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**LCC Honors Two PTK Students**



Lacey Hadaegh



Keri Thompson

Parsons, KS- Labette Community College has named Lacey Hadaegh and Keri Thompson to the All Kansas Academic Team for 2015. The two Tau Theta Members of Phi Theta Kappa will be honored during a luncheon in Topeka on Thursday, February 12.

Kansas is one of 38 states participating in the All-State Academic Team program. The State Academic Teams were introduced in 1994 as a way to provide scholastic recognition to Phi Theta Kappa members, while promoting excellence at two-year colleges. The State Academic Teams are a division of the All-USA Community College Academic Team, presented by USA TODAY, and sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and Follett Higher Education Group. The country's finest community college students competed for recognition, spots on the national team and scholarships. The Kansas All-State Academic Team is designed to provide the same kind of recognition to our state's two-year college scholars by saluting their academic achievement, leadership and service.

Lacey Hadaegh is a sophomore dental hygiene major with a 3.92 grade point average. She and her husband Matt reside in Parsons. At Labette Community College, Lacey has been an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, helping with the Ronald McDonald House and Holden's Hope projects. In addition, she has been named to the Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. She is also a Certified Public Health Emergency Responder and works at the Labette County Public Health Department. In addition, Lacey is committed to recycling efforts and has rescued numerous animals.

Keri Thompson is a sophomore nursing student with a 3.65 grade point average. She and her husband Brian reside in Girard. While attending Labette Community College, Keri has served Phi Theta Kappa as Kansas Region President and Vice President of the Southern District as well as Chapter President and Executive Officer. She received the Kansas Region and International Most Distinguished Chapter Officer Awards and was named a National Frank Lanza Memorial Scholarship Recipient. She also serves as Labette Community College's Student Government Association President and as the Kansas Association of Nursing Students Vice President. She has been named as a Top 20 Cardinal at LCC and to the Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. Keri has volunteered for Ronald McDonald House, St. Jude's, Million Meals Kansas, and the SEK Humane Society.

Hadaegh and Thompson will be honored with a medal, certificate and a \$300 stipend. Being named to the All-Kansas Academic Team guarantees them a minimum of a \$1000 scholarship at one of the six Regents University, Washburn University, and several private colleges in Kansas. Phi Theta Kappa is the national honor society of the two-year college. Students must have at least a 3.5GPA or better to be accepted to the organization. The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is the promotion of scholarship, the development of leadership and service, and the cultivation of fellowship among qualified students.