

36 from Butler County join BC3 honor societies

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(Butler, PA) Thirty-one Butler County Community College students from Butler County this spring have accepted membership into BC3's Rho Phi chapter of an international academic honor society, and five into BC3's Delta Kappa chapter of an international honor society for business students.

Members of both societies, which recognize scholarship and promote development and leadership, must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.5.

Rho Phi, a chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, this spring will have 153 members from Butler County.

"By receiving an invitation to join Rho Phi, it shows students' commitment to their academics," said Morgan Rizzardi, BC3's associate director of admissions and primary adviser to Rho Phi, which formed at BC3 in 1968. "To have a 3.5 grade-point average or higher is something that should make students proud."

Delta Kappa, a chapter of Kappa Beta Delta, this spring will have 14 members from Butler County.

"They have shown a lot of hard work to be selected to join Kappa Beta Delta," said Ramin Hajave, a BC3 business instructor and adviser to Delta Kappa, which formed at BC3 in 2019.

New Rho Phi members are ...

New Rho Phi members this spring from Butler County are Abigail Bastaja, Sarver, mathematics; Christian Caldwell, Butler, social work; Francesca Citrone, Evans City, general studies; Sara Davis, Butler, photography; and Patrick Deal, Butler, general studies.

Also, Oleksii Dukhovenko, Mars, computer science; Chalee Durand, Butler, communications; Kyleigh Fleegeer, Chicora, general studies; Jessica Flower, Evans City, early childhood education (Pre K-4); and Nathaniel Friel, Butler, secondary education-social sciences concentration.

Also, Mara Grossi, Butler, business administration; Zachary Hanek, Cranberry Township, general studies; Adam Hartzell, Butler, business administration; Evah Hershberger, Butler, general studies; Paige Hibbs, Valencia, general studies; and Bethany Jones, Cabot, business management.

Also, Taylor Keith, Cabot, registered nursing; Bailey Kondos, Evans City, park and recreation management; Lainey Malak, Sarver, general studies; Abigail Markle, Cabot, business

administration; Elianna Marsh, Mars, early childhood education (Pre K-4); and Oliviah Montag, Butler, business administration.

Also, Korene Murdie, Saxonburg, human resource management; Alisha Novak, Butler, social work; Erin Pletsch, Butler, business administration; Noah Sespico, Butler, psychology; Cortnie Smith, Butler, accounting; and Jenna Stallsmith, Cabot, registered nursing.

Also, Abby Tartal, Butler, medical coding and billing specialist; Jay VanCise, Butler, engineering technology with CADD; and Taylor Wingert, Butler, medical assistant.

Students who have completed at least 12 credit hours toward an associate degree or six credit hours toward a one-year certificate and who meet academic requirements are eligible for membership into Rho Phi.

New Delta Kappa members are ...

New Delta Kappa members this spring from Butler County are business administration students Abigail Black and Codi Misera, of Butler; Joshua Riesmeyer, of Chicora; and Jesse Fesel, of Sarver. Valarie Kelly, of Butler, a computer information systems-programming specialist student, is also a new member of Delta Kappa.

Students who have completed at least 15 credit hours in BC3's business division, who are pursuing an associate degree in business and who meet academic requirements are eligible for membership into Delta Kappa.

Kappa Beta Delta recognizes scholarship and accomplishment among business students attending associate degree-granting institutions of higher education accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs in Overland Park, Kan.

BC3's business programs are accredited by the council.

The council "recognizes that we put a lot of effort into what we teach," said Sherri Mack, dean of BC3's business division, "and so it rewards these excellent students with membership into its honor society."

BC3 offers 15 associate degrees in business

BC3 offers in its business division 13 associate in applied science degree career programs, in which students can develop the skills needed to enter the workforce immediately upon graduation, two transfer programs and eight certificates or workplace certificates that take one year or less to complete.

BC3's associate degree career programs range in credit hours from 60 to 68, and nine require practicum experiences. BC3's business division certificates or workplace certificates range in credit hours from 16 to 33.

Business administration and business management were the second- and fourth-most-popular associate degree programs at BC3 as of Jan. 9, according to Sharla Anke, BC3's assistant dean of institutional research and planning.