

**2014-2016 Executive Board**

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**Open Positions**

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- President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Advisor—(tenured chapter member)
- VP of Programs and Engagement
- VP of Social Media and Website Design
- VP of Membership

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# President's Message

## Membership Drives at Walden Residencies

**T**he not-so-new membership drive promoting PDKWUCC at the Walden University Academic Residencies passed unanimously! Several of you first learned about this chapter through previous representatives of PDKWUCC when attending your own Walden Residency. These activities have proven very successful membership drives in the past and you agreed through a unanimous vote that these activities are vital to our future. As supporters of PDKWUCC, we have committed to this venue together as a focal point for our future membership drives; not just for this year, but for years to come.



**My Personal Investment Into This Chapter**  
I see great potential in this chapter and have committed my time, energy, knowledge, experience, and personal finances in its growth and longevity from day one. I, too, have formed a partnership with PDKWUCC by seeking out cost-sharing opportunities that will be mutually beneficial in moving this chapter forward.

**Synopsis of Chapter Membership Since 2014**  
Since taking office in 2014, membership has increased by 33%, in 4 countries, with a 96% retention rate. 57% of our membership body are tenured members of 6 years or more with 11% having tenure of 20 years or more.

The membership drive of this administration previously focused on recruiting through our redeveloped website, and rightly so. While these statistics are good, there is more we can do to secure the longevity of this chapter.

I greatly look forward to the opportunities in the near and distant future where we can continue our efforts, both online and offline, to keep moving forward. ####

**Going Through the Proper Channels**

It is very important to this administration to go through the proper channels and secure these activities for the long-term. To achieve this goal, communications are under way with the Walden University Academic Residency administrator to gain the proper permissions to promote our chapter at the residencies moving forward.

### 2016 Elections

#### CHAPTER MEETING RESULTS

**W**e successfully completed the members meeting asynchronously via email. Turn the page to get

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### February Recognitions

Shannon Chamberlin	Christopher Hazeltine
Marion Carpenter	

Thank you for your tenure and continued support

# 2016 Appointed Positions Named



Open positions on the ballot this year are described straight from the corporate office, PDK International. Click on the linked positions to be learn more about them. NOTE: You may have to login to pdkintl.org in order to view them.

**President**—lead the chapter in exciting chapter activities that will tap into the talents of our members, develop their skills, raise their professional profiles, and make a real difference to education in your community and beyond. Must be activity-driven, action-oriented, and promote positive relationships among members. Preside over all meetings, host at least 2 professional development fair sessions, oversee day-to-day chapter business.

**Treasurer**— the steward of chapter funds, financial records, and a key part of the chapter's decision-making team by assessing and reporting the financial implications of proposed chapter activities and other actions. Monitoring the finances and anticipating and communicating possible issues are equally important.

**Chapter Secretary**—Manages meeting minutes and chapter email. Works directly with junior and senior staff in creating and collecting surveys and other necessary communications.

Other duties as necessary. Collaborates with VP of Social Media and Web Design to compose the monthly newsletters. Required attendance to all virtual chapter meetings (officer meetings and member meetings)

**VP of Programs and Engagement**—engage in supporting members' professional development and PDK's mission, vision, and goals. As the activities and programs officer, you will work collaboratively with the chapter's leadership team to select and coordinate activities best suited for your members and the education community.

**VP of Membership**—affect the good experiences of new and renewing members. You have access to live member data on the PDK website, which can alert you to approaching expiration dates, occupational specialties, and other important information about the members in your chapter. Your knowledge of member talents and abilities will not only be crucial to chapter success but will help the chapter support members in all they do.

**VP of Social Media and Web Design**—Manages social media activity, including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and live, streaming video accounts. Updates and manages the website and newsletter. Other duties as necessary.

**To Announce your Candidacy**, send a letter of interest and headshot in an email to [election@pdkwucc.org](mailto:election@pdkwucc.org)



## Chapter Meeting Results in Appointing Nomination Committee



### AGENDA ITEMS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

**Agenda 1.1—Website enrollment policy and procedure**  
A formal procedure has now been established for handling membership enrollments through the website. The policies and procedures will be added to the updated By-Laws that will be voted into approval during the 2016 election.

**Agenda 1.2—Nomination Committee Members Appointed.**

The following persons have been appointed to the nomination committee and will begin meetings in March, 2016:

### Committee Advisors

Andre Elliott  
Christopher Hazeltine

### Committee Members

David Penn  
Regina King  
January Baker

### Agenda 1.3—Approved Chapter Activities

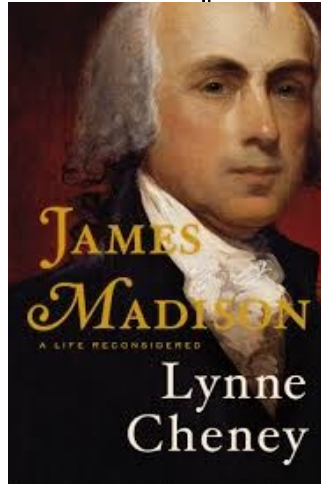
- ◆ Representation at several Walden Academic Residencies
- ◆ QuickBites Live coverage reduced to special news and events
- ◆ Virtual Professional Development Fairs held 2nd Saturday in April and September
- ◆ Spring Global Summit for Presidents of all PDK Chapters
- ◆ NAEYC November Conference Vendor Table
- ◆ Face-2-Face events continue as President's schedule permits.

# The Founder's Bookshelf

Lynne Cheney, wife of former vice president Dick Cheney, has written an extraordinary biography of James Madison, the USA president preceded by Washington, Adams and Jefferson in the making of America. Madison is described as about 5 feet 6 inches tall, yet fit and well proportioned with light blue eyes and a luminous and discriminating mind.

While reading and reflecting on this exceptional biography, I discovered that president Madison has something in common with George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and the American Revolution. That commonality is Market Street, first known as High Street, which as been described as the most historic highway in the United States due to the multiple historic sites along its eastern section in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Benjamin Franklin's home and day to day experiences occurred along Market Street. His house was located near the intersection of Fourth Street. Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence in a boarding house that was on the Seventh Street intersection. George Washington and John Adams is said to have used the President's House, formerly, the mansion of Robert Morris, financier of the American Revolution, as their residence during their terms as President.

James Madison came of age in a family that encouraged his intellectual growth, attending the finest schools, free of the necessity of earning a living, with ample



time to study and engage in political thought. Lynne Cheney highly regards President Madison, describing him as the political equivalent of Mozart and possessing genius like Einstein, changing forever the way people think. It is my perception that Lynne Cheney seeks to ensure that the accomplishments of James Madison are elevated to a level that assures he is considered as historically worthy as Washington and Jefferson.

Lynne Cheney researched thousands of recently available historic records to present this masterful biography in which you can comprehend the details of Madison's pathway to the presidency, his outstanding friendship with Jefferson and the love of his life - the delectable Dolly Madison. You will also learn why Dolly Madison could never free their slaves after his death, which is what Martha Washington did after George Washington's death. Whereas his beginning was auspicious and opportunistic, he would be buried in an unmarked grave. Take time to know more about the making of America.

~Dr. Andre Elliott

## JEPSC: An Exclusive Member Benefit

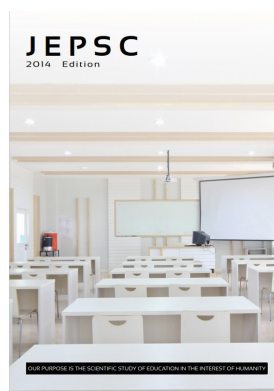
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The Journal of Educational Practice for Social Change (JEPSC) is a peer-reviewed international journal with an integrated view of philosophical, historical, and sociological issues in education and the belief that good education theory should be taken to practice to promote positive social change. Submissions are requested from researchers, scholars and practitioners with work focused on social sciences.

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## R.O.O.T.S.—Looking Back to Move Forward

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remembering  
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Walden University Cyberspace Chapter is fortunate to have the sum of over 200 years' experience in education collectively in our membership body. The majority of our members have long-standing tenures with us and some predate the

charter. The breadth of experience and knowledge in the field of education are the heart and soul of this chapter. The stories, photos, and other significant content portray the memories shared by our tenured members. This content is more than just a reflection on the chapter's history. It represents the importance of commitment, the pay-off of fortitude, and the strength of communities of practice. Share your story at [pdkwucc.org/roots](http://pdkwucc.org/roots)



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## Upcoming Events

**Important Dates**

**Feb 29th** —It's leap year!  
**March 15th**—Proposals for Spring Professional Development Presentations will close  
**March 20th**—April Newsletter content submissions are due  
**April 9th**—Spring Virtual Professional Development Fair

**FACE-2-FACE Events**

	Chicago, IL
June 24—29	Minneapolis, MN
Sept 30—Oct 1	Des Moines, IA
Nov 2—5	Los Angeles, CA
Nov 29—Dec 3	Kona, Hawaii Doctral Residency
Dec 12—21	O'ahu, Hawaii
Dec 22	San Francisco, CA
Dec 27	Phoenix, AZ