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ACM PHI THETA KAPPA RECOGNIZED AT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

CUMBERLAND, Md. – Allegany College of Maryland's Omicron Pi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has been recognized by the international honor society as among the top 100 of more than 1,250 U.S. chapters.

The recognition came at the society's recent 2018 international convention in Kansas City, where Omicron Pi was also announced as a recipient of PTK's Distinguished Honors in Action Project Award.

The ACM chapter, among 50 such winners nationwide, was commended for its service in addressing the problem of bullying. Members developed a video to help others confront that issue.

PTK's objective for these HIA projects is for students to research a study topic and apply learning and problem-solving for positive impact toward the betterment of society.

Completion of this project was instrumental in the ACM chapter advancing to the highest level of membership in the international honor society through designation as a five-star chapter.

That achievement, which likewise was noted at the five-day convention, was the culmination of a series of projects and activities benefiting the college and community in a quest toward PTK's top rung.

On the individual level, Thomas (T.J.) Glenny, Omicron Pi's chapter president on the Cumberland campus, placed third in the convention's job interview competition. He was awarded a scholarship to help him continue his education.

"It has been an honor to work with these amazing students and the entire Omicron Pi membership this semester," said Melody Gaschler, the ACM faculty member who advises the student chapter.

"They are very motivated, as can be seen by their accomplishments," she added. "I am excited about the upcoming academic year and what it will bring for our chapter."

Membership in Phi Theta Kappa at ACM is reserved for students carrying a minimum 3.5 grade point average after the completion of 12 or more semester hours of college course work.

PTK is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of community college students. It has more than 3.2 million members in nearly 1,300 chapters on two-year college campuses in the United States and eight other countries.



PHOTO CAPTION==Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society recognized the Omicron Pi chapter at Allegany College of Maryland on several levels at the society's recent 2018 international convention in Kansas City. Pictured, from left to right, are: Talita Mirfin, chapter president at ACM's Bedford County Campus; chapter officer Cecelia Bonner; Thomas (T.J.) Glenny, chapter president, Cumberland campus; chapter advisor Melody Gaschler; and chapter members Syully Koroh and Michael Kerns.