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Officer Updates is the monthly newsletter for ODK Circle Officers (advisors and student officers). Each month we report on important programs, services, and deadlines. We keep the content short with links to webpages and other resources, allowing you to go directly to the source. We [post the updates](#) on the ODK website for future reference.

If there is a topic or specific information you would like to see in the Officer Updates, please contact Tim Reed, vice president for membership and operations, tim@odk.org.



Maurice A. Clay Leadership Development Initiative Grants

The application process for 2021 Maurice A. Clay Leadership Development Initiative Grants opens on September 28, 2020. There is a new submission system this year. Please read all the instructions before starting your application. This year, we will be awarding two grants specifically for leadership programs focused on diversity, equity, and inclusivity leadership development.

The deadline for submission is Friday, October 30, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern). For more information about the grants including detailed information about requirements, tips for successful grants, a sample application form, and the link to apply, [click here](#).

Student Trustee and National Student Vice Chair-Elect Balloting is open.

The election of the next Student Trustee and new National Student Vice Chair-Elect is underway. Student presidents - please be sure to vote before 11:59 p.m. (Eastern) on Monday, September 28, 2020. If you have not received a link to vote, please email election@odk.org.

ODK has a Podcast!

[Listen Up ODK Leaders](#), a podcast about leading in the 21st century, is the newest program produced by Omicron Delta Kappa. Our focus is collegiate leaders and leadership, but we welcome everyone. In our first four episodes, we will explore



the issues of resiliency, equity and inclusion, career development, and civic engagement. Each month a new podcast will be released on Spotify, iTunes, Google Play, and Amazon Music.

Student Officer Access to MMS

A number of circles have requested that student officers have access to the national application. As of September 10, 2020, student officers with MMS authorization will be able to edit, activate, and deactivate the national application. Only circle advisors will be able to submit membership orders. We will be updating the 2021 MMS Guide and officer training to reflect this change.

Virtual Ceremonies

OΔK continues to allow virtual ceremonies at the local level and to offer the [National Virtual Initiation Ceremony](#). Ceremonies are required to follow the national guidelines. Downloadable files for virtual ceremonies can be found [here](#).

National Invitation to Membership Program

OΔK will continue the National Invitation to Membership Program. We leverage the resources and prestige of the national organization to assist local circles with recruitment by directly contacting eligible students and their families. If you have been struggling with reaching the student audience you seek, maybe it is time to consider the national program.

National Leadership Conference

The 2021 National Leadership Conference (NLC) will be completely virtual. The dates are April 8-10, 2021. What we need now is a team to plan it and bring it to life. If you are interested in serving on the 2021 NLC Planning Team, please complete the [volunteer form](#).



Encourage your circle members to consider a part-time internship through Absolute Internship's [Remote Internship Program](#).

Participants dive into new work cultures and gain valuable professional experience that sets them apart in a competitive labor market. Individuals also have the

opportunity to develop soft skills and showcase their pro-activity through the e-learning platform, the Absolute Academy.



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