

# BC3 inducts 60-plus students from Butler County into honor societies

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(Butler, PA) Butler County Community College has inducted 58 students from Butler County this spring into its Rho Phi chapter of an international academic honor society, and four into its Delta Kappa chapter of an international honor society for business students.

New members of Phi Theta Kappa and of Kappa Beta Delta, societies that recognize scholarship and promote development and leadership, must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.5.

“To be able to achieve a 3.5 or better, that definitely says a lot about the type of students and scholars that they are,” said Morgan Rizzarda, BC3’s associate director of admissions and a co-adviser of BC3’s Rho Phi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. “It is a recognition that should be commended. It’s definitely something to celebrate.”

The recognition is also important, Ramin Hajave said, because “many of the students work. They have jobs. For them to keep up with the classes and to have that kind of GPA is really, really impressive.”

Hajave is a BC3 business instructor and adviser of BC3’s Delta Kappa chapter of Kappa Beta Delta.

“A lot of the students ask me whether this is good to put on their resume,” Hajave said. “I always tell them, ‘Absolutely.’ They had to qualify for (membership). They can’t just walk in and say, ‘I want to join the honor society.’”

Students who have completed at least 12 credit hours toward an associate degree or six credit hours toward a one-year certificate and who meet academic requirements are eligible for membership into Rho Phi, which has 3.5 million members representing 11 countries.

Students who have completed at least 15 credit hours in BC3’s business division, who are pursuing an associate degree in business and who meet academic requirements are eligible for membership into Delta Kappa.

Rho Phi and Delta Kappa spring induction ceremonies were held virtually.

New Rho Phi members from Butler this spring and their programs of study are Luke Bartek, graphic design; Eric Chen, general studies; Victoria Christy, Nursing, R.N.; Laura Crowley, computer science; Megan Denny, business administration; Zachariah Elder, business administration; Sarah Felsing, Nursing, R.N.; Katlynn Fundark, Nursing, R.N.; Dillon Hepler, engineering; and Stephanie Justi, hospitality management.

Also, Dillon Kerr, engineering; Stephanie Kish, child development and family studies; Rebecka Leasure, computer science; Trinity Lule, fine arts; Claire Lutz, general studies; Milena McCandless, general studies; Paige McKain, Nursing, R.N.; Chandler Miller, business administration; Hope Miller, biological science; and Ian Moore, computer information systems: programming specialist.

Also, Bailey Potter, business administration; Breanna Rathmann, English; Eban Smith, College Within the High School; Josh Timblin, park and recreation management; Ruby Waggoner, early childhood education (Pre K-4); and Ashley Zawrotuk, Nursing, R.N.

Also inducted into Rho Phi were Cabot residents Lauren Cihonski, Nursing, R.N., and Daulton Roth, biological science; and Chicora residents Emily Chiappini, general studies/early childhood education (Pre K-4), Lexie Livengood, hospitality management, and Kate Slaughenhoup, Nursing, R.N.

Rho Phi's new members from Cranberry Township are Caitlin Augustine, general studies; Chelsea Nintze, history; Miranda Scarborough, biological science; Trevor Schroeder, College Now; Debora Urrutia-Aliano, Nursing, R.N.; and Shayden Yecko, College Now.

Also inducted into Rho Phi were Evans City residents Katie Beers, general studies/computer science; Margaret Boring, office administration-medical; Olivia Schultheis, mathematics; and Dylann Yarrington, general studies.

Rho Phi's new members also include Angela Kovacs, Freeport, biological science; Collin Witouski, Gibsonia, business administration; Autumn Lersch, Harmony, early childhood education (Pre K-4); Amanda Farone, Karns City, general studies; and Brittney Friters, Karns City, general studies.

Also inducted into Rho Phi were Andrew Johnston, Mars, business administration; Joshua Wollerton, Mars, park and recreation management; Gracelynn Fleeger, Renfrew, Nursing, R.N.; Brian Hulek, Renfrew, psychology; Isabella Donaldson, Sarver, early childhood education (Pre K-4); Madeleine Miller, Sarver, digital audio and video production; and Rain Royer, Sarver, general studies.

Rho Phi's new members also include Danielle Sedlak, Saxonburg, basic manufacturing workplace certificate; Nolan Holtz, Slippery Rock, secondary education-social sciences concentration; Christina Lennon, Valencia, engineering technology with CADD; Claudia Morrow, Valencia, early childhood education (PreK-4); and Nathan Giuliani, Zelienople, computer information systems: website development specialist.

Allegheny County residents Patrick Ferguson, Pittsburgh, apprenticeship technology workplace certificate; Katherine Marshall, Gibsonia, psychology; and Scott Rothrauff, Gibsonia, business administration; are also new members of Rho Phi.

New Delta Kappa members from Butler County this spring and their programs of study are Lainey Hughes, Cabot, business management; Bethany Jones, Cabot, business management; Ian Moore, Butler, business administration; and Sage Smith, Sarver, computer science.

Phi Theta Kappa in March recognized Rho Phi as an ultimate five-star chapter for the fifth consecutive year following Rho Phi's first four-star rating in 2015. Rho Phi was also recognized in March for membership acceptance rates.

To reach five-star status, a Phi Theta Kappa chapter must, among other requirements, develop an honors in action project that combines academic research, problem-solving and action-oriented services to address real-world challenges in communities.

To be honored with a Phi Theta Kappa Reach Award, chapters must increase membership acceptance rates by at least 15 percent. Rho Phi's rate in 2020 was 15.4.

Rho Phi formed at BC3 in 1968 and Delta Kappa, in 2019.