



**OMICRON DELTA KAPPA**  
The National Leadership Honor Society

**Circle Recognition Honors 2019-20**

Each year, Omicron Delta Kappa recognizes those circles that have achieved a significant level of accomplishment. Circles that receive these awards are the embodiment of the best practices in coordinating OΔK activities. They provide inspiration and examples of how circles can thrive at their host institutions. Beginning in the 2019-20 academic year, each circle was required to meet the [Circle Minimum Standards](#) to be eligible for circle recognition awards. Below are the current standards.

A complete description of the criteria for each award can be found on the [Circle Recognition](#) page on the OΔK website.

***Circle Minimum Standards***

Loyola University Maryland  
Shenandoah University  
The College of New Jersey  
University of South Carolina – Aiken

***Superior Circle***

East Carolina University  
University of West Alabama

***Presidential Award of Excellence***

***Circle of Distinction***

Adelphi University  
Emory University  
Florida State University  
Georgia Southern University  
Hillsdale College  
University of Akron  
University of Massachusetts Lowell

Austin Peay State University  
Cumberland University  
Florida International University  
Morningside College  
University at Albany  
University of Maryland, College Park

### *Circle Initiation Incentive Awards*

In FY 2019-20, Omicron Delta Kappa created award for circles that helped the national goal of increasing membership locally and nationally. Five new awards were created. These awards each came with a specific incentive. The recipients of each award are listed here.

#### *Strive for Five*

If a circle that initiated members in FY 2019 increases its paying collegiate membership by five new members, the circle may select to have its \$115 Institutional Membership Fee waived or a \$115 discount applied toward the registration fee for a collegiate member to attend the National Leadership Conference. The Strive for Five Award conference registration discount does not apply to circle advisors, faculty, staff, or alumni members.

#### Award Recipients

Arizona State University	Rider University
Augustana College	Rutgers University - Camden
Belmont University	Saint Louis University
Bryant University	Samford University
Cabrini University	Simpson College
College of Charleston	St. John's University
Colorado Christian University	St. John's University Staten Island
Cumberland University	Stetson University
Dallas Baptist University	SUNY Oneonta
Duquesne University	Texas Woman's University
Eastern Kentucky University	The Citadel – The Military College of South Carolina
Elon University	Union College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	University of Central Florida
Emory University	University of Mary
Franklin College	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Massachusetts Lowell
Georgia Southern University, Armstrong Campus	University of Nebraska-Omaha
Jacksonville University	University of North Carolina - Wilmington
James Madison University	University of West Alabama
Lake Forest College	Virginia Military Institute
Loyola University Maryland	Western New England University
Missouri Southern State University	William Woods University
Monmouth University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Newberry College	East Carolina University
Pittsburg State University	New England College

### ***Faculty/Staff Excellence***

If a circle initiates four paid faculty, staff, or alumni members, a \$100 discount may be applied toward the registration fee for a circle advisor to attend the National Leadership Conference. The Faculty/Staff Excellence Award discount does not apply to student members.

#### Award Recipients

Bridgewater College	Ohio Northern University
Clemson University	Saint Leo University
Concordia University Irvine	University of Maryland, College Park
East Carolina University	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Millersville University	West Virginia Wesleyan College
New England College	

### ***Circle Growth***

If a circle initiates ten more collegiate and faculty/staff members than the average of the last five years, the circle will receive one free collegiate member registration for the National Leadership Conference. The Circle Growth Award discount cannot be applied to Institutional Membership Fees or to circle advisors, faculty, staff, or alumni members.

#### Award Recipients

Adelphi University  
Georgetown College  
Long Island University - Post Campus  
Southern Connecticut State University

### ***Circle Revitalization***

If a circle that did not initiate in FY2019 initiates 30 new paying members (collegiate, faculty, staff, and alumni), the circle will receive one free collegiate member registration for the National Leadership Conference. The Circle Revitalization Award discount cannot be applied to Institutional Membership Fees or to circle advisors, faculty, staff, or alumni members.

#### Award Recipients

Ashland University  
Louisiana State University  
Muhlenberg College  
University of North Carolina - Asheville  
Widener University

