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## Gateway awarded honor society chapter

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### HIGHLAND HEIGHTS -

Gateway Community and Technical College has been awarded a chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges.

The Beta Pi Tau chapter at Gateway inducted 63 students.

"A candidate for full membership must have completed 12 semester hours of associate degree course work through GCTC, with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, and adhere to GCTC's conduct," said Amy Monson, Gateway's coordinator of career services.

Phi Theta Kappa members must continue to maintain a 3.25 grade-point average.

"Chartering a Phi Theta Kappa chapter at Gateway is another important milestone for us as a comprehensive community and technical college, because it is a mark of quality," said Dr. G. Edward Hughes, Gateway's president and CEO. "With more than 2 million members and 1,200 chapters, PTK is the largest honor society in American higher education."

"It offers members many important benefits, including a wide array of scholarship and leadership opportunities."

Hughes said he was proud to have such a large number of students inducted as charter members. While membership may bring the students closer, two inductees are already on intimate terms.

Husband and wife Jeff Moore, 45, and Donna Moore, 41, of Covington were invited in.

The two started at Gateway the same time their daughter entered Northern Kentucky University. Donna was inspired by illness.

"One of my earliest childhood memories was that I wanted to go to college, but then everyday life got in the way," she said. "Finally after I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2001 and my grandmother passed away in 2003, I decided it could be now or never. I started checking off my list of things to accomplish and college degree was on top."

Jeff Moore was motivated by his daughter.

"I found it hard to tell my daughter how important continuing her education is when I didn't," he said. "I realize as a parent that an education is very important no matter how old you are. I just wish I did it earlier."

While the Moores said having all three family members in school means money is tight and household chores get delayed, it has also helped them achieve membership in the society.

"I have great study buddies," Donna Moore said. "If one of us doesn't understand something, we work through it together. Or if all else fails, we holler for our daughter. I think it's kind of fun getting a small taste of Jeff's subjects, when quizzing him to prepare for tests."

Jeff agreed, but said there were additional benefits.

"When we've been able to actually take the same class together, we save money by buying one book. Also, one of us may understand something and be able to help the other. Most of all we get to share this ... together."

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