ELMIRA COLLEGE

January 9, 2024

Dear Students,

Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), the **National Leadership Honor Society**, is seeking submissions for students to join. ODK recognizes and encourages superior leadership and exemplary character, with members displaying the five ODK ideals of scholarship, service, integrity, character, and fellowship. Emphasis is placed on the development of the whole person, both as a member of the College community and as a contributor to a better society.

Students who are eligible to apply:
- Are recognized as a <u>full-time</u> Elmira College student.
- Have completed a <u>minimum of 30 credit hours at Elmira College</u> (not including any transfer credits).
- Have an earned <u>cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher</u>.
- Have a background and experiences that exemplify <u>scholarship, leadership, and character</u>.

If you wish to apply, the deadline is Friday, January 12, 2024. Apply here: https://membership.odk.org/audience/prospective_members/membership_application_form

Completing the self-nomination <u>does not</u> guarantee membership into ODK. Each nomination submitted will be reviewed against the national leadership criteria. Selection for ODK is competitive, and only a limited number of Elmira College students are able to be inducted each year, so **be sure to note all of your leadership experience** on the application. <u>Note</u>: "Scholarship" on the application form refers to your scholarly activities (presentations, research, coursework, internships), NOT financial scholarships that you have received (though these can indicate scholarship!). Review of applications will take place the week of January 15. Further details will be provided in your acceptance letter.

If you are accepted into ODK--things to note:
- There is an induction fee of $30, due within a week of receiving your acceptance letter. (If you are not accepted this year, you do not have to pay the fee.) Details on how to submit the $30 induction fee will come within the acceptance email if you are accepted.
- Inductees receive lifetime membership in ODK, a membership certificate, and a recognition pin. Your ODK lifetime membership fees ($94) are kindly paid for by the Elmira College Office of Academic Affairs. There are several perks for being a member including--Members can receive exclusive discounts on travel, entertainment, insurance, tech products, and reduced fees for internships and experiential learning programs. In addition, members can take advantage of career connections and networking opportunities.
- In accordance with the ODK national guidelines, all students selected for membership must be present for a formal induction ceremony in order to become members of ODK. **The tentative date for induction is Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in Tifft Lounge, Campus Center**. If you cannot attend the official ceremony, we can hold an alternate ceremony; please discuss with Sydney Stringham as soon as possible once the date, time, and acceptances have been announced and verified.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Best Wishes,
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