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Jefferson State's Dr. Harris Selected as Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholar



Birmingham, AL - For the second straight year, Jefferson State Faculty Member Dr. Liesl Harris has been chosen from among 3,000 chapter advisors to serve as a 2012 Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholar.

The scholars were selected through a rigorous application process based on knowledge of the 2012-2013 Honors Study Topic, "The Culture of Competition," and demonstrated excellence in teaching or administration.

The faculty scholars will attend the annual Faculty Scholar Conference at Phi Theta Kappa's Center for Excellence in Jackson, Mississippi, February 1-5, 2012. During the conference, scholars will prepare to serve as facilitators during the Phi Theta Kappa's Honors Institute, to be held in June 2012.

While attending the Honors Institute these scholars will lead groups of 15-20 honor students in seminar discussions of the issues presented by experts on the topic throughout the week. The scholars will attend Part II of the Faculty Scholar Conference prior to the Honors Institute.

"The Faculty Scholar Conference is recognized internationally as one of the finest professional development programs available for community college faculty members," said Phi Theta Kappa's Executive Director Dr. Rod Risley. "Intense training is provided by nationally recognized scholars to prepare the Faculty Scholars to serve as facilitators for the Honors Institute, which is attended by approximately 400 Phi Theta Kappa members and chapter advisors from around the world, and praised as the 'crown jewel of honors programming experiences.'"

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, is the largest honor society in higher education with 1,250 chapters on college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates and U.S. territorial possessions. More than two million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 100,000 students inducted annually.

