

# Pi Day: Pi Phi chapter at CCC is trying to build momentum

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CCC. PTK, founded in 1918 at Stephens College in Missouri, is the National Honors Society for community colleges and now includes more than 1,000 chapters and 2 million members nationwide. After years of dormancy, the Pi Phi chapter at CCC is trying to build momentum and student leadership.

"We've been using teachers for recruiting, especially through adviser T.J. Lackner," Pi Phi President Joe Henthorn said, adding that the push right now is to have students take over more of the organization and to advertise the Pi Phi chapter more around campus.

The mission of the 115-year-old PTK is twofold:

- Recognizing and encouraging academic achievement of two-year college students.

- Providing opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

Membership in PTK confers a special designation during graduation, a notation on a transcript, \$37 million in scholarships reserved for PTK members, a higher pay grade in entry level federal jobs and additional support for transferring to another school or into the workforce.

The Pi Phi chapter includes about 30 members at the college, including a core group of seven student-officers.

"We do have a large group; it's just that they're not very active," said sophomore Mary Byes, a PTK officer selling pie by the slice and whole Saturday.

"I got a letter saying I was eligible, because I had been carrying a 4.0" GPA, Byes said. "Having that on my resume is huge. It shows my accomplishment and getting good grades. It's also a really good fel-



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Pi Theta Kappa Honor Society members, from left, Cordet Gula, Joe Henthorn and Georges Oates-Larsen, drum up cash for their Pi Phi chapter through Pi Day, with the help of whipped cream pie targets like Clatsop Community College speech instructor Deac Guidi in the background.



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Members of the Pi'd Pi'pers, a loose collection of community and faculty musicians including science and math tutor Bob Goldberg, left, and speech instructor Deac Guidi, watched the time for 1:59 p.m. Saturday, the start of the Pi Day fundraiser and a loose translation through the date, time and a play on a preposition to the first several digits of the mathematical constant pi, 3.14159.

lowship, and I want to be a part of that."

In addition to Pi Day, PTK members volunteer to showcase items at the college's Art & Experience Auction April 18. PTK Secretary Liesl Henthorn said the society is also

working on a fundraising movie night at the college.

She and her husband, Joe, are moving back to Seattle in June, leaving CCC in the familiar position of having to fill its leadership among a fluid student body. But the organization

has already identified its possible leadership in students like Vice President Cordet Gula and Georges Oates-Larsen, both CCC Honors students.

In addition to recruitment, Gula said, PTK needs to make sure its in-



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Pi was pressed into buttons, painted on faces, memorialized in song and made into artwork at the Pi Phi chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society's Pi Day fundraiser Saturday at Clatsop Community College.



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Magnolia Lackner, left gets the pi'd stem of a flower painted on her cheek by Clatsop Community College student Tia Fish Saturday at the Pi Phi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society's Pi Day fundraiser.

terviewing the elected student officers to make sure they're dedicated volunteers.

"I think in school, there hasn't been much recognition of PTK," Gula said,

adding that in the coming term, students will start to see more advertising of the chapter around campus.

For more information on PTK, visit <http://tinyurl.com/CCCPiPhi>

# Lawsuit: It would be the largest DHS has faced in state history

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On Jan. 8, 2014, Officer Gooding referred the case to DHS. Two days later, child protective services worker Amber Walter sent photographs taken by Gooding to the Clatsop County Child Abuse Assessment Center.

Dr. Roy Little, of the Clatsop County Child Abuse Assessment Center, reported on Jan. 11, 2014, the bruising on Coltin's buttocks was concerning, but that too much time had passed for an examination to be useful.

DHS closed its investigation Feb. 25, 2014 as "unfounded" for physical abuse and neglect. About a week later, Coltin was allegedly thrown headfirst into a

toilet by Howard. The impact fractured the boy's skull and broke his jaw. He died two days later.

Howard, 28, has been charged with murder, has pleaded not guilty and is scheduled for trial in Multnomah County Circuit Court in October, The Oregonian reported.

Meanwhile, Wendy Salisbury has not been charged with any crimes.

The specific claims against the city of Seaside include failing to have Coltin evaluated by a medical professional within 48 hours, immediately notify DHS and adequately document Coltin's injuries.



Joshua Howard

The police report states Coltin's father took him to the emergency room, but that never happened, Lamborn said.

As for DHS, the specific claims include failing to properly assess reports of child abuse on four occasions May 18, 2011, June 13, 2011, July 19, 2011 and Jan. 8, 2014.

In addition, the lawsuit claims DHS failed to consider Wendy Salisbury's child abuse and neglectful history in the four cases and consider her unstable housing, mental health history and drug abuse.

DHS also failed to consider Howard's domestic

violence history and child abuse and negligent history of his own biological children, according to the lawsuit.

Lamborn said the lawsuit is more geared toward DHS, but he had to include the Seaside Police.

"I'm not someone that wants to sue the police, but I had to," he said. "They made a mistake."

The lawsuit totals about \$2.5 million in damages, but could be tripled to \$7.5 million if Coltin is found to be a "vulnerable person," under state law.

Lamborn said the "vulnerable person" designation may be difficult to prove since the state law protects elderly over 65, mentally handicapped, but not minors, including toddlers.

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Portland attorney

A \$7.5 million lawsuit against DHS would be the largest the agency has faced in state history.

Lamborn won the largest DHS case in December, which was a \$4.1 million lawsuit for two girls who were sexually and physically abused by their foster mom in Portland. The two girls were not deemed "vulnerable." If they had, the award would have been about \$12 million.

In general, Lamborn said, he has seen numerous mistakes made by DHS over the years that have resulted in injured or killed children. Lamborn points to the agency's small budget and lack of training as potential reasons for such incidents.

"They are underfunded, they are understaffed. They have a lot of people that really care about kids and don't get paid a lot to do it," Lamborn said.

# Zone: Clatsop County manager hoped all four jurisdictions would support the enterprise zone

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Herzig, who had shared his misgivings about partnering with the Port earlier this month, told councilors Monday night that "I don't know why the Port commissioners are so tone deaf to how they come across to the public."

"But it does really make people stop and think, 'Is this an agency that we want to further empower with an enterprise zone?'"

Herzig also objected to a provision of the enterprise zone that would allow hotels, motels and destination resorts to qualify for the tax breaks.

Even though the city would have still controlled the underlying zoning, Herzig worried that an enterprise zone would make it easier for such projects to be approved in the downtown corridor or along the Columbia River.

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— Arline LaMear  
Astoria mayor

er Scott Somers had hoped all four jurisdictions would support the enterprise zone application, a collaboration that might be persuasive to the state.

In an enterprise zone, new or expanded businesses can receive property tax exemptions in return for maintaining minimum employment levels and meeting job creation goals.

Enterprise zones can

provide incentives for businesses, economic development analysts believe, but have had mixed results on job creation.

"I believe that this is one tool that we can use to bring businesses into our community," LaMear told councilors. "And I'm afraid that if Warrenton has this enterprise zone and Astoria does not, it puts us in a very unfavorable position."

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