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Jefferson State Students Earn Third Place in International Competition



Jefferson State students earned second runner-up in the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society international competition. Pictured are Jefferson State Shelby-Hoover students in Seattle with Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Dr. Leisl Ward (second from right).

Jefferson State's Shelby-Hoover Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society earned second runner-up during the International Competition held in Seattle, Washington on April 9th. The Shelby-Hoover Chapter ranked third out of more than 1,250 chapters world-wide.

The chapter recently received top honors in Alabama for the fifth consecutive year during the Alabama Competition in Muscle Shoals. Jefferson State's students ranked first out of 32 Phi Theta Kappa chapters in the state.

"We could not achieve this great success without the support of our students, faculty, staff and administration," said Jefferson State Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Dr. Leisl Ward. "I also want to give special recognition to my wonderful students who worked so hard—they are terrific!"

In the 2008 and 2009 international competitions, Jefferson State's Shelby-Hoover chapter, Beta Lambda Delta, has taken home top honors. In fact,

this chapter is the first international repeat winner in more than twenty years.

In addition to placing third in international competition, the chapter also received these awards: Distinguished Honors in Action, Distinguished College Project, Distinguished Officer Team, Distinguished Honors in Action Issue, Beta Alpha (given to those chapters named a top 25 chapter for at least three years in a row), and 2nd Finals to Most Distinguished Chapter Internationally.

“These students are phenomenal in their work ethic and maintain a level of excellence in everything they do,” said Ward. “I am extremely proud of their effort and service to the community.”

Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the Two-Year College, has recognized academic excellence in the two-year college since 1918. The Society is comprised of more than 1,250 chapters at community, technical and junior colleges in all 50 of the United States, in Canada, Germany, U.S. Territories, the Republic of Palau and the British Virgin Islands, making it the largest and most prestigious honor society serving two-year colleges. Membership is based primarily upon academic achievement. The organization offers a myriad of opportunities for scholarships, intellectual enrichment and personal development through programs based on the Society's Hallmarks.