

The PDK-USC Kappan

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Join us for our PDK-USC Dinner Meeting

“Discipline without Stress”

Friday, November 6th, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

!!! New Location !!!

The University Club* at USC

* Formerly the Faculty Center

To RSVP, see page 3

Meet the Speaker...

Dr. Marvin Marshall



Dr. Marvin Marshall's presentations and writings promoting responsibility, increasing effectiveness, improving relationships, social development, human behavior, and motivation have been published internationally. He writes a monthly electronic newsletter about promoting responsibility, increasing effectiveness, and improving relationships. His RAISE RESPONSIBILITY SYSTEM is used internationally in schools and homes. However, the three basic principles can be used in any setting among people—be it corporate, business, educational, or personal. His experiences include: Classroom teaching in primary and upper grades at the elementary level, every grade 7-12, and as a full time staff member in teacher education at California State University, Los Angeles. His experience includes counseling and guidance experiences as a middle school counselor, high school counselor, guidance department chair, and certification by the William Glasser Institute. He also has experience in curriculum and instruction activities as a demonstration teacher, department chair, instructional coordinator, and assistant principal of curriculum and instruction, as well as supervision, administration, and management experiences as an elementary school principal, middle school assistant principal, high school assistant principal of supervision and control, high school principal, and district director of education. He holds a Masters in Business Administration from California State University, Los Angeles. His Dissertation at the University of Southern California is in the combined areas of instruction and guidance. *

- Courtesy of <http://www.marvinmarshallpresents.com/aboutmarvinmarshall.htm>

Member Spotlight



Left to Right:

Ed Robilard (VP Membership),
Dr. Pedro Garcia, and Ruth
Luna.

Left to Right:

Ed Robilard (VP Membership)
and Benisha Carr.

**Encourage your friends, family, and
colleagues to join
the USC Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa!**

Download the membership
application on our website at

<http://www.pdk-usc.org>

or

<http://pdk-usc.org/id2.html>

Member Spotlight



The PDK-USC Kappan is looking for new information and stories about our members to highlight in upcoming issues and/or on our Web site. Several members took fantastic trips this past Spring and Summer – China, France, England. How many new principals, superintendents are there among us? If you or another PDK-USC member you know has an exciting achievement that is of note or importance, please share it with us so we can pass along the good news! How are you advancing the future of education?

Member Name: _____

USC Graduation Year: Bachelor's _____ Master's _____ Doctorate _____

Describe the news

Be as specific as possible. Include: new title, school/district/office, and responsibilities; recent publication title and journal/publisher; name of honor/award and awarding institution; career milestone or retirement, etc. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Submissions are welcome any time of the year.

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CHAPTER DINNER MEETING

Reserve by Monday, Oct. 26th to receive a free copy of speaker Dr. Marvin Marshall's book
Discipline without Stress, Punishment, or Rewards

(Located in the USC University Club* Formerly the Faculty Center)

FRIDAY, November 6, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE IS Monday, Oct. 26th, 2009

Name(s): _____ Total # Attending: _____

PDK Membership # (if applicable) _____ Phone #: _____

Meal Choice: _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian Pasta

Mail your check (made payable to PDK-USC Chapter) for **\$40.00** per person with this form.
It must arrive before Monday, Oct. 26th to:

PDK-USC Chapter
c/o Teresa Miller
9737 Armley Ave. Whittier, CA 90604

Parking is available for \$8.00 through **Gate # 3.*** Please consider carpooling.
(Figueroa Street & USC McCarthy Way, across from the Galen Center)

RESEARCH NEWS

Dr. E. Janeane Dimpel

Hello to all USC PDK chapter members as educators, we are continually asked to make changes to improve the academic standings of our students and our schools. This is a daunting task in a country that provides a free public education for ALL. To carry out these ongoing changes we might benefit from the research of those who have invested their time in working with schools, school districts, and charter schools across America.

First, I want to refer you to the publications that are a part of your membership in Phi Delta Kappa. The material is invaluable and helpful in planning for change and professional development seminars. For example in the September 2009, issue of the Kappan I found an article that I have used in my university leadership class. As a former school principal I was reminded of my first year when I read the article that begins on page 56, "First Time in a Position of Authority." This article not only speaks to new administrators it speaks to all educators because it shares some important common sense strategies we all can use in order to accommodate the changes that occur on a daily basis.

I also, recommend reading "REFRAMING THE PATH TO SCHOOL LEADERSHIP, A Guide For Teachers And Principals" by Lee G. Bolman and Terrence E. Deal. This book is published by Corwin Press, Inc. Thousand Oaks, California, 2002.

Hope to see you at the November 6th PDK dinner meeting where we can share research, articles and experiences. The more we share the stronger we become.

PDK INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

PDK supports educators who are pursuing graduate degrees in education through several fellowships and awards made available through the Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation and its endowed scholarship program.

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award is funded through the PDK Educational Foundation. One cash award of \$5,000 will be awarded for the doctoral dissertation judged to be the outstanding submission in 2009. Deadline is September 1.


Prospective Educator Scholarships are for high school seniors intending to major in education and undergraduate members of PDK who are enrolled in a college education program. The submission deadline is February 1.

Past President Emery Stoops Scholarship is one of the PDK Scholarship Grants for Prospective Educators. Dr. Emery Stoops, international PDK president from 1954-56 and PDK-USC Past President, established this award in 1997 as part of the PDK Educational Foundation. The winner will be chosen by the committee that chooses the other recipients of PDK's Prospective Educator Scholarships, with preference for the scholarship being given to a student who intends to go to the University of Southern California. Deadline is February 1.

Gerald Howard Read International Travel Scholarships help offset the cost of traveling through the PDK International Travel Program. Gerald H. Read, a long-time member and PDK benefactor, probably is best known for enabling thousands of Kappans to learn firsthand about education systems around the world. He organized the PDK International Travel Program, leading the first group of Kappans to the Soviet Union in 1961. In 1980 he and his wife, Vicki, established an endowment with the PDK Educational Foundation that provides scholarships for Kappans to participate in the travel program. He also served on PDK's Commission on International Education from 1958 to 1968. Deadlines precede each program.

R. Gerald Melton Scholarship is for doctoral study in education administration. Deadline is May 15.

Ruey H. Witten Fellowship is for post-baccalaureate study in music education. Deadline is June 1.

Graduate Fellowships in Educational Leadership are for members who will be full-time graduate students from 1 July 2009 through 30 June 2010. Deadline is June 1. 

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