

# The PDK-USC Kappan

The Official Newsletter of the University of Southern California Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa International

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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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<http://www.pdk-usc.org>

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Join us for our next PDK-USC Dinner Meeting

**Friday, May 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

Social Hour at 5:30 p.m.

**USC Davidson Conference Center, Vineyard Room**

**PDK-USC Annual Awards Ceremony  
and Installation of Officers**

To RSVP, see page 2

## PDK-USC Annual Awards



**Phi Delta Kappa** is an international association for professional educators. The organization's mission is to promote quality education as essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life by providing innovative programs, relevant **research**, visionary **leadership**, and dedicated **service**. In support of the mission of PDK and what it stands for, our Chapter presents awards each year to members who best demonstrate the qualities of research, leadership, and service. This year's awards will be presented at the May 6<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting. A special thanks to Dr. Marian Fukuda and Adda Serenil, this year's Awards Committee Chairpersons. ☺

### TED GORDON MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a chapter member who has excelled in all aspects of research, service, and leadership and has made a significant contribution to the PDK-USC Chapter and public education during the last two or three years.

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Awarded to a chapter member who has demonstrated extraordinary service to the chapter in one or more unique ways. This award is selected by the current chapter president.

### RESEARCH AWARD

Awarded to a chapter member who has demonstrated the ability to conduct research and publish findings, opinions, and recommendations on significant issues in education during the last two or three years.

### LEADERSHIP AWARD

Awarded to a chapter member who has demonstrated an extremely high level of leadership and inspiration to others in Phi Delta Kappa and public education during the last two years.

### SERVICE AWARD

Awarded to a chapter member who has demonstrated an extremely high level of service and dedication to Phi Delta Kappa and public education during the last two years.

## Message from the President: Thank You PDK-USC Members

By Lisa M. Regan

As my tenure as chapter president of the USC Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa comes to an end, I am extremely proud of the work that our chapter and its members have done to advance the cause of public education not only here in Los Angeles, but on the national stage. As I leave office, I would like to recap just a few of our accomplishments.

In the past two years, our members have increased the presence of our chapter from within the PDK International organization. One of my goals as president was to promote our chapter's work within PDK International, and I believe we accomplished that task. We sent record numbers of members to the international conference, recruited more new members than any other active chapter in the world, garnered a PDK Project Grant to provide programs for aspiring educators, increased the number of Trojans selected as PDK Emerging Leaders and PDK Scholars, and our members donated more funds to the PDK Educational Foundation than any other chapter. It has been humbling to hear from PDK International Board Members that they are impressed by the work that our chapter is doing to promote PDK to educators throughout the greater Los Angeles area.

Another of my goals as president was to reinvigorate the prestige and role of PDK within the larger USC community. I am proud that the **PDK-USC Rossier Leadership Summit**, a day-long conference featuring USC's best and brightest talent in education research and practice, was launched in 2010 with an impressive array of presenters, including Dr. Bill Bushaw, PDK International Executive Director, delivering the keynote address. The success of that inaugural event encouraged the USC Rossier Office of Professional Development Programs to once again sponsor the event, to be held this year on **Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at the USC Davidson Conference Center**. For more information and to register for the 2011 PDK-USC Leadership Summit, please see page 3.

I thank the membership for the incredible opportunity to lead this organization, and I know it will continue to grow and prosper under the leadership of Dr. Edward Robillard, our incoming president. 🌀



### Save The Date!!!

#### PDK-USC Annual Awards Ceremony and Installation of Officers

**Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Social Hour at 5:30 p.m.

*USC Davidson Conference Center, Vineyard Room*

**DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE is Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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 with this form.  
It must arrive by Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> to:



**PDK-USC Chapter**  
c/o Dr. Guillermina Jauregui  
3025 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90018

Parking is included in the cost of dinner when you park at USC Gate #4. *Please consider carpooling.*  
(Gate #4 is on Jefferson Blvd. at Royal St., across from the Shrine Auditorium)

#### **Questions about Dinner Meeting Reservations?**

Contact Dr. Guillermina Jauregui, VP Meeting Logistics, at [GJauregu@lausd.net](mailto:GJauregu@lausd.net) or (323) 633-3011.

Reservations are only accepted when accompanied by payment via US Mail.

## 2010-2011 USC Phi Delta Kappa CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### May

**6 – PDK-USC Awards Dinner and Installation of Officers**

**USC Davidson Conference Center, 6:00 p.m.**

25 – PDK-USC Governing Board Meeting, VKC Library, 5:30 p.m.

### June

**1 – PDK-USC Leadership Summit, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.,**

**USC Davidson Conference Center**

Sponsored by PDK-USC and USC Rossier School of Education  
Office of Professional Development. *See article below.*

**Chapter Dinner Meetings are in Bold.**

*Everyone is welcome at the Governing Board Meetings.*  
A map of the USC University Park Campus can be found at  
[http://www.usc.edu/about/visit/upc/driving\\_directions/](http://www.usc.edu/about/visit/upc/driving_directions/)

### PDK-USC Leadership Symposium Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at USC Davidson Center

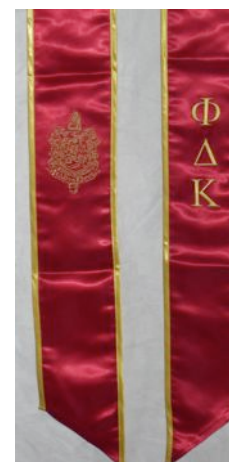
Learn from USC's best and brightest faculty, staff, students, and alumni  
in this one-of-a-kind leadership conference.

***PDK members receive a discount on registration.***

To register for the 2011 USC Leadership Summit, go to  
<http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=938331>.

### *Graduating from USC?*

PDK-USC members in good standing, or new members initiated on or before the May 6<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting, are eligible to purchase a beautiful cardinal and gold Phi Delta Kappa sash/stole to wear with their gowns at USC's Commencement Exercises. The price is \$40. Contact Dr. Ed Robillard before May 2<sup>nd</sup> to order at [ELRobillard@aol.com](mailto:ELRobillard@aol.com) or call (213) 219-2653. Sashes will be distributed at the conclusion of the May 6<sup>th</sup> PDK-USC Dinner Meeting.



***Show your PDK Pride at Commencement.  
Fight On !!!***




## USC-PDK Leadership Summit 2011


*Mirrors of Excellence, Windows of Opportunity*

**Wednesday, June 1, 2011**

**8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. USC Davidson Conference Center**

**\$149 discounted registration for PDK members**

Register online at <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=938331>

**T**he **2011 Leadership Summit** will provide instructional leaders with opportunities to learn about the latest research and best practices from the USC Rossier School of Education's world-renowned faculty, alumni, graduate students and practitioners with valuable experience in urban public schools. This thought-provoking day will leave you excited to plan for your next school year in new and innovative ways. We encourage you to bring teams of teachers and other school leaders to expand the number of presentations you can attend and the learning you can take back and share with your faculty. The keynote speaker is Dr. William Tierney, USC Rossier School of Education professor of higher education and president-elect of the American Educational Research Association (AERA). PDK members are encouraged to bring a team of teachers and leaders from their schools to expand their professional learning communities. For more information, please contact PDK-USC Chapter President Lisa Regan at [lisa.regan@lausd.net](mailto:lisa.regan@lausd.net). 

## Highlights from the Annual Research Dinner Meeting, March 11, 2011

Photos by Lupe Simpson, PDK-USC Historian



Guest speaker **Nori Murphy** (left), expert in instructional technology from the University of LaVerne, poses with PDK-USC Research Representative **Dr. Janeane Dimpel**, a colleague from the same university. Murphy spoke about ways to use Web 2.0 applications in the classroom to improve engagement, motivation, and learning, particularly for adolescents. Her presentation challenged the audience to reconsider school policies that ban the use of cell phones, and instead to view cell phones as handheld computers that are instructional tools. Her through-provoking, hands-on, and engaging presentation was well-received by those in attendance that night.



VP Membership **Dr. Ed Robillard** (left), and President Lisa Regan (right) welcome new members (l-r) **Christine Gerchow**, **Kathleen Alison Hugil**, and **Catherine Kratochvil-Rojo** at our March dinner meeting.

The election for the 2011-12 PDK-USC Governing Board was also held that night. Dr. Ed Robillard (pictured above) was elected president, along with officers for the rest of the board.

Please join us at the Awards Dinner and Installation of Officers on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> for our final meeting of the year. To RSVP, please see page 2. Reservations due May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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