Phi Sigma Chapter

Celebrating the Teachers Around Us

Henderson State University

Delta Pi Chapter

2nd Annual Future Educators Conference

The College of New Jersey

Gamma Zeta Chapter

*Beyond Their Classroom Door – Thanking Teachers for
Their Lasting Impact*