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- VP of Membership

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he time has come to cast your ballot for the new 2016—2018 leadership team.

NEW ONLINE ANNONYMOUS VOTING

In the next few days, you will receive an email from our founding president and treasurer, Dr. Andre Elliott, with instructions on how to cast your vote in this election.

DEADLINE

Polls are open now and will remain open until June 1st. That gives 7 days to complete your ballot.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Your vote counts and we count on your vote. In order to conclude the election, a quorum must be met. Without you, we may not meet the minimum number of members represented and could jeopardize the longevity of our chapter.

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ELECTION
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VIRTUAL EVENTS

Monthly Webinars Increasing

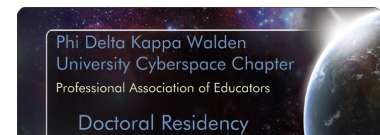
Join and support our chapter members by attending their presentations for our monthly Professional Development Webinars.

Walden University graduate scholars are anticipated to co-host or presenting at our monthly Professional Development Webinars over the summer months. More information and dates to be announced on the website and in July's newsletter.

FACE-2-FACE EVENTS

Walden Doctoral Residency

Stop by our table at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Minneapolis, MN from June 24th through June 30th. Drop your business card in the drawing hat for your chance to win one of three prizes. Watch for quick bites live specials all weekend for chances to win digital prizes as well.



Member Recognition

Welcome our newest members

Alyson Knapper	Sandy Mason
Carol von Michaelis	

Thank you for your interest and support

Welcome our returning members

Judith Carr-Black	Marilyn Simon
Vivian Redding	

Thank you for your tenure and continued support

The Founder's Bookshelf

Andrew Hacker has written "The Math Myth and Other Stem Delusions," a book he describes as about mathematics as an ideology, an industry, and even a secular religion. After reviewing the book, I believe Professor Hacker sincerely honors and respects mathematics; however, he is vociferously concerned about the impact of Common Core State Standards and STEM in particular.

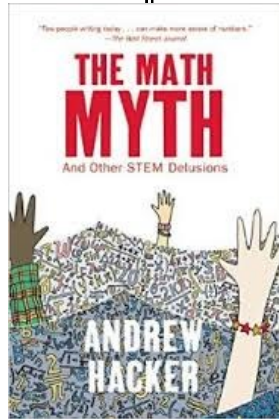
Here a few of the salient positions taken in the book, and perhaps with good reasons. PATH is the acronym juxtaposed as much more appropriate for our times than STEM. PATH stands for Philosophy, Art, Theology and History. Professor Hackers posits that if our nation is to retain its moral and cultural stature, it must underwrite a million more careers in PATH spheres every year or we will decline as a civilization.

Professor Hacker posits that too many students in High School and College are failing math dismally and many drop out. Tennessee is among many examples of states in which over 70 % of its college freshmen are confined to remedial math sections. A study of 27 two year colleges nationwide found that less than 25% of students pursuing a mathematics requirement had fulfilled it three years later. Some students are taking the required math courses 3, 4, and 5 times and many drop out, never attaining their degree.

Arithmetic, overall, may be more important for students in their lives and workplaces, not algebra, calculus and trigonometry. Arithmetic includes the 4 basic

operations, statistics and quantitative reasoning. The current math requirement in high schools and colleges dashes the dreams of too many students.

A final point I will share from the book regards the impetus to propel STEM to the forefront at all levels of education today. Professor Hackers says a study by the U.S. Department of Education found that 41 % who begin in engineering programs either drop out or switch to another field, Subjects such as physics and chemistry have even greater attrition. A stunning 59 % start but do not finish in computer science.



Professor Hacker has written to dispel the myths that our gross domestic product will drop by 36 % if our workforce is not proficient in STEM diplomas. He takes issue with a report by the American Diploma Project, which suggests that 62% of new jobs in the decades ahead require proficiency in algebra. I recommend you read this book to learn why learning more math in every level of our curriculum is not likely to solve the problems we face as a nation. As Professor Hackers concludes, arithmetic will do just fine.

This book is published in 2016 by Literary Ventures, Inc.

R.O.O.T.S.—A Term in Review

Remembering
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It is hard to believe that 2 years have come and gone during that time. Here are just a few pivotal points:



Visit our website to see more defining moments in our recent history pdkwucc.org/roots



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Upcoming Events

Important Dates

May 27—JUNE 1st

Election Polls

Open

2016 FACE-2-FACE Events

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