

**19th Annual Conference
PA Homeschoolers
Accreditation Agency
(PHAA)**

Hotel Carlisle (formerly Embers)
Route 11 just North of I81 & PA Turnpike
Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Friday, July 11 2014, 9AM-5PM
(Call 800-692-7315 for conference rate on rooms)

High School at Home

New to High School Parents:
Find out how the PHAA high school diploma works, lab science and foreign languages at home, and get tips on making the transition to high school from a panel of experienced homeschooling parents who've been there.

Evaluators:
There will be sessions outlining how to award credits for the PHAA diploma and a chance for evaluators to discuss the tricky situations that they have encountered. Many sessions will help you to be a better guidance counselor for your evaluatees.

Experienced Parents:
Help your kids make the transition to college through college scholarships, preparing for the college interview, and writing the college application essay. Improve your program with new ideas for AP courses, honors courses, lab science and foreign language courses.

Enjoy the Professionalism:
Why should other educators go to hotels for their conferences while homeschoolers bring bag lunches and sit on hard chairs? This conference treats you right! Enjoy the *free buffet lunch*, the free snacks during breaks, the sessions that are small enough for you to get answers to your questions, and the professionalism of the day and location.

Students:
Find out about joining the Excelsior staff, volunteering to make a difference or starting a business that actually makes money. Look forward to college or employment with sessions about preparing for the college interview, military service or writing the college application essay.

Keynote Speaker:
PHAA Board member **Laszlo Pasztor, Jr.** was born in Hungary. After earning a college degree in history, he enlisted in the US Army. After retiring as an Armor Officer, he thru-hiked the Appalachian Trail. He is active in Americans for Christian Traditions in Our Nation. He and his wife have four homeschooled children including two PHAA graduates.



REGISTRATION FORM

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Phone number / e-mail address		

Your payment, in full, should accompany your registration form. Or you can register by credit card or PayPal at www.phaa.org. Registration just costs \$29.95 for first person in family, \$24.95 for each additional if you register in March or April. (This fee includes the free lunch and the snacks.)

Total: \$ _____ Check payable to PHAA

⇒ Registration deadline

April 30 is the last day you can register for just \$29.95 (24.95 for each additional family member). The fee will go up to \$39.95. So register now online at www.phaa.com. or postmark this form by April 30 and send with a check or money order to:

**PHAA Conference
105 Richman LN
Kittanning, PA 16201
724-783-6512**

→ For more information, head over to www.phaa.org

(See Conference Program on Other Side)

Schedule for July 11, 2014 PHAA Conference

(Subject to Change - for the latest go to www.phaa.org)

8:45-9:00 Registration and snacks in main ballroom then visit college and vendor tables which will be open until 3:30.

9:00-9:45 Welcome & Keynote Talk in main ballroom: What You Do Matters-- Laszlo Pasztor

First Breakout Session 10-10:50 AM

1. **The Excelsior! PHAA's student newsletter—Become a Part of It!** *Learn about one of the best ways to extend your homeschool friendships and hone your writing skills— by working on the staff of The Excelsior*
2. **Lab Science at Home** – Cheryl Shoemaker
3. **Honors Courses: Going the Extra Mile** – moderated by Natalie Bishop

Second Breakout Session 11-11:50 AM

1. **Roll Playing the Interview: For College for Scholarships for Jobs** — Bonnie Gonzalez & Laszlo Pasztor, PHAA Board members. Bonnie is a family counselor and AP Psychology online teacher. Laszlo is an experienced interviewer.
2. **High School at Home: An Introduction to the PHAA Diploma Program**—*Especially for families and evaluators new to PHAA. Find out how the program works and how to comply with its requirements—* Howard Richman.
3. **College Scholarships for Homeschooled Students: Go for it, You might just win one!** Susan Richman, PHAA Board, PHAA evaluator.

Noon - 1 PM Buffet Lunch in main ballroom (included with registration fee)

Third Breakout Session 1-1:50 PM

1. **Be a Volunteer: Make a Difference** – Natalie Bishop
2. **Making the Transition to High School** – Panel of Parents who've done it!
3. **AP Online Test Prep Classes from PA Homeschoolers: Learn about the AP exams from this year's online teachers, and how online learning can help you be well prepared**—panel of teachers

Fourth Breakout Session 2-2:50 PM

1. **Be an Entrepreneur: Student Businesses that Actually Make Money** – Panel by Don Hill
2. **Foreign Languages at Home – Making it Meaningful** – Susan Richman
3. **PHAA Evaluator's Meeting**—*Discuss concerns and questions about working as a PHAA evaluator. Clear up any confusions on procedures and goals—Howard Richman, Natalie Bishop, and Bonnie Gonzalez (evaluators only).*

3:00 -3:20 PM Afternoon break in main ballroom.

Fifth Breakout Session 3:20-4:10 PM

1. **AP Classes the Inside Scoop!** Panel of students
2. **Writing the College Application Essay—Putting Yourself on Paper!** *Helps for that daunting task almost all students will face—*Ruth Green, AP English Literature
3. **Thinking about the Military Academies and Military Service—Learn about the how and why and what it's like.** Julia Reed, AP Comparative Government online teacher, homeschool parent, retired Lt. Col. in Air Force, and Air Force Academy liaison in the state of PA.
4. **PHAA Annual Membership Meeting**—*Elect a Board Member, discuss any needed changes in by-laws, possibly put such changes on a written ballot, and more (for PHAA members only) —* led by Howard Richman. (PHAA members only – parents and evaluators)

4:20-5:00 Swing Dance and Square Dance in main ballroom (We will teach!)— Swing dancing taught by John Hill followed by Square dancing taught and called by Howard Richman.