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It is with much enthusiasm that I begin my term as President of the OAK® Society. I am honored to fill the shoes of the great Presidents that have served during my eight year term as the Vice president for Extension. Cheryl Hogle (President, 1998-2002) and Ken Ruscio (President, 2002-2006) have been role models, friends, and mentors to me. Their tenure as leaders of the Society has seen unparalleled growth, the development of a national program (CLT2™), changes in governance, unprecedented expansion of circles, and substantial growth in the worth of the Foundation. Equally as important has been their dedication to the reputation of the society, respecting the longstanding traditions while being focused on a vision for the future.

As I embark upon the next two years as President, I am reminded of my history with OAK®. Being inducted as a student in 1982 at the College of William and Mary was one of my proudest achievements. This pride is indicative of the impact OAK® membership has upon students nationwide. Recognizing achievement, both in and out of the classroom, is the foundation from which OAK® has prospered. Over the past eight years, as the Vice President for Extension, I have had the honor of being a part of the chartering of over seventy new circles. I have traveled to institutions nation-wide visiting cities such as Angelo, TX, Ellensburg, WA, Thibodeaux, LA, Altoona, PA, and Davenport, IA. Each institution touched me in one way or another as their chartering members worked hard to bring the OAK® Idea to their campus. As a student affairs professional at Georgetown College (KY), one of my first initiatives was to bring OAK® to the campus. I have served as the faculty advisor at two institutions. These experiences have helped me recognize

the importance of establishing new circles and being a support to struggling ones. As the President, I look forward to encouraging the Board of Directors and Headquarters Staff in the areas of extension and circle standards. I would be most satisfied if at the end of my tenure as President, OAK® has made substantial gains in expanding to the remaining states that have yet to establish an OAK® circle and that the list of struggling circles would be at an all time low.

Over the upcoming months, decisions will have to be made regarding the implementation of the new governance structure, the location of the National Headquarters, and of course efficient visioning for the future. I am fortunate to have a team of dedicated students and professional volunteers on the Board of Directors who stand ready to assist with these decisions.

Finally, the national Headquarters staff members, under the leadership of Dr. Jack Morgan, are unsung heroes to the Board. They implement what we decide. Everyone should know that this is a strong group that works long hours accomplishing the *incredible*. The staff remains dedicated to the Society maintaining its reputation as the nation's premiere leadership honor Society.

Thank you to everyone including current students, faculty and alumni who support the efforts of OAK® on a national level.

Steve Bisese



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Former National President Kenneth P. Ruscio was recently selected as the 26th President of Washington and Lee University. Currently, Ruscio is the Dean of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies at the University of Richmond. Congratulations Ken!



Current National President Steve Bisese was also recently selected for a new position. Bisese will become the Vice President for Student Development at the University of Richmond. Bisese is currently the Dean of Richmond College at the University of Richmond. Best Wishes Steve!

## Around the Circles

### The University of Alabama

Elizabeth Thompson, a 2005 initiate of the University of Alabama Circle and current Circle President, presented the Dean Foy Sportsmanship Trophy at the University of Alabama versus Auburn University football game in November 2005. The trophy goes to the winner of the Iron Bowl. The Iron Bowl is a football game played every year between the University of Alabama and Auburn University. **Submitted by Fern Hampton.**

### University of Albany

Having a parent and a child both be members of OΔK® may not be rare, but both being inducted in the same year from two different campuses is. Kathryn Lowery was initiated in Fall 2005 at the University of Albany and Erik Lowery was initiated in Spring 2005 at the University of Maryland, College Park. **Submitted by Michael Lowery.**

### Austin Peay State University

Tamira Cole, a Spring 2005 initiate of the Austin Peay State University Circle, was crowned Homecoming Queen in November 2005.

### Georgia Southern University

Shauna Wilson, a 2002 initiate of the Georgia Southern University Circle, was awarded one of the OΔK® Foundation Scholarships and is now participating in the doctoral program at Florida State University. Georgia Southern University inducted 122 new members in the fall of 2005. The circle has also participated in many community building activities such as: co-sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive where they collected 66 units; Sculpt-it-for-the-Hungry where they collected canned goods to construct the Hoover Dam; and they also participated in the Adopt-A-Highway and Holiday Helper Tree programs. **Submitted by Theresa Beebe Novotny.**

### Louisiana College

Katherine Sawyer, a 2005 initiate of the Louisiana College Circle was crowned Homecoming Queen in October 2005.

### University of South Carolina

Alicia Buddin, a Fall 2004 initiate of the University of South Carolina Circle, was crowned Homecoming Queen in October 2005. This is the second year in a row that the University of South Carolina's Homecoming Queen has been a woman representing Omicron Delta Kappa. The annual Faculty-Student Tea was hosted on February 2, 2006 and over 60 students and 12 faculty and staff members attended. **Submitted by Marissa Vawter.**



Alicia Buddin from the University of South Carolina was named Homecoming Queen in October 2005.

### Wright State University

The Wright State University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa was pleased to welcome 23 new members and an *Honoris Causa* member at the initiation ceremony in the fall semester. Lillie P. Howard, Vice President for Curriculum and Instruction and Dean of University College at Wright State was selected as an *Honoris Causa* member and delivered an inspirational message about the roles of leaders to the initiates, and the family and friends who attended the ceremony. **Submitted by Kathy Morris.**

# Member Recognition

**Kaumudi P. Atapattu** was awarded one of the John A. Focht National Scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 from the National Civil Engineering Honor Society. Atapattu is a 2004 initiate of the University of Mississippi Circle.

**Lawrence Biondi** was named 2005 Citizen of the Year in St. Louis, Missouri. This honor is given to a community leader who demonstrates concern for St. Louis' growth and vitality. Biondi is a 2004 initiate of the Saint Louis University Circle.

**Joseph Costabile, MD**, just returned to the United States from almost a year in Kuwait with the US Navy/ Expeditionary Medical Force. He served as the Department Head of Surgery for the US Military Hospital Kuwait. Costabile is a 1975 initiate of the Ohio Wesleyan University Circle.

**Adnan Dakkuri** from Ferris State University has been elected for a second term as the president of the Academic Senate. He was also the recipient of the International Educator of the Year Award. Dakkuri is a 1992 initiate of the Ferris State University Circle.

**Brie Eley** performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. in a world premiere by Laurie Brooks called, "Brave No World." Eley is a 2002 initiate of the Marymount Manhattan College Circle.

**Scott Erwin, Lakshmi Krishnan and Katharine Wilkinson** have been selected to receive Rhodes Scholarships for 2006. Erwin is a 2003 initiate of the University of Richmond Circle; Krishnan is a 2005 initiate of the Wake Forest University Circle; Wilkinson is a 2004 initiate of the University of the South Circle.

**Paul M. Goodrum** was awarded the 2005 Excellence in Teaching Award for the Cumberland District from the National Civil Engineering Honor Society. Goodrum is a 2003 initiate of the University of Kentucky Circle.

**Glenn Lid** was named the nation's Outstanding High School Teacher for 2004 by the public service arm of the Walt Disney Co. Lid received his award for "his creative, hands-on approach to his 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade chemistry class, combined with general enthusiasm for teaching." Lid is a 1978 initiate of the Elmhurst College Circle.

**Timothy Meacham**, a 1980 initiate and key founding member of the Coastal Carolina University Circle, was named the 2005 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year.

**Rudy Niswanger** was named the 16<sup>th</sup> recipient of the Draddy Trophy during The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner. Niswanger played center for the Louisiana State University football team and was initiated in 2005 to the Louisiana State University Circle.

**Robert M. Price** is the author of a new book, *The Eye for Innovation*, which was published in 2005 by Yale University Press. Price is a 1951 initiate of the Duke University Circle.

**Thomas J. Ratcliff** has been named to a committee that will select cadets for the United States Military Naval, Air Force and Merchant Marine academies. Ratcliff is a 1990 initiate of the Miami University (Ohio) Circle.

**Ryan M. Riess** was awarded a 2005 District Scholarship for the Central District in the amount of \$1,250 for the 2005 academic year from the National Civil Engineering Honor Society. Riess is a 2004 initiate of the University of Missouri-Rolla Circle.



**Richard C. Stazesky** was awarded the Wesley Award from Wesley College in Dover, Delaware. Stazesky was a 1948 initiate of the Ohio Wesleyan University.

**William P. Steinhaus** was named Managing Shareholder of the law firm of Ogletree Deakins' Atlanta office. Steinhaus is a 1975 initiate of the Georgia State University Circle.



William P. Steinhaus



# In Memoriam

If you are aware of the passing of a member please contact National Headquarters with that information at [odknhdq@odk.org](mailto:odknhdq@odk.org) or 859/455-8870.

<b>OAK® Member</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>School/Year of Initiation</b>
Thomas Alexander	July 3, 2005	The University of Alabama '67
William Alfriend	2005	Georgia Institute of Technology '38
Robert Amos	February 18, 2006	Davidson College '46
Brodie Baynes	May 7, 2003	University of Tennessee '78
Amy Biddle	February 27, 2005	Cumberland University '03
Randall Bosserman	September 3, 2005	Virginia Tech University '49
Robert Boyd	June 11, 2005	University of Virginia '43
Randall Bucy	January 29, 2005	Louisiana College '75
William Cook	March 18, 2005	University of South Carolina '48
Edwin Cooper	July 2, 2005	Birmingham-Southern College '35
Louis Crandall	May 3, 2005	Albion College '42
Harold Dunham	March 7, 2005	Ohio Wesleyan University '36
Raymond Esch	June 16, 2005	Ohio Wesleyan University '61
Elisabeth Everett	January 2003	Michigan Tech University '97
Byron Gibson	May 24, 2005	Birmingham-Southern College '27
Miles Gottshall	May 2, 2005	Ohio Wesleyan University '48
Ollie Hall	November 26, 2005	Wagner College '89
Jack Henry	March 6, 2005	Washington College '55
Richard Hobson	April 2004	University of Richmond '32
William Johnson	July 10, 2003	Tennessee Tech University '75
Paul Jones	May 31, 2005	Ohio Wesleyan University '35
Robert Karl	October 22, 2005	Elmhurst College '86
Woodrow Lipscomb	August 4, 2005	Duke University '37
Joseph McDonald	October 5, 2005	Washington & Lee University '22
Mace Miyasaki	February 24, 2005	Johns Hopkins University '59
William Moore	November 21, 2004	Georgia Institute of Technology '38
Craig Morton	July 5, 2005	Baldwin-Wallace College '73
Hayes Newby	May 20, 2005	Ohio Wesleyan University '34
Orval Oleson	November 12, 2005	Presbyterian College '91
Don Paarlberg	February 1, 2006	Purdue University '61
Edward Peple	August 2, 2005	University of Richmond '31
James Revelle	August 22, 2005	Wake Forest University '54
Walter Rohrs	September 28, 2005	Wagner College '81
Dennison Rusinow	January 20, 2004	Duke University '51
Lawrence Shaw	June 28, 2005	Ohio Wesleyan University '34
Frank Simes	November 25, 2005	Pennsylvania State University '55
George Stanton	December 15, 2004	Bucknell University '50
Jorge Tumialan	October 19, 2001	University of Missouri-Columbia '96
John Vaught	February 3, 2006	University of Mississippi '60
Leland Vliet	November 20, 2005	George Washington University '43
Paul Wise	December 26, 2003	University of MD, College Park '37
Milton Womack	December 4, 2003	Louisiana State University '93
Harry Zinsser	August 30, 2005	University of Pittsburgh '35

# Here, There and Everywhere



## University of Akron

**Andrea Kidder, '99**, Stow, Ohio, is a Youth Employment Counselor in Summit County.

## Austin Peay State University

**Kelly Harris Sipe, '02**, Lawton, Oklahoma, is currently serving in Baghdad, Iraq as an Army Nurse for the Department of Defense.

## Bellarmino University

**Elizabeth Tromans, '02**, Hamilton, Ohio, is currently serving as a Youth and Community Development Volunteer with the United States Peace Corps in Panchagarh, Bangladesh.

## Davidson College

**Ann Tutwiler, '80**, Silver Springs, Maryland, joined the Hewlett Foundation after being the Chief Executive Officer of the International Food & Agriculture Trade Policy organization.

## Elmira College

**Halissa Delphin, '02**, Arlington, Virginia, is a teacher with Ivymount School in Rockville, Maryland.

## Grand Valley State University

**Richard I. Williams, '01**, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is a staff attorney and development director at Legal Aid of Western Michigan.

## Johns Hopkins University

**Jeremy Gorelick, '99**, New York, New York, was recently elected President of the Munson Diner Corporation, a company founded to engineer the rescue and renovation of the historic "Seinfeld" Munson diner.

## University of Kentucky

**Kathryn Bowling, '04**, Louisville, Kentucky, has been selected as a Leadership Consultant for Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority for 2006-2007.

## University of Louisville

**Jennie Koch Easterly, '90**, Fort Meade, Maryland, is an Army Officer for the United States Army

## Plattsburgh State University

**Linsey Farnan McCarthy, '99**, Greensboro, North Carolina, is currently a teacher with the Guilford City Schools at Hairston Middle School.

## Plattsburgh State University

**Jeffrey Susi, '93**, Fonda, New York, is a Deputy United States Marshal in Rochester, New York.

## Saint Louis University

**Jessica Obergas, '04**, Avon, Ohio, has began a residency in public policy as a 2005-2006 Coro Fellow in Public Affairs.

## Widener University

**Danielle Calabrese, '04**, West Chester, Pennsylvania has been elected President of the Student Nurses' Association of Pennsylvania.

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## Award Numbers At A Glance

The Robert Bishop Faculty Adviser Award has been presented to six members.

The Robert Morlan Faculty Secretary Award has been presented 13 times.

Sixty-Two members have received the Distinguished Service Award.

Michael Lomax is the 17th recipient of the Society's highest honor, The Laurel Crowned Circle Award.

Since 1951 the Eldridge W. Roark, Jr. Meritorious Service award has been presented to 196 members.

Thirty student members have been named the National Leader of the Year. In June 2006 the 31st Leader of the Year will be chosen.

## Numerous Awards Presented During 2006 National Convention

Members Surprised as Names were Announced

During the Friday night Awards Banquet several members were recognized for their dedication and service to the Society. The Eldridge W. Roark, Jr. Meritorious Service Awards were presented to Brian DePersiis, Arlene Dillon, Teresa Flannery, Audrey Hicks, Joseph D. Patalano, Irving N. Rothman, Jason Schipper and Michael Tipton. Irving Rothman, William T. Jackson, and Michael Nichols will be presented with their Meritorious Service Award at a later date. Brian DePersiis helped in the success of the Province I conference as well being selected as the Province I Leader of the Year. Arlene Dillon and Teresa Flannery were recognized for their hard work as co-chairpersons of the 2006 National Convention. Audrey Hicks and Michael Tipton were selected for their constant dedication to the Board of Directors as At-Large Student Members. William T. Jackson was honored for his community service dedication as an OΔK® officer. Michael Nichols was rewarded for his services to the National Headquarters Office. Joseph D. Patalano, former Province I Student Director, was awarded for his services to the University at Albany Circle. The former Faculty Secretary of the University of Houston, Irving N. Rothman, was recognized for his dedication to serving the University of Houston Circle. Province VI's former Student Director, Jason Schipper, was honored for his work with the Province V and VI Conferences in 2005.

The Laurel Crowned Circle Award was given to Convention Keynote Speaker, Michael Lomax for his devotion to his community that has led him to become the current president of the United Negro College Fund. Joanne Goldwater received the Robert L. Morlan Faculty Secretary award for her hard work and dedication to

the St. Mary's College of Maryland Circle members. The Robert Bishop Faculty Adviser Award went to Theresa Beebe-Novotny for her work with the Georgia Southern University Circle. Gene Vance received the Distinguished Service Award for his commitment to OΔK® by serving as National Counsel, Chair of the 2004 Convention Committee on the Constitution and Bylaws and as a current Board of Trustee member for the OΔK® Foundation.

Cheryl Hogle who served as National President from 1998-2002, was presented a plate in appreciation for her services in OΔK® after her presidency and as serving as the Immediate Past President from on the Society Board of Directors from 2002-2006. Kenneth Ruscio was given a chair to recognize his service as the outgoing National President and thanks for his years of assistance to OΔK®.

National Leader of the Year recipients from 2004 and 2005 were also recognized. The 2004 winner, University of South Carolina's Lara Bratcher and 2005 winner, University of Richmond's Brandon Boxler were in attendance. The circle recognition award winners from 2005 were announced, as well as the Province Leaders of the Year from 2005 that were in attendance, and over 60 circle anniversaries.

For more information regarding awards please visit the Omicron Delta Kappa website at [www.odk.org](http://www.odk.org).

Overall the Friday night Awards Banquet went extremely well and allowed the Society to recognize all of the members who work hard everyday to make Omicron Delta Kappa the great Society it is. Congratulations to all of the winners!



**Michael Tipton, Audrey Hicks, Brian DePersiis, Terry Flannery, Joe Patalano and Jason Schipper all pose with their Eldridge W. Roark, Jr. Meritorious Service Awards.**

**Members representing the Circle Recognition Award recipients were asked to gather for a group photo after the award banquet.**



**National President Ken Ruscio presents Dr. Michael Lomax the Laurel Crowned Circle Award.**



**Former National Counsel and current Foundation Trustee Gene Vance accepts his Distinguished Service Award from Ken Ruscio.**



**Theresa Beebe-Novotny receives the Robert Bishop Faculty Adviser award from Dr. Jack Morgan, Executive Director of Omicron Delta Kappa.**



**Joanne Goldwater receives the Robert Morlan Faculty Secretary Award during the Friday night Banquet.**



**The Sirens from George Washington University performed at the Friday night Awards Banquet.**



**Cheryl Hogle receives an Omicron Delta Kappa plate to honor her years of service to the Society.**



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Convention.**

The 2006 National Convention was a success! The convention had two renowned speakers, Dr. Michael Lomax, who presented the Keynote address and Ann Compton who closed out the convention delivering the speech during the banquet on Saturday evening. There were numerous other highlights to mention, including the Outstanding Alumni Panel, the Leader of the Year Panel, the numerous interest sessions, the election of new national officers and the reorganization of our society.

For many months before the convention the Task Force on Governance chaired by Marc Mathews was looking into the Province structure that was in place. Realizing that there were some areas that needed to change with the governance structure the Task Force on Governance recommended that the Society reorganize into four Regions, Southeast, Northeast, Central and West. Each of those Regions were to have three Regional Directors. From the pool of Regional Directors a Chair would be selected to serve on the Board of Directors as well as two Student-At-Large members. During the first plenary session the delegates had a chance to ask questions and then vote on this recommendation. After a brief overview the delegates voted to approve the reorganization. Later in the convention each Region met and elected its Regional Directors. Robert Squatriglia, Jason Schipper and Cynthia Chapel were elected in Region I. In Region II, Michael Cashman, Brian DePersiis, and Joe Williams were elected. John Herbst, Danny Hyche, and Kathy Smith were selected in the Central Region. Finally, in Region IV, Michael Tipton, Lynn Lenert and Mike James were chosen to serve as Regional Directors. On Saturday morning these Regional Directors met and selected Robert Squatriglia the Chair of the Regional Directors, Cynthia Chapel the Vice Chair and Jason Schipper and Michael Cashman as the Student-At-Large Members.

The two panels added so much to the convention. The Outstanding Alumni Panel was moderated by Member-At-Large Edward Rodriguez, Jr. and the panelists were JoAnn Romano, Foundation Trustee; Harry Storm, Attorney; Dru Bagwell, Retired Student Affairs professional and Dan

Carmichael, President of Ohio Casualty Insurance. Each member of the panel introduced themselves and provided brief remarks, and then the floor was opened for questions. National Vice President for Circle Standards Michael Christakis was the moderator for the Leader of the Year Panel. Lara Bratcher the 2004 Leader of the Year and Brandon Boxler the 2005 Leader of the Year were both on the panel. Roberta Payne the Grand Valley State University Circle Leader of the Year and Brian DePersiis the University at Albany Circle Leader of the Year and the Province I Leader of the Year were also panelists. The student leaders answered questions from Christakis and each provided a brief biography.

During this convention there were 12 interest sessions. These sessions were presented by student, staff and faculty members from Circles across the country. The Omicron Delta Kappa Society held two sessions on its signature program, Campus Leaders Today, Community Leaders Tomorrow. The sessions varied in topic, but it seems that all attendees enjoyed the sessions they attended.

During each convention National Officers are elected and this year was no different. Steve Bisese became the National President, Michael Christakis continues as the National Vice President for Circle Standards. Andristine Robinson became the new Vice President of Extension replacing Bisese. Audrey Hicks left her position as Student-At-Large and became the National Student Vice President. The National Counsel and the National Treasurer were both selected by the Board of Directors and Rich Mains and Marc Mathews will continue in their current positions. Dr. Robert Squatriglia was selected as Chair of the Regional Directors and represents the Council of Regional Directors on the Board of Directors. Jason Schipper and Michael Cashman were selected as Student-At-Large members. The two Member-At-Large positions are currently being decided by a committee comprised of members of the Board of Directors. Ken Ruscio continues to serve on the Board as Immediate Past National President.

The 2008 National Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Omicron Delta Kappa Society, Inc.  
2006 Resolutions**

**Resolution #1**

WHEREAS they assumed responsibility for planning and hosting the 44th biennial convention of OΔK® entitled “Campus to Community: Leadership Beyond College”, and

WHEREAS their efforts have created an informative, productive, and enriching convention, and

WHEREAS they created an environment that fostered communication among circles and encouraged the overall growth of OΔK®;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Society of OΔK® expresses heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the following individual members of the 2006 Convention Committee: Arlene Dillon (co-chair), Terry Flannery (co-chair), Theresa Beebe Novotny, Michael Preston, Norman Dean, Audrey Hicks, Michael Tipton, Joseph Williams, Andristine Robinson, Shannon Harp and Jack Morgan, and to the Host Circles: the University of Maryland College Park, George Washington University, and Georgetown University.

**Resolution #2**

WHEREAS these individuals have taken the time out of their busy schedules to share their knowledge and talents with the participants of the National Convention, and

WHEREAS these individuals have contributed to the quality of the experience of all the participants of the 2006 National Convention;

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of OΔK® extend sincere thanks to all those who have led interest sessions, sat on panel discussions or served as keynote speakers.

**Resolution #3**

WHEREAS they have demonstrated exemplary character and unselfish commitment in upholding the ideals of the OΔK® Society, and

WHEREAS they have dedicated a great deal of time and energy in the preparation of this convention;

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the OΔK® Society recognize and sincerely thank the members of the National Office Staff, Jack Morgan, Shannon Harp, Ken Taylor, Rachel Moreland, Barbara Snyder, and Colleen Thomas.

**Resolution #4**

WHEREAS they have faithfully served the OΔK® Society for two years as the National Student Vice President and the two Student-At-Large members on the Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS their efforts have assisted in the establishment of the Community Leaders Today, Community Leaders Tomorrow Program, and

WHEREAS they have provided input for the implementation of technological advances to enhance communication among Circles, the Board of Directors and the National Office, and

WHEREAS they have also been exemplary members of their individual university circles;

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of OΔK® extend sincere thanks to Michael Cashman, Michael Tipton, and Audrey Hicks for their hard work and extend best wishes to them in their future endeavors.

**Resolution #5**

WHEREAS he has served as one of the At-Large Members of the Board since 2002, and

WHEREAS he was the creator of the idea behind the establishment of the Campus Leaders Today, Community Leaders Tomorrow Program (CLT2™), and

WHEREAS he has served as a faculty member of the initial CLT2™ in 2005 and was a presenter at the 2006 National Convention on the subject of CLT2™, and WHEREAS he is a continuing member of the Board of Trustees of the Omicron Delta Kappa Foundation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the OΔK® Society wish to extend its gratitude to Edward Rodriguez, Jr. for his dedication and service to the Board of Directors.



Many thanks  
go out  
to the members  
of the 2006  
Resolutions  
Committee  
and its Chair,  
Andristine  
Robinson.  
Thank you for  
these wonderful  
Resolutions.



Ann Compton addresses the crowd at the Saturday night banquet.



National President Ken Ruscio speaks to the attendees.



Jim Osteen delivers congratulations to the new initiate.



Robert Squatriglia is sworn in as the Chair of the Regional Directors.



Members from Province VII proudly display their Omicron Delta Kappa t-shirts.



Moderator Michael Christakis poses with the members of the Leader of the Year panel.



These members enjoy the each others company during the Saturday night banquet.



Edward Maxcy and Michael Cashman talk before the initiation ceremony.



Members gather for a photo before the Saturday night banquet.



Robert Squatriglia and Joanne Goldwater chat during the breakfast held for Faculty Advisers and Faculty Secretaries.



2004 National Leader of the Year Lara Bratcher and 2005 National Leader of the Year Brandon Boxler respond to questions during the Leader of the Year panel.

National President Ken Ruscio, National Treasurer Marc Mathews, National Counsel Rich Mains, Province VI Faculty Director Robert Squatriglia, Province III Faculty Director Andristine Robinson and Member-At-Large Hillary Mintz prepare to present their reports during the second plenary session.



A member of the University of Maryland, College Park Circle directs the initiation ceremony.



Members listen during the plenary session.

Banquet Speaker Ann Compton poses with a group of women after delivering her remarkable address.



Dr. Michael Lomax delivered the Keynote address on Friday evening.



2006 National Convention Photographer Jason Schipper. Without his hard work and dedication the excitement of the convention would not have been captured. Thank you!



Former Province II Faculty Director Gary Smith talks with members from his province after the first plenary session.



Two Circle Officers discuss ideas during the Faculty Secretary/Faculty Adviser Breakfast.



Former Student-At-Large Member Michael Tipton and Former Province XV Faculty Director Michael Preston discuss ideas for Region IV with another member.



This group of members are all smiles as they wait for the Saturday night banquet to begin.



Ken Ruscio presents Ann Compton an Omicron Delta Kappa plate for her participation in the National Convention.

A new member of Omicron Delta Kappa was initiated during the Saturday morning initiation ceremony.



This table displays the instruments utilized during an actual initiation ceremony at the University of Maryland, College Park.



The SUNY Plattsburgh College Council recently suggested that a courtyard on the Plattsburgh State University campus be named in honor of Cheryl Hogle. Hogle was a graduate of Plattsburgh State and also was a member of the staff at the University.

Hogle served as National President of Omicron Delta Kappa from 1998-2002. After that time Hogle served on the Board of Directors as Immediate Past President. Cheryl was also the Vice President of Extension.

#### **Resolution #6**

WHEREAS he served as National President from 2002-2006, and  
 WHEREAS he has served the Society as National Vice President for Circle Standards, Faculty Secretary at Washington and Lee University, Faculty Director of Province III, and At-Large Member of the General Council, and  
 WHEREAS he formed the Task Force on Governance that recommended an improved organizational structure which will support the continued advancement of the Society, and  
 WHEREAS our publications have been significantly improved under his leadership, and  
 WHEREAS his commitment and vision have provided for the future expansion of the Society and the services it will offer its' members, and  
 WHEREAS he has provided many years of exemplary leadership and service since his initiation as a student member into the Alpha Circle at Washington and Lee University;  
 BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the OΔK® Society extend their sincere gratitude to Kenneth P. Ruscio for his extraordinary service, dedication and leadership to the Society and extend best wishes to him as he continues his service to OΔK®.

#### **Resolution #7**

WHEREAS she has faithfully served as Immediate Past National President since 2002, National President from 1998-2002, and the Society's first woman President, and  
 WHEREAS her contributions to the Board of Directors have been characterized by excellence and professionalism, and  
 WHEREAS her tenure as Vice President for Extension brought unprecedented growth of the Society, and  
 WHEREAS she has served diligently during her service as the chair of the Morlan and Bishop Awards Selection Committees and the 2004 Nominations Committee, and as a member of countless other committees during her time of service, and

WHEREAS she has been essential to the significant growth and development of the Society through all of these endeavors;  
 BE IT RESOLVED that the Society of OΔK® extends deepest thanks and appreciation to Cheryl Hogle, one of the most outstanding individuals to grace our membership rolls, for her leadership and service to Omicron Delta Kappa.

#### **Resolution #8**

WHEREAS OΔK® experienced the loss of one of our former National Presidents, Karlem Riess, who passed away in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, and  
 WHEREAS he provided excellent leadership to Omicron Delta Kappa as National President from 1974-1978, and  
 WHEREAS "Ducky", as he was affectionately called at Tulane University, was a dedicated member of Omicron Delta Kappa for more than fifty years;  
 BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the OΔK® Society express their deepest sorrow for the passing of this great contributor to our Society.

#### **Resolution #9**

WHEREAS these individuals have served their respective Provinces,  
 WHEREAS they have put in countless hours to keep the lines of communication open between the National Office and the local Circles, and  
 WHEREAS these individuals worked to ensure the success of each Province and the Circles therein;  
 BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the OΔK® Society express gratitude to the final outgoing Faculty and Student Directors and wish them well with their future endeavors.

# Λ÷H® Foundation Announces Leadership Council



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For more information, please contact Executive Director Dr. John D. Morgan by phone (859) 455-8870 or e-mail [morganjd@odk.org](mailto:morganjd@odk.org). He can answer your questions and provide you with sample language for a bequest to the Λ÷H® Foundation.

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