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## **Eastern students inducted into national honor society**

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Twenty-one Eastern Oklahoma State College students were inducted into the national honor society Phi Theta Kappa during spring semester ceremonies held recently on the Wilburton campus.

Phi Theta Kappa is a national scholastic honor society with local chapters at colleges and universities across the United States. The Eastern chapter generally has around 100 students qualified for membership each year.

Eastern Theta Pi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa returned from PTK Spring Oklahoma/ Arkansas Regional Conference recently with several honors including the highest "5-Star Chapter Award" that any local honor society chapter can achieve. The chapter was also awarded 4th Place for Hallmark of Leadership. Randy Bean, Broken Bow earned a 2nd placing for "Outstanding Chapter President" and Kelbie Kennedy, Buffalo Valley was awarded 4th Place "Outstanding Chapter Officer."

With more than 1.3 million members PTK is the largest honor society in American higher education. It has offered scholarships of more than \$35 million designated for members. PTK is designed to promote scholarship, service leadership and fellowship among its members.

Students must have at least a 3.5 grade point to be considered for membership after 30 hours and a 3.75 GPA as a freshman.

Inductees included: Melodie Gerdts, Chickasha; Betty Buff, Kiowa; Felisha Tillery, Porum; Shari Reich Martins, Clayton; Kayla Meeks, Wetumka; Rebecca Cooper, McAlester; Janice Lance, McAlester; Heather Palovik, Cushing ; Leslie Sandefur, Hartshorne; Cameron Green, McAlester; Ashley Rowland, Wilburton; Candace Ray, Hartshorne; Charlotte Norcross, Hugo; Kaylee Bowman, Lone Oak, Texas ; Richard Rank, Urbana, Ohio; Nicole Reich Martins, McAlester; Angela Tull, McAlester; Stoni Drees, Kiowa; Tracy Cooper, Haworth; Sarah Vance, McAlester and Wendy Batson, Idabel.



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New Phi Theta Kappa members include from front left: Melodie Gerdts, Chickasha; Betty Buff, Kiowa; Felisha Tillery, Porum; Shari Reich Martins, Clayton; Kayla Meeks, Wetumka; Rebecca Cooper, McAlester and Janice Lance, McAlester. Second row: Heather Palovik, Cushing; Leslie Sandefur, Hartshorne; Cameron Green, McAlester; Ashley Rowland, Wilburton; Candace Ray, Hartshorne; Charlotte Norcross, Hugo; Kaylee Bowman, Lone Oak, Texas ; Richard Rank, Urbana, Ohio; Nicole Reich Martins, McAlester; Angela Tull, McAlester; Stoni Drees, Kiowa; Tracy Cooper, Haworth and Wendy Batson, Idabel.