

# THE PINNACLE

[HTTP://WWW.UCONNPK.ORG](http://www.uconnpdk.org)

## Message from the President:

Dear Fellow UCONN Kappans,

It is hard to believe that we are again embarking on another school year. Your chapter Board members have been busy this summer trying to plan some potential programs for networking and enriching your professional lives. I would like to personally extend an invitation to each and every one of you to consider attending our planning meetings. With each new member in attendance we have more ideas to offer our membership for professional events. We meet 30 minutes prior to each PDK event.

Our first event of the year will be a networking opportunity at the NEAG School of Education on the Storrs campus. Pizza and UCONN's homemade ice cream will be served. Please consider attending and bringing along a potential member. Our planning committee will meet at 5:30 and the social will begin at 6:00. (See the newsletter for more specifics).

My goal this year will be to increase our membership by bringing in new members and getting veteran members to become more active. Our chapter's longevity depends on you and your participation. If there is a program or speaker you would like us to consider sponsoring, please let me know. As Phi Delta Kappa embarks on its 108<sup>th</sup> year I challenge you to help us sponsor a program that will bring in at least 108 attendees.

Best wishes for a successful school year. I look forward to seeing you at our September social.

Sincerely,

Joan Gilbert  
President, UCONNPK  
[jdgilb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jdgilb@sbcglobal.net)

**PHI DELTA KAPPA  
The University of Connecticut  
Chapter 069  
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**Save the Dates!**

October 23/16 for a UCONN professor to speak.

November 13/20 for more APP workshops.

We will send more details by email and post them on our website once locations and dates are secured. Hope to see you then!

**Fun Facts about Our Chapter**  
From pdkintl.org



As we start the 2013-2014 school year, our chapter (PDK Chapter 069 - University of Connecticut) is in its 63rd year since initiation, which was on March 17, 1951.

The current members in our chapter have an average of 24 years of membership, with Jerome F. Melvin being our most senior member with 51 years.

By far, the largest number of our members live in Connecticut, with the greatest number in Vernon, Storrs, and West Hartford and the rest from 47 other towns. The membership outside of Connecticut live in the District of Columbia (1), Florida (4), Massachusetts (6), Maine (1), Minnesota (1), New Hampshire (1), New York (2), and Rhode Island (4).

Among the members who provided their titles for the PDK database, there are elementary principals, elementary teachers, one high school principal, high school teachers, middle level teachers, graduate students, superintendents, university faculty members, and a good number of retirees or emeritus members.

**WANTED! ... NEW MEMBERS!**  
**Introduce a colleague to PDK today!**

Dear Kappan,

As an active or retired educator, we're hoping that you might resolve to consider nominating a current or former colleague for membership in Phi Delta Kappa. Our chapter continues to thrive in spite of a general decline in membership in organizations. PDK strives to prepare the next generation of educators through a wide range of innovative initiatives focused on leadership, research and service and thus needs to maintain a range of experience in its members.

As school leaders, it is important to be actively involved in professional organizations. As Phi Delta Kappa members for many years, we value the professional relationships that we have established in the past and always look forward to welcoming new members. This organization allows and encourages members to be active voices and participants. With the rapid changes occurring in schools it is very important to recruit the energy and insight of young educators. You have worked hard to prepare yourself as a school leader and joined PDK as a part of your commitment to the profession. We encourage YOU to now introduce others to this highly respected organization by personally inviting a respected colleague or young undergraduate/graduate student for membership.

When discussing candidacy with prospective members, please be aware of the following:

- The annual fee for membership for an active educator is \$100 which includes all the benefits of belonging to Phi Delta Kappa, their subscription to *Kappan* and membership in our local UConn Chapter.
  
- International is currently running a "new member special" for undergraduate or graduate students. Their total annual membership fee would be only \$57.50.
  
- In addition to a long history of our chapter's offering of meetings on timely topics, involvement also provides excellent opportunities for networking for younger educators. Six of our Board members are former UCAPP students and other regular attendees at our gatherings represent the full spectrum of educational professionals.
  
- There are several different routes to attaining membership and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. A brief program of formal initiation and recognition takes place at our September meeting.

For your convenience, I have attached a membership application which, when completed, should be forwarded directly to:

Duffy Brookes  
91 Burbank Rd.  
Ellington, CT 06029

Best regards,  
Patty Hess and Duffy Brookes  
Membership Chairpersons

# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

## University of Connecticut Chapter

### *Phi Delta Kappa International*

Fees: (for office use)

Active Educator / Student

\_\_\_\_\_ Dues \$100 / \$57.50

**RETURN FORM TO:**

**Duffy Brookes, Membership -PDK UConn Chapter**  
**91 Burbank Rd.**  
**Ellington, CT 06029**

Application Materials

\_\_\_\_ Form  
 \_\_\_\_ Signature of Endorsement  
 from UConn Faculty, active PDK  
 member or self-nomination

**E-mail: [TheBrookes@aol.com](mailto:TheBrookes@aol.com)**

**PART 1. (To Be Completed by Candidate)**

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female

OFFICE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

\_\_\_\_ Student Teacher  
 \_\_\_\_ BS/BA  
 \_\_\_\_ MS/MA  
 \_\_\_\_ Specialist  
 \_\_\_\_ Doctorate  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIMARY OCCUPATION (Please Check Only One)**

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <i>TEACHER</i>                  | <i>ADMINISTRATOR</i>            | <i>OTHER</i>  |
| (11) __ Elementary              | (21) __ Elementary              | (3H) __ Student Teacher   |
| (12) __ Middle School           | (22) __ Middle School           | (39) __ Curr. Spec./Counselor/<br>Supervisor                        |
| (13) __ High School             | (23) __ High School             | (30) __ Graduate Student  |
| (14) __ Junior/Comm.<br>College | (27) __ Asst. Supt./System      | (3A) __ Educational Consultant                                      |
| (15) __ Voc./Tech. School       | (28) __ Supt./System            | (3B) __ Prof. Staff: State, Fed.,<br>Private Agency or Organization |
| (16) __ College/University      | (24) __ Junior/Comm.<br>College | (3C) __ Business/Industry   |
|                                 | (25) __ Voc./Tech. School       | (3D) __ Retired   |
|                                 | (26) __ College/University      | (3E) __ Other (Please specify)<br>_____                             |

**SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION**

Do you currently have a subscription to the KAPPAN Journal? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
 If yes, what is your KAPPAN account number?  
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**IMPORTANT NOTE TO CANDIDATE:** The payment required of you at the time of your enrollment includes the dues for a full year of membership that will begin upon receipt of the report of initiation at the international office.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 2. Chapter Name University of Connecticut Chapter Chapter Number 0069**

**PRIME SPONSOR OF CANDIDATE (Indicate if self-nominating)**

As Kappans, we have the privilege and the obligation to nominate colleagues. Your name and member ID number are needed to record and to recognize those Kappans who sponsor candidates for membership.

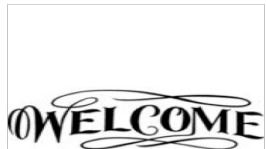
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or

Self-Nomination: (Print name) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Phi Delta Kappa  
91 Burbank Road  
Ellington, CT 06029**

**Send us your  
E-mail Address**



**UCONN Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa**  
**Networking Social**

**Welcome, pizza, ice cream, social and information**



**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2013

**Place:** UCONN Gentry (NEAG) Building  
Room 144

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Cost:** **Free of Charge** - Members and Non-Members



This event will be a time for existing members and potential members to **network, share ideas, and corroborate with other educators**. It is also a great time to reconnect to your colleagues! Pizza and ice cream will be served and information about PDK membership will be shared. We hope to see you there!

RSVP to Laurie Brookes at [thebrookes@aol.com](mailto:thebrookes@aol.com) by Tuesday, September 17, 2013