

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 PDK-USC Dinner Meeting

Friday, March 8, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
Vineyard Room: Davidson Conference Center

Guest Speakers:

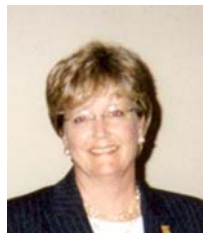
Dr. Melora Sundt, Professor of Clinical Education and Associate Dean of Academic Programs

Todd Henneman, Assistant Director for the Center for Women and Men

Inspiration by Gizelle Monarres, Research Representative

To RSVP, see page 3

Meet the Speakers...



Dr. Melora Sundt teaches in the M.E. and Ed.D/Ph.D programs of the Center for Higher Education Policy Analysis at the University of Southern California. She teaches a number of student development-based courses including Student Development Theory, Campus Interventions, Management of Student Services, and Introduction to Student Affairs. Dr. Sundt has conducted evaluations of nationally and internationally based educational partnerships and programs for federal agencies and foundations such as the Corporation for National Service and the Kauffman Foundation. Her other work has addressed sexual harassment in the academy, gender bias in the middle school classroom, sexual assault in campus, hate speech codes, and academic integrity. Dr. Sundt is currently a professor of Clinical Education and Associate Dean for Academic Programs. She is also the PDK-USC faculty sponsor. Dr. Sundt holds a Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Todd Henneman is passionate about his job as assistant director for Center for Women and Men at USC. As assistant director, his primary responsibility is to direct Men Creating Attitudes for Rape-free Environments (CARE), a peer education program. Todd recruits and trains peer educators-male students who make presentations about violence prevention; recruits and trains faculty and staff mentors for peer educators; and develops the marketing campaign. Todd earned his bachelor's degree in journalism with a minor in communication studies from Northwestern University. He holds a master's degree in business administration from the Anderson Graduate School of Management at the University of California, Los Angeles.



2008-09 PDK-USC Election of Officers

The election of the governing board officers for the PDK-USC Chapter, in accordance with Section 3.2.3.1 of the chapter bylaws, will be by simple majority of those eligible members voting during a regularly scheduled chapter meeting. The vote shall be by secret ballot. All current PDK-USC members in good standing are encouraged to participate in the election process. If you did not volunteer to serve on the board this year, think about expanding your role in PDK-USC next year.

2007-08 Slate of PDK-USC Governing Board Officers

President	Dr. Alexis Sheehy
Vice President - Membership	Lisa Regan
Vice President – Programs	Dr. Miranda Ra’oof
Vice President - Projects (Meeting Logistics).....	Dr. Josphine Zarro and Alan Seigel (co-candidates)
Secretary.....	Dr. Guillermina Jauregui
Treasurer.....	Dr, Edward Robillard
Historian.....	Teresa M. Miller
Foundations Representative.....	Jessica Young
Research Representative.....	Gizelle Monarres
Newsletter	Dr. Barbara Shannon
Webmaster.....	Dr. Herbert “Nick” Nichols



Share your Member Spotlight Information! We would like to hear what you are doing, especially in leadership, research, and service. Send your exciting news to: **Barbara Shannon**, PDK-USC Newsletter Editor, at bshannon@westridge.org.

Phineas Banning High School is First to Exit PI 5!

Exiting Program Improvement 5 status is no easy feat. But Phineas Banning High School, in the heart of Wilmington, did it. A comprehensive high school divided into four small learning communities, Banning serves over 3500 predominantly Latino students in an economically disadvantaged, working class community in the southern reaches of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

For the past five years, teachers and staff have risen to the challenge to devise programs, energize lessons, and improve attitudes and methods leading to unprecedented success. Saddled with an API of 487 in 2000-01, the school's efforts caused scores to rise over 100 points to 600 in 2006-07 while meeting all other benchmarks.

An important reason for success is found in the commitment to wall-to wall Small Learning Communities. One veteran teacher commented, "I was skeptical at first. Small Learning Communities just seemed like another top-down mandate that would blow with the wind. But after experiencing growing pains, and exposing myself to working closely with my colleagues – sharing best practices and developing ideas- I definitely see how smaller is better."

Submitted by Alan Seigel, teacher and Dr. Josephine Zarro, Assistant Principal – Phineas Banning High School



VP Membership **Lisa Regan** welcomes new PDK-USC initiates (from right to left) Vithrel Searchwell, Alan Seigel, and Karen Dabney-Lieras, and President **Alexis Sheehy**.



PDK-USC needs you!
Bring a friend to the next dinner meeting, Friday, March 8.

Save The Date!!!

PDK-USC Dinner Meeting @The Vineyard Room
(Located in the Davidson Conference Center)

FRIDAY, March 7 at 6:00 p.m.

DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, February 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, February 29th to:

PDK-USC Chapter
c/o Nick Nichols
24070 Eagle Mountain St.
West Hills, CA 91304

*This amount does include parking. Parking is available through Gate #4 off of Jefferson Street.
If it is after the deadline, it may not be too late to get your dinner added on. Please call or email Nick at (818) 456-9732 or nick.nichols@lausd.net

2007-08 USC Phi Delta Kappa CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

7 – PDK-USC Dinner Meeting

Board Elections

Davidson Conference Center 6:00 p.m.

13 – PDK-USC Board Meeting, WPH 900, 5:30 p.m.

May

2 – PDK-USC Recognition Dinner Meeting

Installation of the 2008-09 Officers

Davidson Conference Center 6:00 p.m.

8 – PDK-USC Board Meeting, WPH 900, 5:30

Combined Meeting old and new Board

PDK International Education Foundation Donation

At the upcoming March dinner meeting, all of our raffle proceeds will be donated to the PDK International Education Foundation. Last year, our chapter was recognized by PDK International as the outstanding chapter in Region A with the largest number of good standing members making a gift to the foundation. We would like to repeat that feat again this year since the chapter received a \$500 grant for our donation. Last year, each member was asked to donate \$5 to count toward the Chapter's donation to the Foundation. This year, the minimum amount has been raised to \$10. So we are asking that each member buy \$10 worth of raffle tickets to support this worthy cause and win some great prizes.

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/

PDK INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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.** ☞

Graduating from USC?

PDK-USC members in good standing, or new members initiated on or before the May 2nd Dinner Meeting, are eligible to purchase a beautiful cardinal and gold Phi Delta Kappa sash to wear with their caps and gowns at USC's Commencement Exercises. The price is just \$40, and the order form can be downloaded at <http://www.pdk-usc.org>.

Sashes will be distributed at the conclusion of the May 2nd PDK-USC Dinner Meeting. Questions? Contact Nick Nichols at nick.nichols@lausd.net.



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