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Circle Leader of the Year/National Leader of the Year

Every ODK circle should select an outstanding student to be named [Circle Leader of the Year](#). These students are recognized at the national level. They receive a certificate suitable for framing, are listed on the national website, and are invited to apply for the National Leader of the Year Award. This individual does not have to be a circle officer but must have demonstrated leadership in numerous ways throughout their collegiate career. We are hoping to recognize 100 student leaders this year.

The deadline for Circle Leader of the Year is February 15, 2021.

We now present six national leader awards. The [Gen. Russell E. Dougherty National Leader of the Year](#) is presented to the most qualified candidate. The recipient will receive a \$4,000 award. ODK will also recognize the top individual in each of the five phases of campus life. These recipients will receive a \$1,000 award.

The application for National Leader of the Year will open on December 1, 2020. Circle Leaders of the Year will be provided application information once their name has been submitted.

2021 National Leadership Conference

The theme of the 2021 National Leadership Conference is *Navigating 21st Century Leadership*. The call for programs will open on November 20, 2020. Presenters selected for the 2020 NLC are being contacted to determine if they want their presentation considered for the 2021 conference.

[Click here](#) for information on the 2021 NLC.

OΔK Scholarships

Every year, Omicron Delta Kappa awards scholarships to more than 35 collegiate members to continue their educations through graduate and professional study. Scholarship awards range from \$1,000 to \$2,500. These recipients demonstrate exceptional academic performance and leadership abilities. General scholarships are awarded each year for graduate or professional school expenses. Collegiate members and alumni up to five years out of school are eligible to apply.

Encourage your seniors, graduate/professional students, and recent alumni to apply. For more information, send them to this link: <https://odk.org/get-involved/scholarships/>

Listen Up OΔK Leaders Seeks Volunteers

The OΔK podcast *Listen Up OΔK Leaders!* is seeking volunteers for our production team. We need individuals who would be interested in researching topics, identifying guests, and assisting with recording and editing. If you have experience in any of these areas and would like to volunteer, contact Tim Reed, tim@odk.org. We are starting to work on the next series of episodes for broadcast in spring 2021. Follow the podcast by clicking [here](#).

Let Us Help!

We know that the work of advisors and student officers has gotten even more complicated with the pandemic. We know that it is difficult to recruit, initiate, and develop programs when your members are scattered across platforms and even states.

Let us help! OΔK has the resources to help you with all facets of managing a circle. No, we cannot do the work for you, but we certainly can help make the process easier.

- Give us a call - (540) 458-5336
- Send us an email - odknhdq@odk.org
- Bookmark the circle officers resource page - <https://odk.org/circle-officers/>

OΔK Headquarters Holiday Hours

The Thanksgiving and winter holiday breaks are just around the corner. Please note that the National Headquarters will be closed during the following times (all times Eastern)

Thanksgiving Holiday

Close: Wednesday, November 25, 12:30 p.m.
Reopen: Monday, November 30, 8:30 a.m.

Winter Holidays

Close: Wednesday, December 23, 12:30 p.m.
Reopen: Monday, January 4, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

We will be monitoring odknhq@odk.org. If you have an urgent inquiry, please contact us.



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