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### **Atlanta Metropolitan State College Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Earns Five-Star Status for 11<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year**

**Atlanta (Mar. 12)** – One mark of excellence is a five-star rating. The Beta Beta Tau chapter at Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC) has earned a five-star rating from Phi Theta Kappa – the oldest and largest honor society for two-year institutions. According to Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), a five-star rating reflects the highest level of engagement that a chapter can attain in an effort to build a strong, active chapter. The levels progress from local, campus involvement to regional engagement to international involvement.

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the Beta Beta Tau chapter has reached five-star status. Beta Beta Tau is also the only chapter out of 31 chapters in Georgia to earn this distinction. To earn this year's five-star status, AMSC's chapter's activities included their Honors in Action Research on "How the World Works: Global Perspectives," collecting items for the Atlanta Metropolitan State College Trailblazer Locker (an on-campus food pantry), and their collaboration with the Social Sciences department on a panel discussion entitled "Generational Training: Transmission of Culture."

"Participating in these activities teaches the students the skills of planning and conducting research, time management and deadlines, and community service, and enhances their relationships with the college and their community," said Michelle Geisert, assistant professor of Sociology and Phi Theta Kappa chapter contact advisor.

Phi Theta Kappa provides academically high performing students with opportunities to develop their leadership skills, as well as scholarships for continued studies. Phi Theta Kappa was first brought to AMSC in 1994 by then chair of Social Sciences Dr. Gary McGaha, current president of Atlanta Metropolitan. The Beta Beta Tau chapter has continued to grow and thrive. Members have been a part of the All-Georgia Academic Team and New Century Scholars and received the Leaders of Promise Scholarship.

AMSC will host the 2018 Phi Theta Kappa Georgia Regional Meeting on March 23-24, 2018. For more information on the regional meeting or to learn more about the Beta Beta Tau chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, please contact Michelle Geisert at [mgeisert@atlm.edu](mailto:mgeisert@atlm.edu).

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AMSC student and member of Phi Theta Kappa.



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