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Circle Officers Webpage

We have recently revised the Circle Officers page on odk.org. We placed information and links about the Membership Management System, recruitment, and initiation at the top for quick access. Check out the new look. If you have suggestions for other information you would like to see on our website, contact Tim Reed, tim@odk.org.

Circle Leader of the Year/National Leader of the Year

Every OΔK circle should select an outstanding student to be named Circle Leader of the Year. These students are recognized at the national level. They receive a certificate suitable for framing, are listed on the national website, and are invited to apply for a National Leader of the Year Award. This individual does not have to be a circle officer but must have demonstrated leadership in numerous ways throughout their collegiate career. We are hoping to recognize 100 student leaders this year. Right now, we have less than 20 honorees.

The deadline for Circle Leader of the Year is February 15, 2021.

We now present six national leader awards. The Gen. Russell E. Dougherty National Leader of the Year is presented to the most qualified candidate. The recipient will receive a $4,000 award. OΔK will also recognize the top individual in each of the five phases of campus life. These recipients will receive a $1,000 award.

Circle Leaders of the Year will be provided application information once their name has been submitted.

National Virtual Leadership Ceremonies

Omicron Delta Kappa will continue to support our circles by hosting five National Virtual Initiation Ceremonies in spring 2021. Circles can use these ceremonies in place of a local program. We have added notable members as speakers for each ceremony. Circles must register in advance. There is a limit of 250 initiates for each ceremony. For more information and to register, click on this link.

2021 National Leadership Conference

The theme of the 2021 National Leadership Conference is Navigating 21st Century Leadership. Join us online April 8-10, 2021, to celebrate leadership, share your experiences, and propel yourself to the head of your field. The National Leadership Conference offers collegiate and lifetime members the chance to learn from nationally recognized leaders, explore best practices for circles, and expand your network in a robust
online platform. Registration begins February 1, 2021. Prices are $25 for collegiate members, $35 for current circle advisors, and $50 for lifetime members.

Click here for information on the 2021 NLC.

OΔK Scholarships

Every year, Omicron Delta Kappa awards scholarships to more than 35 collegiate members to continue their educations through graduate and professional study. Scholarship awards range from $1,000 to $3,500. These recipients demonstrate exceptional academic performance and leadership abilities. General scholarships are awarded each year for graduate or professional school expenses. Collegiate members and alumni up to five years out of school are eligible to apply.

Encourage your seniors, graduate/professional students, and recent alumni to apply. For more information, click this link.

Let Us Help!

We know that the work of advisors and student officers has gotten even more complicated with the pandemic. We know that it is difficult to recruit, initiate, and develop programs when your members are scattered across platforms and even states.

Let us help! OΔK has the resources to help you with all facets of managing a circle. No, we cannot do the work for you, but we certainly can help make the process easier.

- Give us a call - (540) 458-5336
- Send us an email - odknhdq@odk.org
- Bookmark the circle officers resource page - https://odk.org/circle-officers/