



# OFFICER UPDATES

**April 2020**

## Circle Information

### National Virtual Initiation Ceremony



The National Virtual Initiation Ceremonies will be held on Tuesday, April 28 and May 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern.

Circles who are requiring or encouraging their members to attend should register no later than Monday, April 27, 2020. Detailed information about the National Virtual Initiation Ceremony can be [found here](#). Circle officers and initiates will be sent an email with instructions for the YouTube Live program and the virtual record book.

If you have any questions, please contact the ODK National Headquarters at [odknhd@odk.org](mailto:odknhd@odk.org) or call (540) 458-5336.

### Prepare for Commencement



We know that campuses are still determining when and if they will be able to hold commencement programs. If your campus does have an in-person ceremony, we hope you will encourage your members to consider wearing ODK regalia to demonstrate their commitment to your circle, the Society, and to principles of leadership.

ODK offers a variety of ways for members to celebrate ODK during and after commencement.

- Circles can bulk order cords or stoles and save shipping for members from <https://store.odk.org/>.
- Individual members can easily order cords, stoles, and spirit wear from <https://www.shopodk.com/>. Tell your members to use the code SAVE10 on or 10% off their entire order when they order a cord or stole.
- Check out all the options <https://odk.org/odk-store/>.

## Circle Annual Report for FY 2019-20

The FY 2020 Circle Annual Report form is [now open](#).

The Circle Annual Report is required according to the OΔK Policies and Procedures Handbook, and it must be completed by each circle. The Circle Annual Report is not just a formality to give circle advisors more work to do. It is a critical information-gathering tool for the Society.

In FY 2019, we only had 44% of active circles submit an annual report. We should have 100%, but our goal for FY 2020 is at least 75%.

**The deadline for Circle Annual Reports has been extended to Tuesday, June 30, 2020.**

[Go to the Annual Report](#)

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## Award Nominations

### 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](#)

**Deadline Extended to Friday, May 1, 2020**

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## News from the National Office

### National Headquarters Continues to Serve

The OΔK National Headquarters has embraced the national guidance to limit social interaction. Although we are a small staff, we want to honor this call.

The Governor of Virginia issues a stay-at-home order through June 10, 2020. The National Headquarters staff continues to use a combination of staggered hours and virtual work strategies. We will make every effort to respond just as quickly to certificate orders, requests for membership assistance, and business inquiries as we do now. We are striving to provide the same quality service.

Our primary email, [odknhdq@odk.org](mailto:odknhdq@odk.org), will be monitored at all times as will our toll-free and main office telephone lines: (877) 635-6437 and (540) 458-5336, respectively. Do not hesitate to contact us.

Be safe, be healthy, be caring, and be kind in the days to come.

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## National Leadership Conference 2021

### 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](#)

[Apply Now for 2021 NLC Planning Team](#)

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## Dates and Deadlines

### Dates and Deadlines: April 16 - May 15, 2020

- April 28, [National Virtual Initiation Ceremony](#), 7:00 p.m. (register by April 27)
  - April 30, Deadline for [Institutional Membership Fee](#)
  - May 1, Deadline for [National Service Awards](#)
  - May 14, [National Virtual Initiation Ceremony](#), 7:00 p.m. (register by May 13)
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## Questions?

For questions or information on anything in the Officer Updates, contact Tim Reed, vice president for membership and operations, [tim@odk.org](mailto:tim@odk.org), (540) 458-5345.

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