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Enhanced Membership Activity for AUGUST:

Reached

One Star Level:

- L. Santos

Two Star Level:

Three Star Level:

Four Star Level:

Five Star Level:

Earn more Points:

7 Aug – 19 Aug

Submit entry for newsletter naming contest,

5 pnts each entry (up to 15 pnts)

10 pnts for the winning name submission

10 Aug –

Chapter Meeting,,

10 pnts

Don't forget you can also earn several points for bringing recycled cans, canned-foods, books, and old cell phones/batteries to our chapter meetings.

Please visit our website for more information on the Enhanced Membership Points and Rewards Program. If you have any questions regarding your points earned please email info@omegasigma.org

What's New for Your Chapter?

Welcome back members! We are off to a great start and as you may have noticed there have been quite a few changes over the summer. For starters, the creation of this Newsletter is to help keep our past, current, and prospective members as well as our community involved in our activities and aware of the wonderful opportunities our chapter has to offer.

Updates to the Enhanced Membership Points and Rewards Program as well as the introduction of the "Omega Sigma Member of the Month" are just a few ways your new 2007-08 Officer Team plans to improve participation and

recognition opportunities for active members (please note, "Member of the Month" and Enhanced membership Points and can only be earned by members currently attending HCC). Please visit our website to find more information regarding these programs.

Our most exciting update this year is the new and improved website www.omegasigma.org ! While some parts are still under construction, this tool is very important to our chapter's success and we plan make the best most of it. You can access current Enhanced Membership Program information, new member Eligibility Requirements,

the new member Application, our Newsletter, the event calendar and plenty of other useful chapter information. There is still more to come so please check back often!

More exciting updates are on the way, so please keep in the loop via this newsletter, our website, the Omega Sigma Yahoo! Group blog, by email, or by attending our Chapter meetings. If you have any questions or ideas to help improve your Chapter please email info@omegasigma.org.

Newsletter Sign-up!

Please enter your email address in the field below and press the submit button.

Email Address:

Sign-up online at www.omegasigma.org

Newsletter Naming Contest Begins!

Calling all members! Put your thinking caps on and help name your new chapter newsletter.

The contest will begin today **August 7th** and we will be accepting newsletter name submissions until **August 19th**. You can earn up to **15 Enhanced Membership points*** just by sharing your name ideas, however, you are free to make as many suggestions as you'd like (*5 points per acceptable submission, 15 pnts max). As an extra incentive to participate, the member who submitted the winning name will receive an **additional 10 Enhanced Membership Points!**

Please keep in mind the following when submitting your name ideas: no obscenities will

be tolerated, and please DO NOT suggest plagiarized or any other copyrighted materials, names, or titles. It can be anything appropriate so please be creative!

We will announce a poll on the Omega Sigma Yahoo! Group blog during the week of Aug 20th – Aug 26th for you to vote on all of the names submitted before the deadline. The one with the highest number of votes and the new name of your chapter newsletter will debut on the cover of the September issue. Have fun with it and thank you for your participation!

**Please email your newsletter name suggestions to: info@omegasigma.org from Aug 7th to Aug 19th

Omega Sigma Member of the Month AUGUST



Congratulations to,
Luciana Santos

who has been chosen as the Omega Sigma **Member of the Month** for August and will be awarded **20 Enhanced Membership Points!** Luciana participated in our first Chapter Event "Project Grad" at Reliant Stadium and has shown excellent fellowship toward our members and officer team. Ms. Santos has been a long time active member and it would be an honor to recognize her as the *first* Omega Sigma "Member of the Month".

Thank you Luciana for your dedication to our Chapter!

- See Page 2 to learn how you can be the next Member of the Month!

**Schedule of Events-
August 2007**

- 8/10/07 - Omega Sigma Chapter Meeting
Friday, 6:30-7:30PM
Loc: Central Campus, Lecture Hall -Rm 151

UPCOMING – Sept 07

- 09/14/07 - Omega Sigma Chapter Meeting
Friday, 6:30-7:30PM
Loc: West Loop, Room 105
- 9/22/07 – “Power of Spiritual Journey Tour”
Exact Time and Loc - TBA

Omega Sigma Event Calendar

AUGUST 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**Omega Sigma Member Awarded
Coca-Cola Scholarship**

Dedicated Phi Theta Kappa and Omega Sigma Chapter member, Debbie Champagne, has recently been recognized by the Coca Cola Foundation as one of only 400 students nationwide to be honored with a \$1,000 scholarship for students continuing their education at a 2-year institution.



Voted “Best Nurse”

at Methodist Hospital in the spring, Debbie has worked very hard to finish the Nursing Program and get her RN license. After her husband of 27 years, Steve, lost his job early last year they have been struggling to support their four children and to pay for her tuition at HCC. Although riddled with obstacles, Debbie, Robbe Hallmark, our PTK advisor at Coleman Campus, and Dr. Perez of HCC worked diligently with the Coca Cola Foundation to help her successfully access and submit her application for the scholarship. When she received the award letter over the summer Debbie said, “This scholarship is such a blessing to my family and me and will allow me to attend HCC in the fall. I can’t thank Dr. Perez and Robbe Hallmark enough for all of their work on my behalf. I am proud to be a student at Houston Community College”.

Omega Sigma would like to say thank you Debbie for your dedication to our chapter and congratulate your amazing accomplishments. You are most deserving and we wish you luck in your future studies.



**Nominate the Next Omega Sigma
“Member of the Month”**

Do you know an Omega Sigma member who deserves to be recognized as our next Member of the Month, or is it you? Just submit their name, and a brief paragraph as to why you have nominated them to info@omegasigma.com and they could be next.

A different member will be selected each month. All nominees must be currently enrolled at HCC. Please visit our website for more information.

**International and
Texas Honors Institute**

Over the summer your officer and advisor team attended both the International Honors Institute in Wheaton, Illinois as well as the Texas Honors Institute in Brenham at Blinn College for intensive study of this year’s Phi Theta Kappa Honors Topic “Gold, Gods, and Glory; the Global Dynamics of Power”.



2007 International Honors Institute speaker, Ralph Begleiter

There were several enlightening lectures from such speakers as Ralph Begleiter, professor and past CNN correspondent, who presented “Global Media and the Power of Images; Or What ‘They’ Think of Us and Why It Matters”, an exploration



2007 Texas Honors Institute, District IV members

of images and symbols and their impact on global attitudes toward America, as well as Reza Aslan’s “How to Win a Cosmic War”, a wonderful presentation of ideas from his new book and his thoughts on Islam and where the United States stands on its “War on Terror”.

The well developed programs for these events helped your officer and advisor team shape this year’s Honors Topic projects and goals which we hope will reflect our knowledge of the topic and the impact Omega Sigma can have on our community.

To learn more about this year’s Honors Topic please visit <http://www.ptk.org/honors/guide/>.

Meet Your New 2007-08 Officers

PRESIDENT



Jessica Zabala
Jessica@omegasigma.org

Responsibilities:

Develop and oversee chapter goals, projects, meetings, agendas, committees, and all other chapter activities. Support officer team.

Brief Biography:

Inducted Fall 2006. From Houston, 20 years old, lots of previous officer and leadership experience. Work full-time for ConocoPhillips Oil Co., full-time Distance Education and Northwest Campus student, plan to major in International Business.

Officer Goals:

Promote visibility, communication, enthusiasm, knowledge, participation, and success within our Chapter. Create new and exciting scholastic, service, social, and leadership opportunities for our members.

VP OF LEADERSHIP



Erin Jones
Erin@omegasigma.org

Responsibilities:

Help develop leadership skills and oversee all leadership activities. Coordinate and oversee the Leadership Scholarship Hallmark Project.

Brief Biography:

Inducted Spring 2007. From Sarita, Texas, 40 years of age, graduated from Texas A&M University in College Station, 1990, with a BS in Floriculture with a business option. Plan to enroll in Nuclear Medicine Technology program.

Officer Goals:

Promote communication, enthusiasm, leadership, participation, and success within our Chapter.

VP OF SERVICE



Toyin Anifowse
Toyin@omegasigma.org

Responsibilities:

Promote volunteerism and community service. Develop and oversee the all service projects including the International Service Program and the Service Hallmark Project.

Brief Biography:

20yrs old, part-time student at Southwest Campus, inducted in Spring 2007. Works full time for Ben Taub General Hospital. Plan to major in Nursing.

Officer Goals:

Instill life long Servant Leadership by developing new exciting volunteer opportunities within our community and motivating participation of our members.

VP OF SCHOLARSHIP



Gloria Judulos
Gloria@omegasigma.org

Responsibilities:

Encourage and recognize academic excellence. Help coordinate and oversee satellite seminars, and Honor's Topic activities, specifically the Scholarship Hallmark.

Brief Biography:

Member since Nov 2006. From Philippines, lived in Houston for 5 years. Certified Nurse Assistant, International full time student at Coleman Campus, in the Physical Therapy Assistant Program.

Officer Goals:

Promote a scholastic and academic environment within the community. Develop scholarly relations with student leaders from other organizations which have projects that complement the chapter's goals and objectives.

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP



Angelina (Angel) Gayle
Angel@omegasigma.org

Responsibilities:

Promote membership awareness, recruitment, acceptance, participation, communication, and scholarly fellowship.

Brief Biography:

Inducted Spring 2007. From Houston, works full-time for Quanta Services Inc., part-time student at Town & Country and West Gate campuses, studying pre-law and Business.

Officer Goals:

Promote enthusiasm and interest in Phi Theta Kappa. Promote participation of other students in the organization and its activities. Align with and achieve all related chapter goals. Be a valued resource to the other officers.

TREASURER



Tram Ly
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Responsibilities:

Maintain chapter financial records, including expenses and merchandise sales revenue. Provides monthly budget updates to the chapter, officers, and advisors. Develop and oversee all chapter fundraising activities.

Brief Biography:

20 years old, Vietnamese. Inducted in November 2006 and have held the treasurer position since then. Full-time student at Central campus, part-time staff of Math Department. Planned Major, Nursing at TWU.

Officer Goals:

Support and maintain Chapter's finances. Promote creativity and encourage fellowship.

SECRETARY



Nichole McGhie
Nichole@omegasigma.org

Responsibilities:

Maintain chapter meeting minutes, calendar, contact information, photos, and other correspondence. Help develop chapter newsletter and other publications.

Brief Biography:

Inducted July 2007. From Jamaica, 26 yrs old, HCC Student Government Association Secretary (2006-2007), Student Advocate for HCC in Austin, TX and Washington D.C., lobbied for Pell Grant Equity Act, H.R. 990, the Federal Work Study, the Allied Health and Nursing legislation and other areas of concern to students in Texas Community Colleges. Full-time International student at Central. Planned Major, Nursing.

Officer Goals:

To perform secretarial duties and to promote awareness of the goals and mission of Phi Theta Kappa in our community.

WEBMASTER



Jonathan Smith
John@omegasigma.org

Responsibilities:

Develop, maintain, and oversee all chapter website activities. Promote chapter awareness and resource availability through an interactive and efficient website.

Brief Biography:

Inducted Fall 2006. 24 years old, from Houston. Established Smith-Digital.com in 2003 for contract computer work, including websites and graphic design also work full-time as an IT professional. Attend West Loop campus. Planned Major, Digital Communications.

Officer Goals:

To incorporate both creativity and technical skills into an interactive website, to promote awareness of the importance of information technologies in our future, and to increase the use of technologies that share information in digital formats.



Interested in Joining a Committee?

Omega Sigma is looking for members who are ready to help their chapter succeed in its goals for this year. Whether you can only commit a few hours a week, or can help coordinate all of our major projects, we have a committee that is right for you. Signing up is easy! Please go to www.omegasigma.org to read about the available committees and sign up today

Just a reminder you can earn up to **40 Enhanced Membership points** for your active participation on a committee, plus you will have lots of fun!

Show Us Your Cans!
The HFB Needs Our Help.

The Houston Food Bank (HFB) is a private, nonprofit organization leading the fight against hunger right here in our community. Founded 1982, the HFB has distributed 38 million pounds of food and fed 498,000 different people last year alone.

The Houston Food Bank relies on support from the community, corporations and the food industry in order to provide food to relief agencies such as church food pantries, homeless shelters, safe havens for the battered and abused, and nutrition sites for children and



Find out more ways you can help the Houston Food Bank by visiting <http://www.houstonfoodbank.org> or calling 713-223-3700

the elderly.

In a partnership effort with Omega Sigma and the HFB, our Project Graduation initiative is aimed at collecting as many canned food items as possible for those in need and

delivering them to the Houston Food Bank for distribution.

Your generous donations can be accepted at any Omega Sigma sponsored event, especially our chapter meetings, and will be awarded 5 Enhanced Membership Points* for every three cans donated (*up to 20 pnts max per semester).

We also need help setting up and maintaining collection boxes at all of the HCC campuses so that we can get everyone involved in this wonderful effort (please email our VP of Service, Toyin@omegasigma.org, if you are interested in helping).

Show us how many cans you can give! Please encourage your friends, family, and co-workers to help your chapter and help our community by donating canned food items.

OMEGA SIGMA Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society for Two-year Colleges

Omega Sigma is Houston Community College System's official chartered chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. We are an active chapter and fully affiliated with the National Headquarters of Phi Theta Kappa and we uphold and implement the same high standards and values. We pride our selves in our dedication to the development of Scholarship, Leadership, Fellowship, and Service within our community.

Please visit our official chapter website www.omegasigma.org for more information on any of the topics discussed in this newsletter, or to subscribe/unsubscribe to our mailing list.

To submit nominations for Member of the Month or if you want to you're your articles, pictures, other any information please email them to info@omegasigma.org.

Thank you for checking out our newsletter!
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