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Dear PDK Members,

In the February 3-9, 2004, issue of C-ville, Paul Henderson penned an enlightening and transformative article regarding one family's pursuit of education that took them out of their Afghanistan home and led them to Charlottesville. By valuing and making the education of their children a priority, the family has endured numerous hardships. Reading this article made me more cognizant and appreciative of the fortune of education so easily available to each of us in the United States. Further, the article made me proud to be an educator. As advocates and deliverers of education, we are perpetuating a tremendous benefit for students, families, and society. *To teach is to touch lives forever.* (To read the article, *Brave Girl*, visit the archives of www.c-ville.com)

We are only able to fulfill the mission of Phi Delta Kappa through increased membership. I hope you will nominate at least one worthy colleague for PDK membership. The nomination will show them that you honor and value their contribution to education. In addition, PDK membership will offer them a variety of opportunities for serving education in even more venues.

I hope to see you soon at one of our events. To stay updated on what is going on in your PDK chapter, visit our website at <http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/centers/pdk/>. Also, remember to nominate exceptional educators from your school for awards that will be presented at our Spring Banquet on April 28!

All the best to each of you,

Robyn Beck Dietter



Chapter Awards

Nominate a colleague for the 2004 PDK Chapter Awards. Awards are given for the following:

The Alton Taylor Administrative Leadership Award
 Elementary Teacher of the Year
 Middle School Teacher of the Year
 High School Teacher of the Year
 Outstanding First Year Teacher

Letters of support for the above awards must be received by 4/1/04. Send letters of support to:
 Eleanor Wilson, PDK Faculty Advisor
 University of Virginia—Curry School of Education
 P.O. Box 400273
 Charlottesville, VA 22904-4273

College Prep 101

The Jefferson Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa sponsored "College Prep 101" on Tuesday, 10/28/03 at Orange County High School on from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The seminar offered students and parents information on the college admission process. Presentations were made by both current and former college and university administrators. Six PDK members presented on various college preparedness topics, including applying for admission, applying for financial aid, applying for scholarships, choosing the right college, and transitioning from high school to college. The seminar was free, and open to all interested parents and students.

<http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/centers/>

SPRING INITIATION

**Sunday, April 18, 2004
 1:30 p.m.**

University of Virginia - Dome Room

**Reception immediately following in the
 Lower West Oval Room**

Nominations due April 5, 2004

Please send nominations to:
 Jeannette Orrock, Asst. Principal
 Agnor-Hurt Elementary School
 3201 Berkmar Drive
 Charlottesville, VA 22901-1475
 orrock@albemarle.org

SPRING AWARDS BANQUET

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

Greencroft Country Club
Route 250 West, Ivy

6:00 PM Social/Cash Bar
6:45 PM Dinner Served

Menu

House Salad
Vegetable
Bread and Butter

Choice of Entrée:

Poached Atlantic Salmon

Or

Grilled Filet Mignon

Or

Vegetable Plate

A Chef selection of vegetarian delights

Sherbet
Coffee and Tea

Price includes gratuity and tax

Our Mission...

The mission of Phi Delta Kappa International shall be to promote quality education, with particular emphasis on publicly supported education, as essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life.



Reservation Form
Spring Awards Banquet

Please RSVP to:

Clint Estes
635 Windrift Drive
Earlsville, VA 22936
cestes@aol.com

***** By Monday, April 19, 2004 *****

Please indicate your choice of entrée:

_____ Grilled Filet Mignon \$35.00
_____ Poached Atlantic Salmon \$35.00
_____ Vegetable Plate \$27.00

Checks Payable to Phi Delta Kappa

You may RSVP by emailing our treasurer now and then mailing your check **prior** to the banquet.

We hope you will come and celebrate with friends and colleagues.

Name _____