



# Phi Delta Kappa

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### PDK Int'l and Hurricane Katrina

Normally, this portion of the newsletter would be reserved for the Keepers of the Kappa. However in light of recent tragedies, this entire newsletter will be devoted to what we can do to assist victims and survivors of Hurricane Katrina. As reported by Phi Delta Kappa International, over 500 Kappans were living in the New Orleans, Biloxi, and Gulfport areas during the hurricane, a few of whom belong to our own chapter. One way in which PDK is assisting is by providing books to libraries, teacher centers, and similar institutions that need to re-build their collections, assisting Kappans in damaged areas, adopting schools in damaged areas, and helping to rebuild destroyed schools. Anyone interested in making a donation, helping fellow Kappans with housing, food, and/or clothing, or donating supplies to help rebuild schools and libraries, please call, write, or send your check to:

Hurricane Katrina Relief  
 PDK International  
 P.O. Box 789  
 Bloomington, IN 47402  
 Phone: (800) 766-1156

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

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### Message from Walden University President and Provost Dr. Paula Peinovich

Our hearts go out to all who are affected by Hurricane Katrina, and we are especially concerned about the hundreds of Walden University students and more than two dozen members of our faculty who live in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, or Arkansas. As we work to account for them, we are comforted by the belief that they are using their knowledge, skill, and dedication to positive social change to help those around them.

If you are in touch with a student or faculty member from the storm zone who needs assistance or if you can provide assistance to a student or faculty member in need, please contact me at [president@waldenu.edu](mailto:president@waldenu.edu) or 800-925-3368. Walden University is prepared to assist in providing refuge for our faculty or students who may be homeless or living in substandard conditions. We will assist them with transportation to parts of the country where they have family or friends or bring them to Minneapolis, where we have lodging adjacent to the university's academic offices.

Thank you for your support of our community members who are suffering. Let me know if you have other suggestions about how the university can be of assistance to them or to you in this time of hardship.

Paula

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Remember the Walk for Education? The Walden PDK Cyberspace Chapter will be participating in this year's walk. We will donate \$100 in the name of Mary Pullman, the mother-in-law of our VP of Programs, Jenny Pullman. Before she passed, Mrs. Pullman requested that in lieu of flowers, money be donated to any of the many Katrina victims. Direct donations can be made to Dr. Ogden. In addition, PDK's professional development conference has been relocated to Chicago due to the hurricane. Instead of a conference in New Orleans, join us in Chicago at the Palmer House Hilton November 10-13, at our conference for New Orleans. Money raised during our concurrent Walk for Education event will go to benefit those affected by the hurricane.

For more information go to:

<http://www.pdkintl.org/relief/reliefhome.htm>.

## Charitable Organizations

- **American Red Cross** (<http://www.redcross.org/donate/donate.html>): The American Red Cross presents a plethora of ways in which individuals can aid victims and survivors – including ideas and projects which can be accomplished in neighborhoods and workplaces.
- **AmeriCare** (<http://www.americares.org/>) AmeriCare is asking for monetary donations and assistance from professionals in the medical, educational, and psychological fields. In addition, AmeriCare is asking for individuals, organizations, companies, etc., to conduct fundraising events. For more information regarding fundraising, please send an email to [specialevents@americares.org](mailto:specialevents@americares.org).
- **Do Something: Young People Changing Their World** (<http://www.dosomething.org/>) Nickelodeon is sponsoring a "Got Your Back" supply drive. They are asking that individuals donate backpacks filled with personal hygiene items, school supplies, and non-perishable canned goods.
- **Federal Emergency Management Agency** ([www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)) Ok we all have read about

the problems with FEMA and may have trepidations about giving to a disorganized organization. However, despite the terrible beginnings, FEMA has improved immeasurably. FEMA is seeking donations in the form of volunteerism, monies, and professional services. In addition, information is available for educators on how to discuss tragedies with school-aged children.

- **Kids Care Clubs** (<http://www.kidscare.org/index.jsp>) Website dedicated to getting children involved in the efforts to aid victims and survivors. Wonderful source of information that can be shared with students in the classroom. Also, there are some great projects in which students give hands on assistance...hint, hint.
- **United Nations Children's Fund** (<http://www.unicef.org/>) UNICEF is asking for donations in the form of volunteerism, money, or tangible goods.

In addition, there are non-profit organizations that specialize in helping specific populations such as, [The Family Pride Coalition](#), aimed at assisting lesbian, gay male, bisexual, and transgender/sexual survivors; the [Christian Children's Fund](#) aimed at aiding children; and the [Lutheran World Relief](#). Presented are just a few of the many organizations out there helping victims and survivors of Hurricane Katrina. It is also extremely important to remember that crisis situations do not just affect the persons directly involved. Sometimes when we are so focused on victims and survivors, we forget about the secondary victims – those that have friends and family that were directly impacted by the hurricane. So, please check with your friends and neighbors, peers and coworkers, and students to see if they are exhibiting any signs of harmful distress.

In addition, please keep in mind that there are also scam artists taking advantage of this tragic situation. Should you decide to donate your time or money, please ensure the organization is a legitimate charitable business. There are many websites which evaluate charities, and give you an idea of how much of your money will actually go to provide relief. They include [GuideStar](#) and the [Charity Navigator](#). And remember, your contributions are tax deductible!

## CALL TO MEMBERS

Again, we call to the members to share your thoughts and accomplishments. This is a portion I shall keep running in hopes that our members will take an active role. The Walden PDK Chapter would like to highlight member's contributions to education. We are soliciting excerpts from application of course work and KAMS that are related to our mission in education and wish to publish that (with permission) to our members. Submissions can be abstracts or annotated bibliographies so that we don't infringe on copyrights nor university policies.

In addition, we would like to know what our membership is doing. Are you participating in or conducting any studies? What are you doing in your local communities to promote education? We want to know!

Please submit information to Barbara A. Hopkins-Cox, MS, Walden PDK Newsletter Editor at [b2ad@yahoo.com](mailto:b2ad@yahoo.com).



Would you like to be the proud owner of a Walden PDK Name Badge? Or give a name badge to a new member as a welcome gift? If so, there are 4 things you need to do:

1. Make out a check for \$15.00 payable to Jennifer Pullman.
2. Send a self-addressed envelope with 2 first class stamps affixed.
3. Include a note indicating how you would like your name line to read.
4. Send it all to:  
Jennifer Pullman  
1306 W. Amaranth St.  
Egg Harbor, NJ 08215

All orders received by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month will be sent out the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEXT ONLINE MEETING: Sept 19 – Oct ??? (til we're done)  
<http://waldenpdk.org> "Meeting Center"

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE & WALK FOR EDUCATION :  
November 10-13, 2005  
Chicago, Palmer House Hilton

## OPPORTUNITY HIGHLIGHT

The Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE) at the National Science Foundation (NSF), through its Divisions of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences and Social and Economic Sciences will be accepting proposals from the research community to support time sensitive research related to the Gulf Coast disaster area and to capture data from the human aspects of Hurricane Katrina. The NSF Human and Social Dynamics (HSD) Priority Area as well as the individual disciplinary programs in Social Behavioral and Economic Sciences will be accepting proposals. Proposals should conform to the rules for the Small Grants for Exploratory Research (SGER) program and be submitted via FastLane. These funds will be used to collect time-sensitive data at the levels of individuals and organizations on the immediate aftermath of the hurricane. It is expected that most funded proposals will be in the range of \$10,000 to \$80,000. The number of awards will depend on the quality of proposals and the availability of funds. Proposals shall be submitted via FastLane in conformance the NSF Grant Proposal Guide (NSF 04-23). For full consideration, proposals must be submitted by Sept. 30, 2005. Prior to submission, the appropriate NSF/SBE Program Officer MUST be contacted. For Human and Social Dynamics multidisciplinary proposals, please contact Dennis Wenger ([dwenger@nsf.gov](mailto:dwenger@nsf.gov)) or Bob O'Conner ([roconnor@nsf.gov](mailto:roconnor@nsf.gov)); HSD SGER proposals must conform to the HSD requirements, specifically (1) at least three PIs, (2) at least two disciplines, and (3) no individual can participate in more than one HSD SGER proposal. Please consult the web site ([www.nsf.gov](http://www.nsf.gov)) to determine the Program Officers to contact for the SBE disciplinary programs.

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