5 from Butler County newest members of BC3 honor society for business students

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(Butler, PA) Butler County Community College students from Butler, Chicora and Sarver this spring have entered BC3's 1-year-old Delta Theta chapter of Kappa Beta Delta, an international honor society for business programs whose members must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.5.

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."

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 Theta.

New Delta Theta members are ...

Entering Kappa Beta Delta's chapter of Delta Theta at BC3 this spring 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 systemsprogramming specialist student, is also a new member of Delta Theta.

"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 Theta.

They join Kappa Beta Delta's 14,000 members, who include BC3 students Lauren Broad, Slippery Rock, human resource management; Kerem Dogan, Slippery Rock, accounting; Leanna Jewart, West Sunbury, computer information systems-computer forensics and security; and Jessica Johnston, Mars, computer information systems-website development specialist.

Also, Kimberly Lauster, East Butler, office administration-medical; Savannah Neyman, Butler, hospitality management; Darren Oates, Butler, computer information systems-website

development specialist; Stacy Sebring, Butler, accounting; and Kelsey Wetzel, Valencia, business administration.

"These are students who excel," Mack said.

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.