



Montana's All Star Community College/Two-Year College 2014 All Academic Team

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage scholarship among associate degree students. To achieve this purpose, the organization provides opportunities for the development of leadership and service.

Phi Theta Kappa, community college presidents and community college state associations sponsor All-State Community College Academic Team ceremonies in 37 participating states.

The following students were nominated by their respective two-year college faculty and staff and represent some of the best and brightest students in our state's two-year and community colleges. Upon nomination, each of these students was automatically named to the All-State Community College Academic Teams.

The student receiving the highest All-USA Community College Academic Team application score in each state is named a Coca-Cola New Century Scholar and represents his/her state in the opening ceremonies at the American Association of Community Colleges Convention. In addition, one student from a Phi Theta Kappa chapter in Canada and one student from a Phi Theta Kappa chapter in the other seven sovereign nations where Phi Theta Kappa chapters exist are named Coca-Cola New Century Scholars. Each Coca-Cola New Century Scholar will receive a \$2,000 scholarship, and each institution will receive special recognition at the American Association of Community Colleges Convention.

The Coca-Cola New Century Scholars program is sponsored annually by the American Association of Community Colleges, The Coca-Cola Foundation, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, and Phi Theta Kappa.



All-State Academic Team Member
Andrea Bulik

From Kalispell Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC) — Support Professional

Future Plans: After graduating this May from FVCC, Andrea plans to stay in the Flathead Valley and pursue a Bachelors of Applied Science Degree in a business concentration.

Andrea is delighted to have the opportunity to go to college. After working in the service industry and raising small children for many years, she recognizes the value of a career. While her husband has been working hard in the Bakken Oil Fields to support their family for the past three years, Andrea has been dedicated to her studies as she pursues her goal to obtain the education necessary for a more promising future for herself and her family. She appreciates the opportunity to connect with her children, now in middle school, on a special level as they face similar challenges, such as homework and balancing life and their studies.

Last year, Andrea completed an AmeriCorps Service Term in a leadership capacity position. Inspired by her experience in the program, she re-enrolled as an elementary school tutor this year. She is dedicated to serving the community and appreciates the opportunity to represent FVCC in her endeavors. In addition, she has taken on the leadership role as secretary for Phi Theta Kappa.



All-State Academic Team Member Darrian Haynie

From Billings Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC) — Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts

Darrian Haynie graduated from Flathead Valley Community College in 2013 with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Culinary Arts. She is pursuing a business management degree at Montana State University Billings where she is a cheerleader. Darrian hopes to one day open her own restaurant. She is a former member of Phi Theta Kappa and an active volunteer in her community. While attending FVCC, she volunteered at a local elementary school teaching a fifth grade class and helped to construct houses through Habitat for Humanity. While studying culinary arts, she utilized her culinary skills while volunteering at Glacier High School and Flathead High School preparing breakfasts and lunches for the students. Darian graduated from Skyview High School in Billings with a 3.6 grade point average. She was a high school cheerleader, played tennis and was a member of the competitive dance team. During her senior year, she volunteered at the food bank and the Ronald McDonald House in Billings. This June, Darrian plans to spend two weeks traveling to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York and Los Angeles to study business and entrepreneurship.



All-State Academic Team Member Eva Maydole

From Great Falls Great Falls College (GFC MSU) — Nursing

Future Plans: After graduating from Great Falls College MSU, Eva plans to transfer to MSU Bozeman and pursue a BS in Nursing. She is a non-traditional student, starting at the Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia, twenty years ago. Due to unexpected life events, she did not return to college the second year. She traveled around Europe for a few years and worked part-time as a translator. After she settled in Montana, Eva dedicated her time to raising her three children. In 2009, she enrolled at GFC MSU with the intention of becoming a teacher. Soon, she discovered that she loved sciences, especially anatomy, physiology and microbiology. Her instructors encouraged her to become a registered nurse.

Eva has grown immensely while studying at the Great Falls College MSU. She feels that her experience here prepared her to serve her community in her future profession. She served as the treasurer for Phi Theta Kappa in 2013 and learned valuable lessons in leadership. She has gained not only academic knowledge but also a better understanding of people's needs, her leadership abilities, and ways in which she can make a valuable contribution. She is looking forward to new challenges as she begins the BS in Nursing this fall.



All-State Academic Team Member Michelle Lonebear

From Harlem Aaniiih Nakoda College – Allied Health Program

Future Plans: Upon completing the Allied Health Program from Aaniiih Nakoda College, Michelle plans to attend a 4-year program to become a Registered Nurse (RN) to serve her community.

Michelle is currently in her second year at Aaniiih Nakoda College and has excelled in her academic studies and has earned a spot on the President's List. She has had the opportunity to take on leadership roles as well as being a positive influence on fellow students by serving on the Student Senate at Aaniiih Nakoda College as a student representative, where she is continuously dedicating her time with fundraising efforts, either during school hours or on weekends. In addition to her student senate responsibilities, she is always available to participate in local community activities. Michelle has also earned a certificate for "Certified Nurses Aid" and for "Phlebotomy." Attending college was a big step in her life. Prior to college, she was home taking care of her three children and ensuring that they succeeded in school, but at the same time, she wanted to complete her education. When the opportunity came, she was out the door, experiencing new things and demonstrating what she always had in her, which is intelligence.



All-State Academic Team Member Stacy Luongo

From Great Falls Great Falls College (GFC MSU) – Associate of Science

Future Plans: After graduating from GFC MSU this May, Stacy plans on pursuing her Bachelors Degree in Nursing (BSN) through MSU Bozeman.

Stacy is the mother of four wonderful children, and began college as a non-traditional student in 2010. She originally intended on attaining a degree in Graphic Design because of her background in art, but also had a desire to follow her passion for science. With the encouragement of her family, professors, and mentors, Stacy decided to take on the challenge of pursuing her Bachelors in Nursing. In January 2013, the Great Falls branch of the American Association of University Women selected Stacy as the sole recipient of their AAUW non-traditional scholarship. In May 2013, Stacy was elected Vice President of the Beta Eta Omicron chapter at College of Great Falls MSU, and will continue her role as officer until May 2014. She has been involved in progressing her chapter from a zero star status to a two star status, assisting in organizing a coat drive, and facilitating recruitment events. Stacy also organized an informational seminar to help introduce students and faculty to an upcoming stress management class based on scientific research performed at the Institute of HeartMath in Fall 2012.



All-State Academic Team Member Lena Sleight

From Miles City Miles Community College (MCC) — Associate of Applied Science

Lena Sleight was born and raised in Miles City, Montana. She graduated from Custer County District High School in May of 2012. She entered Miles Community College that fall. Currently, she is in the latter half of her sophomore year. Lena was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa during the spring semester of her freshman year and was elected president of MCC's chapter during the fall semester of her sophomore year. Upon graduation, she plans to transfer to Montana State University-Billings to study English and art. She also aspires and dreams of one day traveling the world.



All-State Academic Team Member Jackcee Idland

From Circle Miles Community College (MCC) — Agriculture Production

Future Plans: After graduating from MCC this May, Jackcee plans to transfer to Dickinson State University to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Integrated Ranch Management.

Jackcee moved to Miles City and enrolled at MCC in August of 2012. Prior to this she graduated from Circle High School in Circle, Montana, where she began her journey of receiving an agriculture degree. Her passion for Ag was inspired at an early age when she became actively involved in her county 4-H club and her high school FFA chapter.

In April 2012, Jackcee was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society due to her academic achievements. The semester following her induction she was nominated Public Relations/Fundraising Coordinator of the chapter. Additionally, Jackcee was nominated to the All-USA Academics Team, receiving a certificate for her outstanding academic achievement. She has also been placed on the President's Honor Roll, and in April 2014 she will be recognized by Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges.