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December 2019

2020 National Leadership Conference - Call for Programs

The 2020 National Leadership Conference website is live. We have basic information about fees, registration periods, and of course, the Call for Programs.

One great way to support the conference and secure funding from your school is to be a presenter.

Deadline is EXTENDED to Friday, January 3, 2020.

<https://www.odk2020.org/programs-and-events/>

We will have information about housing, the Gatton Student Center at the University of Kentucky, and a tentative schedule for the conference in the coming weeks. Registration will open on February 3, 2020.

Circle Leader of the Year/National Leader of the Year

Each OΔK circle selects an outstanding student to be named their Circle Leader of the Year. These students receive a certificate and are invited to apply for the Gen. Russell E. Dougherty National Leader of the Year Award.

Beginning with the 2020 awards, the National Awards Committee (NAC) will present the National Leader of the Year award to the candidate they judge to be the most outstanding leader of all applicants. The recipient will receive a \$4,000 award. The Society will also recognize the top individual in each of the five phases of campus life. These recipients will receive a \$1,000 award. All six awards will be presented at the National Leadership Conference, June 4-7, 2020, in Lexington, Kentucky.

The deadline for Circle Leader of the Year nominations is January 15, 2020.

Recent Survey Results

Thank you to all circle advisors who completed the recent surveys on mini-grants and sophomore status. While we did not receive an overwhelming response (less than %15 participation), the information shared by you helped us make the decision to postpone the mini-grant program. The sophomore status question will be discussed at the January Mission Committee and Board of Trustees meetings. Again, your feedback on this topic was immensely helpful.

We plan to do more of these short surveys in the future since it seems to be a good way to get quick feedback. We hope that more officers will participate in the future so more voices can join in decisions at the national level.

If you have any questions about the surveys, contact Tim Reed, tim@odk.org.

Circles Receive Initiation Incentive Awards

The following circles have earned recognition for their recruitment efforts this since the last update. Congratulations to these circles for their efforts to grow membership and recognize more individuals for their leadership.

[Read about the FY 2020 INITIATION INCENTIVES.](#)

Revitalization Award

A want to extend a special congratulations to Louisiana State University and Muhlenberg College for receiving Revitalization Awards after not initiating last year. Well done!

Strive For Five Award

- Adelphi University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Lake Forest College
- Long Island University, Post Campus
- Newberry College
- Simpson College
- St. John's University Staten Island

Circle Growth Award

- Christopher Newport University
 - University of Houston
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[Recruiting for Spring?](#) Turn your application on!

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 OAK, [Circle Templates](#) website. This 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 is ten (10) week or six (6) week model available.

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

2021 National Leadership Conference Planning Team

It is hard to believe, but we are already planning for the 2021 National Leadership Conference (NLC) to be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, jointly hosted by William & Mary and the University of Richmond. In January 2020, we will issue a call for volunteers to serve as committee chairs on the 2021 NLC Planning Team. 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, OAK National Headquarters, tim@odk.org](#)



Welcome Millersville University of Pennsylvania!

Our newest circle has been chartered at Millersville University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Linda Hooks, member of the Board of Trustees and former advisor to the Alpha Circle, presided over the ceremony held on Monday, December 2, 2019. The circle initiated 40 members including eight faculty and staff members and Dr. Daniel Wubah, president of the university. Congratulations to the new members and to the chartering team.

Important Dates and Deadlines Through January 15, 2020

- December 23-31, National Headquarters Closed for Holiday Break
 - January 1, [National Awards Nominations Open](#)
 - January 3, [DEADLINE: NLC Educational Program Submissions](#)
 - January 10-11, Board of Trustees meeting in Atlanta
 - January 15, [DEADLINE: Circle Leader of the Year Submission](#)
 - January 15, Spring Institutional Membership Fee Invoices Sent
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