

# Phi Theta Kappa and student leaders attend NOVA pre-screening

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The chapter president and faculty adviser of Phi Theta Kappa invited two senators from Student Assembly to join them at a NOVA pre-screening on Friday October 23, 2015, at the local public television station, WSKG.

Four regional scientists lead two panel discussions of the science around the pending NOVA series, *The Making of North America*. A good deal of the earth's geologic history, along with unique features of the United States and North America, were detailed in the five videos that were screened.

Chapter president and SA Vice President for Financial Concerns Heather Coggin had posted notice of this pre-screening at the Phi Theta Kappa website.

"A Friday night spent at WSKG, for a free and educational event, is well worth the time and energy," she said. "I enjoyed asking the panel (who included two SUNY Broome professors, Jason Smith and Bruce Oldfield) questions about the documentaries, and being able to listen to the audiences' questions. NOVA airs Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. on most PBS stations. I hope to be in attendance for more events like this at WSKG."

"The screening at WSKG was very educational and interesting, as we learned about how many different types of surfaces the earth had over the millions of years to form the continent that it is now," said Student Assembly Senator Juwin Jumpp. "Throughout this time period, the process of erosion and other factors such as rivers and storms shaped the landscape that we see each day."

Student Assembly Senator Farhan Sanyoto added that, "A picture is worth a thousand words.' Now imagine how many words five NOVA videos are worth. The incredible amount of knowledge I received from the Nova screening on 'Making North America' had me stand still in amazement. Not only was it thought-provoking, it was undoubtedly the most entertaining video screening I've ever seen in my entire life; the fact that it was a pre-TV airing made me feel special. The food and beverages were out of this world and the Q & A session definitely clarified all of my curiosity. Overall, it was one of the best places to spend my Friday night in, I can't wait to see more!"



**Juwin, Heather, and Farhan looking curious  
before the NOVA screening started.**

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