Phi Theta Kappa is the nation's oldest and most widely known academic honor society. Its beginning can be traced to a society that originated with six charter members under the name if Kappa Phi Omicron at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, in 1910. The Society continued to grow and in the spring of 1918 was one of many honorary groups in Missouri. At a meeting of the presidents of the Missouri junior colleges for women in 1918, it was decided to organize a new honorary society, chapters of which would have a common character, stand and similarity of organization. The name Phi Theta Kappa was chosen, and the Society was incorporated in Missouri as a National organization. Founders modeled many aspects of the new society after the prestigious senior college honorary society, Phi Beta Kappa.

Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Association at SHSU provides opportunities for growth in leadership and service, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for the stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence and professional development.

It is An Emblem of High Achievement and Strong Potential

Quick Facts:
- ΦBK - Greek initials of the motto "Love of learning is the guide of life"
- Phi Beta Kappa is a leading advocate for excellence in the liberal arts and sciences
- It has over half a million members and chapter at 280 American colleges and universities
- Invitation to membership in Phi Beta Kappa is a reflection of outstanding achievement

Beautiful Faces of the Prestigious Phi Theta Kappa Members at SHSU

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