

## *HCC Honors Committee*

### 2008 - 2009 End of the Year Report

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The Honors Committee met four times during the academic year and accomplished the following items:

1. Provided advice and support to HCC's Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) chapter and their advisor, Lena Low. Through Lena's efforts, our PTK chapter earned national recognition and received:
  - Pinnacle Award. The award recognizes chapters that have increased their recruitment numbers and awareness of the society. Along with the recognition, PTK received an award that pays the registration fee of a student representative sent to the national convention.
  - Pacific Region Coordinator's Award
  - 4-Star Level Program Award
  - Pacific Region Scholarship Hallmark Award
  - Pacific Region Service Hallmark Award
2. Each semester, verified and evaluated the eligibility requirements of students applying for membership to our PTK chapter.
3. Each semester, planned and assisted with carrying out the PTK induction ceremony.
4. Assisted in the recruitment of new PTK members through email, flyers, and announcements.
5. Promoted and supported opportunities and activities of the PTK chapter, including scholarship opportunities such as the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship.

One unfinished item was how to proceed with the Grace Ihara Scholarship Fund. The committee reported that \$3293.11 is still available. The committee discussed two possible options. The first is to distribute the remaining amounts to deserving students. The other is to combine our funds with another organization within HCC, into a perpetual memorial fund. However, in working towards toward this goal, the committee needs to consider increasing the initial amount substantially, for the fund to be viable and effective.