

# PDK Newsletter

Baylor University Chapter—#0184



Spring 2010 Newsletter

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## President's Message

### *What's in our Future?*

We have had an exciting year for The Baylor University Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. In addition to our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration we also participated in *Read for the Record* where we distributed over 60 books to area schools, Head Start Centers, and Day Cares. Baylor University teacher candidates read the book to many children and lead them in learning activities related to the book. Thank you to everyone who assisted and supported the event.

As we have begun 2010 and many things are happening in education such as the new draft of *The Common Core Standards*, revisions of state testing, and initiatives related to teacher preparation, STEM education, and technology it is important that we begin to consider the future of education. To that end our next Chapter meeting will focus on the future of education in our area. Details of date, time and speakers are in this newsletter. Mark your calendar!

Our officers are working on revising our chapter by-laws as there have been new laws related to our status through the International Chapter that must be addressed.

This will be sent out to our membership and voted on at our final meeting that has been tentatively set for April 27 at 5:30 p.m. We appreciate your attention to this and hope you will review the document when it arrives and send feedback. We will also be initiating new members and electing new officers at this final meeting. If you are interested in a position, please contact me by April 10, 2010.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our chapter officers for the excellent work they have done this year in leading our Chapter. It has been a pleasure working with them. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Trena L. Wilkerson  
President, BU PDK Chapter



"What's your favorite season?  
Summer vacation, Spring break,  
or Christmas Holiday?"

**Spring Meeting—March 30, 2010**

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**5:30—6:30**

**Draper 139 on the Baylor Campus**

## **Community: Education in the Next Ten Years**

**Featuring: Local Educational Community Leaders**

**Dr. Roland Hernandez, Superintendent, Waco ISD**

**Carlis Hyde, Office of Sponsored Programs, Texas State Technical College**

**Dr. Ann Kirch, Vice President of Instruction, McLennan Community College**

**Dr. Jon Englehart, Dean of the School of Education, Baylor University**

Panel members will address their personal predictions of the direction of P-16 education based on current trends. Using their personal experience and expertise as a base, they will address the following questions:

1. Where should we be going?
2. What are the future needs?
3. How do we as educators address those needs?

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### **PDK Presents Books**



**Dionne Jackson, Baylor PDK Membership Chair, presented copies of the “Very Hungry Caterpillar” purchased by Baylor PDK chapter funds raised from the recent Read for the Record event to Ms. Helen Johnson, Training and Technical Coordinator of the Head Start and Early Head Start sites.**



## Baylor PDK turned 40!

On November 24, 2009, the Baylor Chapter reached the milestone of serving our local educational community for 40 years. To celebrate this accomplishment, the current Executive Board planned and hosted a celebration that drew both past and current members together, including five past presidents.



**Baylor PDK Presidents**  
Seated: Dr. Don Stacey, Dr. Michael White, Dr. Trena Wilkerson (current).  
Standing: Dr. Rachelle Meyer, Dr. Colleen Eddy, and Dr. Doug Rogers.



**Dr. Trena Wilkerson and Dr. Rachelle Meyer** prepare refreshments for PDK members and guests.



**Members** enjoyed getting a chance to visit with each other and meet new friends.



**Attendees** were treated to a famous Baylor tradition: Dr. Pepper floats.



**Patricia Williams**, PDK Region B Representative brought her congratulations and vision to those in attendance.



**Dr. Sandi Cooper** looks through a scrapbook detailing the 40 year history of PDK at Baylor.

## PDK International Launches Redesigned Exclusive Online Community

Bloomington, IN—PDK International, a professional association for educators, just launched a new and improved version of PDKConnect, the online community exclusively for PDK members.

Similar to social networking sites like Facebook or MySpace, PDKConnect allows PDK members to network with peers regardless of geographic location. The community is unique because it is primarily focused on the professional development of educators. Through this new version of PDKConnect, members can get practical advice from experienced educators, collaborate on research, and engage in more professional learning opportunities.

The new site, which is hosted on a Leverage software platform, allows members to create or participate in discussion groups and blogs; collaborate on projects through wikis; access a comprehensive list of available jobs in education; listen to pre-recorded professional development webinars; and search for like-minded peers based on job title, experience, professional interests, or role in PDK.

“You can easily find people with the job experience and knowledge that you’ve been looking for,” said DeShawn Easley, assistant director of leadership and chapter services. “This is a fast way to get your questions answered and expand your professional network.”

Redesigning PDKConnect is part of an organizational effort to better serve members by making information and resources more accessible. To learn more about PDK International or PDKConnect, visit [www.pdkintl.org](http://www.pdkintl.org).

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## Upcoming Events

- Spring Meeting, March 30
- Spring Induction and Officer Initiation, April 27



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***“Most teachers waste their time by asking questions which are intended to discover what a pupil does not know whereas the true art of questioning has for its purpose to discover what the pupil knows or is capable of knowing.”***

***-Albert Einstein***