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**March 2021**

### **2021 National Leadership Conference**

**There is still time to register!** The theme of the 2021 National Leadership Conference is *Navigating 21st Century Leadership*. Join us online April 8-10, to celebrate leadership, share your experiences, and propel yourself to the head of your field. The National Leadership Conference offers collegiate and lifetime members the chance to learn from nationally recognized leaders, explore best practices for circles, and expand professional networks in a robust online platform. Registration fees are \$35 for collegiate members, \$45 for current circle advisors and national volunteers, and \$60 for lifetime members. Registration closes April 7.

[Click here](#) to view the website and register.

### **OAK 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 \$3,500. These recipients demonstrate exceptional academic performance and leadership abilities. Scholarships are awarded each year for graduate or professional school expenses. Collegiate and lifetime members 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, click this [link](#). Deadline for all scholarship materials is April 1, 2021.

**Scholarship Reviewers Needed:** Are you interested in helping to review applications this year? If so, we can use your help! The application review will begin in mid-April and be done by mid-May. Contact Katy Datz ([katy@odk.org](mailto:katy@odk.org)) for more information.

## **National Virtual Leadership Ceremonies**

Omicron Delta Kappa will continue to support our circles by hosting five National Virtual Initiation Ceremonies in Spring 2021. Circles can use these ceremonies in place of a local program. We have added notable members as speakers for each ceremony. Circles must register in advance. There is a limit of 250 initiates for each ceremony. For more information and to register, click on this [link](#).

## **Internships and Experiences**

Omicron Delta Kappa partners with a number of organizations to provide currently enrolled members and recent graduates with opportunities to explore career options and further enhance their leadership.

Three programs are currently recruiting for spring, summer, and fall experiences.

[The Intern Group](#)  
[Outward Bound Costa Rica](#)  
[Absolute Internship](#)

Click here for information about all our [member benefits](#).

## **Graduation is coming!**

It is difficult to think about May and June in the middle of ice storms and vaccinations. However, the inexorable march to commencement continues. Act now to get the graduation gear your members need before the spring rush.

Circles can bulk order cords and stoles from OΔK anytime through our [headquarters store](#).

Your members can order cords or stoles (and save 10% with the code SAVE10) from [shopodk.com](#).

## **OΔK Circle Annual Report**

The FY 2021 Circle Annual Report form will open on April 1, 2021.

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 2020, we only had 38% of active circles submit an annual report. We should have 100%, but our goal for FY 2021 is at least 75%.

The deadline for Circle Annual Reports has been extended to Tuesday, June 30, 2021.

## **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](#)  
[Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity Awards](#)

The deadline for submissions is Saturday, May 1, 2021

### 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](mailto:odknhdq@odk.org)
- Bookmark the circle officers resource page - <https://odk.org/circle-officers/>



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