

**Important Reminders about Circle Operations,
National Leadership Conference, Trustee and Awards Nominations**



February 2020

Circle Operation Reminders

Circle Minimum Standards Update

Does your Circle Minimum Standards Tracking page have more Red than Green? You might want to review where you are at this point. The first eight fields should be green at all times. The second eight fields will be checked when we receive your annual report. All circles are required to have five officers who have been initiated into ODK (Circle Coordinator, Faculty Advisor, Student President, Student Vice President, and Treasurer). One of the first four officers can serve as the Treasurer, ODK National Headquarters just needs to know that. All circles must have four voting faculty/staff members who interact with the circle; these four must be initiates of any ODK circle. Please remember - every one of these standards must be met to be eligible for [circle recognition awards](#).



**Spring Recruitment
Turn on your application!**

As you start the recruiting process for your circle, remember, **you must review and approve your application before the circle begins accepting applications**. We set ALL applications to "off" in July. If you have not approved and checked the box for your application to be active, potential members will not be able to apply. The revised MMS guide is available on the [Circle Officers website](#). We have posted a revised Recruitment Timeline Template on the ODK [Circle Templates](#) website. The template is an Excel form that you can download, type in your planned initiation date, and the form will provide you with a detailed schedule of all recruitment and initiation deadlines. There are ten (10) week or six (6) week planning models available.

For questions or assistance with recruiting, contact odknhdq@odk.org.

Help Us Celebrate Your Circle's Members

Has a current collegiate member or recent graduate of your circle received a significant award or honor? If so, please send an email to President/CEO Tara Singer (tara@odk.org) with the name of the person and information about the honor. We'll send the person a congratulations note and possibly recognize them in upcoming social media posts.



OΔK Scholarships

Please remind your graduating students that OΔK provides scholarships for graduate and professional school. The deadline for all materials is March 1, 2020.

National Leadership Conference

2020 National Leadership Conference - Featured Speaker

Jay Harris

His charming personality lights up your television screen, his tidy and poised presence demands the attention of a room, and his witty delivery is the perfect complement to fantastic highlights put together for the millions of viewers who tune in to ESPN's SportsCenter. Jay's knowledge and longevity in the industry have earned him several honors. He is a 1987 graduate of Old Dominion University, received a Distinguished Alumni Award in 2003, and, served as the keynote speaker for ODU's 100th commencement ceremony in 2004. He currently serves on ODU's Board of Visitors. Don't miss Jay and the rest of the 2020 NLC.



Jay Harris

2021 National Leadership Conference Planning Team

We are calling OΔK circle advisors, active faculty/staff members, and interested post-collegiate members to serve on the 2021 National Leadership Conference Planning Team. The 2021 National Leadership Conference (NLC) will be held in Williamsburg, Va., jointly hosted by William & Mary and the University of Richmond. Consider joining the team to make the 2021 National Leadership Conference an experience to remember. For information about positions or general requirements, check out the [NLC webpage](#) or contact:

[Alexis Martinez, 2021 NLC Planning Team Leader, alexismartinez97@gmail.com](#)

[Tim Reed, OΔK National Headquarters, tim@odk.org](#)

Trustee and Award Nominations

Board of Trustees Nominations Open

Nominations for the Student and Faculty/Staff representative to the Board of Trustees are now open. OΔK seeks individuals who are committed to the organization on a local and national level to serve at the highest level.

Complete information about the qualifications, duties, responsibilities, and election process can be found at this [link](#).

For questions about the elections, contact Omicron Delta Kappa, email election@odk.org.

Nominations for National Awards Open

In Omicron Delta Kappa, we believe in recognizing both individuals and circles that demonstrate exceptional leadership across the five phases of campus life and beyond. We offer a series of awards that honor circles, both for their contributions to their campuses and for their dedication to supporting the national organization. At the individual level, we offer awards that honor students, circle advisors, dedicated members, and friends of OΔK.

Links to each award with nomination information are below:

- [John D. "Jack" Morgan Award for Lifetime Service to Omicron Delta Kappa](#)
- [Eldridge W. Roark, Jr. Meritorious Service Award](#)
- [Cheryl M. Hogle Distinguished Service Award](#)
- [Robert L. Morlan – Robert Bishop Outstanding Circle Officer Award](#)

For more information on the awards process, contact Tim Reed, tim@odk.org, (540) 458-5345.

Dates and Deadlines

February 15 - March 14, 2020

- March 1 - Circle Annual Report Form Opens
- March 1 - Deadline for [OΔK National Scholarship Applications](#)
- March 6 - [NLC Early Bird Registration Ends](#) (\$150 per person plus housing)
- March 7 - [NLC Regular Registration Begins](#) (\$199 per person plus housing)



Have your members check out the new spirit wear including having OΔK logo on T-shirts and sweatshirts in your school colors!

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