

The PDK-USC Kappan

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MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Phi Delta Kappa shall be to promote quality education, in particular publicly supported education, as essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life. This purpose shall be accomplished through research, service, and leadership in education.

From the Constitution of Phi Delta Kappa International



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Join us for our first PDK-USC Dinner Meeting
"Each One, Reach One"

Friday, September 5, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
USC Davidson Conference Center: Vineyard Room

Guest Speaker: Assemblymember Paul Krekorian
 Representative from the 43rd District

Inspiration by Dr. Marian Fukuda

To RSVP, see page 4

Meet the Speaker...
Assemblymember Paul Krekorian



Assemblymember Paul Krekorian was elected to the California State Legislature in 2006 to serve the communities of Burbank, Glendale, Los Feliz, North Hollywood, Silver Lake, Valley Glen, Van Nuys and Toluca Lake. Krekorian is the Chair of the Select Committee on Preservation of California's Entertainment Industry. The 43rd District truly represents the entertainment capital of the world, and Paul is fighting hard to save California's jobs in the film, television

and recording industries. Paul has a wide range of other important assignments, including membership on the Assembly committees on Appropriations, Budget (including the Budget subcommittee on transportation and information technology), Human Services, Judiciary, Rules, and Utilities & Commerce (dealing with energy and telecommunications). He is also a member of the Select Committee on Hate Crimes

Prior to his service in the Assembly, Paul served as President of the Burbank Board of Education. During his tenure, the district significantly improved school attendance and performance, increased teacher pay, launched the Burbank Priority in Education Foundation, encouraged greater student nutrition and exercise, and implemented groundbreaking programs to protect the environment and achieve energy efficiencies. Paul has always been a strong champion for children. He was instrumental in helping to create GenerationNext, a mentorship program for at-risk youth in Glendale public schools.

Mr. Krekorian received his law degree from UC Berkeley and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from USC. He lives in Burbank with his wife Tamar, their sons Hrag and Andrew, and their daughter Lori.



Message from *the President*

By Dr. Alexis Sheehy

Welcome to another year of leadership, research, and service as Phi Delta Kappans! I am pleased to serve as your president again this year, and I am fortunate to be assisted by a talented group of people serving on the PDK-USC Board. I want to give a particular welcome to the new members who joined PDK-USC in 2007-2008. The University of Southern California Chapter was founded on June 10, 1922, so we are beginning our 87th year.



Our theme for this year is "Each One, Reach One" As Kappans, we know the benefits we reap from active membership in PDK-USC, and I am urging each one of you to invite someone to a dinner meeting and encourage them to become a member. This theme also recognizes the efforts of everyone in our association who works in public education. We reach many as we work with our students and other educators, but the effects are felt one person and one interaction at a time.

"PDK: The experts in cultivating great educators for tomorrow and ensuring high-quality education for today."

This is the new PDK vision, adopted by the International Board of Directors, and it defines where we are going and what we want to be. It focuses our efforts to achieve our mission of high-quality education for all and incorporates the PDK tenets of research, service, and leadership.

In line with PDK's vision, our first speaker of the year, Assemblymember Paul Krekorian, will talk to us about what he has done and will continue to do to ensure high quality public education on September 5. Come join your fellow Kappans at this and every dinner meeting to be a part of another exciting year in education.



Phi Delta Kappa International

2008 Summit on High Performing Educators

Join us for the 2008 Phi delta Kappa International Summit,

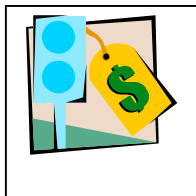
November 13-15, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Antonio, Texas.



The single most important factor in a student's education is his or her teachers. But the question is: What makes a great teacher?

A panel of educators will tackle this issue in a moderated session on Thursday, November 13. Thomas Guskey, professor of Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation at the University of Kentucky, will address summit attendees on Friday morning. Dr. Guskey is widely known for his research in education reform, assessment, and professional development. Along with the panel discussion, his remarks will set the tone for thought-provoking sessions that will further delve into the issue. Breakout sessions will encourage the dialogue that will answer one of education's most critical questions.

We invite you to join us as we discuss what makes a great teacher.



Special Discount for Dinner Meetings!!!

Purchase all five dinner meetings in advance and receive
a 10% Discount to those meetings (a savings of \$20).*

Mail the form below and your check for **\$160.00** per person, made payable to PDK-USC Chapter, to:

PDK-USC Chapter, c/o Alan Seigel
169 Stanford Court, Irvine, CA 92612

DON'T MISS OUT – THE LAST DAY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS SPECIAL DISCOUNT IS FRIDAY AUGUST 29, 2008.
Your check and this form must arrive before this date.

** Sorry, no refunds will be given after purchases are made. All five dinners will take place at the Vineyard Room of the USC Davidson Conference Center. If you are unable to attend a dinner meeting after purchasing this special package, please inform Alan Seigel at (323) 574-8797 or Aseigel@lausd.net at least one week in advance so your dinner expenses can be your contribution to the PDK-USC Chapter. Parking is included in the Dinner Meeting subscription. Parking is available through Gate \$4 off Jefferson Blvd.*

_____ **YES**, sign me up! I want to take advantage of the PDK-USC special dinner discount.
_____ **Regretfully**, I cannot attend the dinner meetings. Instead, here is my \$160.00 contribution to the PDK-USC Chapter.

Name: _____ PDK Membership # (if applicable) _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Additional Guests' Name(s), if applicable: _____

Dinner #1: _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian
Dinner #2: _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian
Dinner #3: _____ Chicken _____ Beef _____ Vegetarian

Dinner #4: _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian
Dinner #5: _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian

2008-09 USC Phi Delta Kappa CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 5 – PDK-USC Dinner Meeting**
Davidson Conference Center 6:00 p.m.
- 11 – PDK-USC Board Meeting, WPH 900, 5:30 p.m.**

November

- 13-15 – PDK International Conference**
San Antonio, Texas

December

- 5 – PDK-USC Dinner Meeting**
Davidson Conference Center 6:00 p.m.
- 11 – PDK-USC Board Meeting, WPH 900, 5:30 p.m.**

January

- 23 – PDK-USC Stoops Lecture Dinner Meeting**
Davidson Conference Center 6:00 p.m.
- 29 – PDK-USC Board Meeting, WPH 900, 5:30 p.m.**

March

- 6 – PDK-USC Dinner Meeting**
Davidson Conference Center, 6:00 p.m.
- 12 – PDK-USC Board Meeting, WPH 900, 5:30 p.m.**

May

- 1 – PDK-USC Recognition Dinner Meeting**
Davidson Conference Center 6:00 p.m.
- 7 – PDK-USC Board Meeting, WPH 900, 5:30 p.m.**

Chapter Dinner meetings are in Bold.
Everyone is welcome at the Board Meetings.
A map of USC University Park Campus can be found at
http://www.usc.edu/about/visit/upc/driving_directions/



Save The Date!!!

(Located in the USC Davidson Conference Center)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 29th.

Name(s): _____ Total # Attending: _____

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

Meal Choice: _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian

Mail your check (made payable to PDK-USC Chapter) for **\$36.00*** per person (Includes parking) with this form. It must arrive before Friday, August 29th to:

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Have You Recruited a New Member to PDK?

Share the Benefits of Membership with a Dedicated, Deserving Educator

By Lisa Regan, VP Membership

Every September, educators all over Los Angeles make "new school year resolutions" that often include goals for professional growth. This year, make it your contribution to the education profession and your USC Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa to recruit new members to our dynamic organization. Our chapter offers numerous opportunities for teachers, counselors, administrators, and other school personnel to grow in the areas of research, leadership, and service to their schools and communities.

Why Join PDK-USC?

- Belong to the largest professional society of K-14 public educators in the world
- Connect with successful educators from various education fields
- Learn from dynamic speakers who serve in positions that influence education policy
- Link current research with your own professional practice
- Discover new ways to work toward improving public education in your community

By copying and distributing the 2008-09 Application for Professional Membership to all the dedicated, deserving educators at your school or in your community, you are planting the seeds that encourage today's educators to be tomorrow's leaders and innovators. As an incentive, sponsors and their new initiates each receive a complimentary ticket to the raffle held during that night's Dinner Meeting.

Build the next generation of education leaders...

pass along the membership application to another fellow educator today!

(See next page.)

For more information on membership options, please contact
Lisa Regan, VP Membership, at lisa.regan@lausd.net.

Member Spotlight

Welcome to our 15 New Members in May



Left to right:

Dr. Alexis Sheehy (President), Lillie McClendon, Dr. Linda Fischer, Sheryl MacDonald, Deborah Neal, Thomas Tucker, Audrey Reille, Thomas Tan, Lisa Regan (VP Membership).

Not pictured:

K. Joanna de la Cuesta, Juliet Fine, Patricia Gray, J.C. Schnabl, Denise Sauder, Laura Twining, Stephania Vu, Jeanique Wells

2008-09 PDK-USC Governing Board Members

Back row:

Dr. Alexis Sheehy, Dr. Nick Nichols, Jessica Guinn, Teresa M. Miller, Dr. Ed Robillard, Alan Seigel

Front row:

Peter Nisotis, Dr. Barbara Shannon, Dr. Guillermina Jauregui, Lisa Regan, Gizelle Monarres, Dr. Josephine Zarro, Miranda Ra'oof





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.

Contact Phone Number: Day () _____ Evening () _____

Contact E-mail : _____

Please send via US mail or e-mail to:

Barbara Shannon

Vice President and Editor, The PDK-USC Kappan

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Paper or Paperless?

Several years ago, PDK-USC members were surveyed to see how many would prefer the newsletter mailed or sent via email. At that time, PDK International supplied mailing labels and it was easier to mail all of the newsletters. Now, as the cost of postage is climbing, PDK International no longer supplies mailing labels, and many of you have expressed a desire to receive paperless copies of the newsletter only, we are conducting the survey again.

Please place a check in the square before your choice.

- paperless, via email please
- paper, please mail me a copy
- paperless and paper

(Your Name)

(email address)

Please return to Barbara Shannon, 134 Fowler Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016; or email: bshannon@altrionet.com

This survey can also be found on line at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=uvrblRzQSHO0B9GWvh5CQ_3d_3d. Thank you.

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 2008. 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 2008 through 30 June 2009. Deadline is June 1. ↩

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