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November 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. The call for programs is open.

Deadline for submissions is December 1, 2019.

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

We will have basic information about housing, the Gatton Student Center at the University of Kentucky, and a tentative schedule for the conference in the coming weeks.

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 National Leader of the Year Award.

Beginning with the 2020 awards, the National Awards Committee (NAC) will present the Dougherty 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 NAC 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.



Founders' Day

Omicron Delta Kappa was founded on December 3, 1914, to "identify, honor and develop leaders in collegiate and community life."

As we approach our 105th birthday, we encourage circles to reflect on the important work of our members over these many decades. We ask you to submit a [program report](#) for any activity or program your circle sponsors to honor Founders' Day.

Circles Receive Initiation Incentive Awards

The following circles have earned recognition for their recruitment efforts this fall. Congratulations to all for your efforts in growing membership and recognizing individuals for their leadership.

Strive For Five Award

Bryant University, Duquesne University, Eastern Kentucky University, Loyola University Maryland, Missouri Southern State University, New England College, Pittsburg State University, Rider University, Towson University, University of West Alabama, and William Woods University.

Circle Growth Award

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Georgetown College, Southern Connecticut State University, The Citadel – The Military College of South Carolina, Union College, University of Central Florida, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Colorado Christian University, Old Dominion University, and University of Houston.

Faculty/Staff Excellence Award

Clemson University and New England College

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

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 ODK, [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 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 for the 2021 NLC. Consider joining the team to make the 2nd Annual 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](#)

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