



Welcome Back!!



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The goal of Pi Lambda Theta, Delta-Kappa chapter is to recognize outstanding contributors while inspiring them to effective leaders in the field of education. The Delta-Kappa chapter supports diversity where each member actively participates in connecting with our community and establishing a relationship with our surrounding schools.

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Hello Pi Lambda Thetans! My name is Tanya Oliva, a senior undergrad in the field of Deaf Studies. I serve as senator for the Michael D. Eisner College of Education in Associated Students board of senate (CSUN) and president for Pi Lambda Theta. As president of the Delta Kappa chapter, I hope we can work together as a community, and establish a bridge where opportunities are offered. On my free time I enjoy reading, work on art projects, and spend time with my family and friends. If you see us around campus don't hesitate to say "hello!" We would love to hear from you!

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Hello, my name is Erin McMichael. I am currently a second year Master's degree and P. P. S. credential student within the school counseling program at CSUN. I want to use my role in PLT to help spread awareness on the topic of the importance of diversity and multiculturalism within education starting in preschool and extending throughout college. As Vice President of this chapter, I hope to host diversity workshops, participate in fundraising for low-income schools, and recruit enthusiastic like-minded students to join PLT and further its mission. My hobbies include singing, volunteering for animal shelters, reading young adult dystopian trilogies (Yay, Hunger Games!), yoga, Netflix marathons, online poker, LGBTQ political activism, film, and music.



My name is Ashley Marie Alkana, but my name will soon change to Ashley Marie Hurni



(pronounced hurn-eye). I graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with my B.S. in psychology in 2012. I am now pursuing an M.S. in School Counseling here at CSUN. This is my second year in the program. I live in Thousand Oaks with my fiance, our scraggly old cat named Pazzo, and our pretty blue beta fish named Juan Pablo. I am working through school as a server at Outback Steakhouse, but, while I'm not there in the evenings, I enjoy working out, interior design, singing, and dancing. I am very excited to be part of Pi Lambda Theta and its executive board, and

through the organization I hope to make new friends, network in the field of education, and gain as much insight as possible about working with students. Thank you very much for all of the warm welcomes I've received so far. I am looking forward to working with you all this year!



My name is Havaughnia Hayes. I'm a proud Alumna of California State University Northridge. I have achieved a Bachelor degree in Child Development along with two Master's degrees, all of which were obtained from CSUN. The first degree is from the field of Special Education, and the other in Educational Administration. I have also earned two California issued credentials from CSUN. The first is a Clear Education Specialist Instruction Credential (Pre-K-12) with an English Language Learner Authorization included. The other is a Clear Administrative Services credential. I'm currently enrolled in the Educational Leadership Doctoral program and looking forward to the commencement exercises in May 2015.

I've been an employee of the Los Angeles Unified School District for 13 years. I currently serve as a special education coordinator for a large urban middle school. I'm a mother of two gorgeous toddlers and the wife of an awesome husband! I'm honored to serve as the Secretary on the Executive Board of Pi Lambda Theta Delta-Kappa Chapter!



Hello all! My name is Saima Ibrahim and I am your membership representative for Pi Lambda Theta (PLT) this school year. I'm very excited to get PLT going this year. A little about myself, I received my Bachelors in Psychology from CSUN and I'm currently a second year master's student in the educational therapy program. I work as a Sunday school teacher and with adults who have disabilities. I will be substitute teaching until I finish my graduate program. I hope to one day open up a center where students of low-income families can receive free tutoring services. I strongly believe and would like to promote the idea that all students are smart and that all students can learn when given the right tools to do so. My hobbies include reading, participating in various volunteer projects (literacy tutoring, Child Development Institute: Early Learning Center), playing tennis, singing

and dancing. By joining the PLT board, I hope to gain networking experience, leadership experience, and most importantly, long-lasting friendships. I look forward to having an awesome and active year and I hope to meet you all soon.



My name is Deborah D. Loperena. I am a Special Education Special Day Program Teacher in the LAUSD district. I received my Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies at California State University, Northridge. I then pursued my teaching credential and graduate's degree in CSUN's accelerated teaching program called ACT-R. I earned my Master's degree with Distinction in Special Education in May 2014. In 2012 I became the recipient of the Woodrow Wilson-Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellowship at CSUN. Before attending CSUN, I served nine years in the United States Navy where I was in charge of printing a base wide newsletter for over three years. I am excited and proud to be part of Pi Lambda Theta (PLT) and to be the newsletter editor for our organization. I will do my best to keep all members updated on the current events of our organization. My hobbies include reading, running, attending church, and spending time with my family. I am the mother of two amazing toddlers and happily married to an amazing, God fearing man. Being a member of Pi Lambda Theta is an honor and gives me great pleasure to join such an amazing group of adults. I hope that we will be able to further PLT by reaching out to those who are new to their careers and help them network within PLT. As a teacher, I want to aspire to inspire all my students to succeed before I expire. If I am able to accomplish that, it will be my greatest reward.

Please feel free to contact any of the executive board members through an email regarding concerns, work-related updates, job openings, and outstanding achievement. We would like to highlight any and all members.

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Spotlight on Pi Lambda Theta Member

President and member of Pi Lambda Theta, **Tanya Oliva** volunteered during the summer at the *College Bound Summit*. The West Valley Boys and Girls Club hosted the “College Bound Summit” on June 14th at California State University, Northridge. The Boys and Girls club representatives set up the workshops for high school juniors and seniors to inform them about the process for applying to college, and to give them an opportunity to talk to undergraduate students about their college experience. The workshops were about Financial Aid; how-to apply and the types of aid students can receive, College options; applying to Public vs. Private schools, College Life Panel; the accomplishments and challenges as a college student, and a clubs and organizations fair. Tanya got the chance to chaperone a group of students, who were all “very excited and active participants!” Oliva said it was a huge opportunity to be able to meet a new group of students planning to enter a university, and hear about their goals. Oliva looks forward to seeing them one day on campus and hopes that one day they might even be a Pi Lambda Theta member.



(Pictured above are some of the goodies that Tanya gave to the students at the College bound Summit.)

Please join me in thanking Tanya Oliva in representing Pi Lambda Theta so well at the College Bound Summit. It is one of the reasons we exist as an organization; to pour into young adults what attending a University will be like and also to know that there are like minded young adults in our education community.

Member Announcements

Want to join the PLT Delta-Kappa chapter executive board?

The Activities and Program officer position is still open!! As the activities and program officer you get to work with the board and create member gatherings, workshops and other events that would support growth and development tools for our members that they can apply to their profession. We are looking for an open-minded, determined and motivated member that wants to continue to support education in schools!



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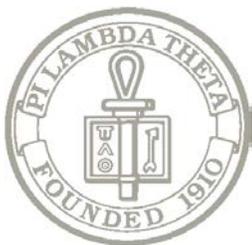
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