

BC3's honor societies welcome 8 from Mercer County

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(Hermitage, PA) Six Butler County Community College students from Mercer County this spring have accepted membership into BC3's Rho Phi chapter of an international academic honor society, and two into BC3's Delta Theta chapter of an international honor society for business students.

Members of both societies, which recognize scholarship and promote development and leadership, must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.5.

Rho Phi, a chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, this spring will have 13 members from Mercer County.

"By receiving an invitation to join Rho Phi, it shows students' commitment to their academics," said Morgan Rizzardi, BC3's associate director of admissions and primary adviser to Rho Phi, which formed at BC3 in 1968. "To have a 3.5 grade-point average or higher is something that should make students proud."

Delta Theta, a chapter of Kappa Beta Delta, this spring will have two members from Mercer County.

"They have shown a lot of hard work to be selected to join Kappa Beta Delta," said Ramin Hajave, a BC3 business instructor and adviser to Delta Theta, which formed at BC3 in 2019.

New Rho Phi members are ...

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.

New Rho Phi members from Mercer County are Kyra Costar, Hermitage, park and recreation management; Shane Dennis, Jackson Center, business administration; Mercer residents Justin Reno, business administration; and Sage Smith, computer science; Kayla Stockton, Hermitage, psychology; and Breanna Weilacker, West Middlesex, psychology.

Current Rho Phi members from Mercer County are Darby Allen, West Middlesex, early childhood education (Pre K-4); Carlee Benedict, Hermitage, general studies; Alexis Harlow, Sandy Lake, general studies; and Michelle Long, Grove City, office administration-medical.

The chapter also includes Amanda Mitchell, Mercer, social work; Alexis Pistorius, Sharpville, early childhood education (Pre K-4); and Carter Spatara, Grove City, general studies.

New Delta Theta members are ...

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 Theta.

Joining BC3's Theta Delta chapter and Kappa Beta Delta's 14,000 members this spring are Dennis, of Jackson Center; and Reno, of Mercer.

Rho Phi reaches pinnacle of Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa, with 3.2 million members representing 10 countries, has recently recognized Rho Phi as an ultimate five-star chapter for the fourth consecutive year following Rho Phi's first four-star rating in 2015 – and for membership acceptance rates.

To reach five-star status, a 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 Reward, chapters must increase membership acceptance rates by at least 15 percent.

Rho Phi's rate in 2019 was 30.1, double the international rate of 15 percent.