



OMICRON DELTA KAPPA

The National Leadership Honor Society

Xavier University of Louisiana Receives Charter for National Leadership Honor Society

New Orleans, La. (April 18, 2018) – Xavier University of Louisiana’s petition for a charter of *The National Leadership Honor Society*, Omicron Delta Kappa (OΔK), was approved recently by the organization's board of directors. Alex DeJarnett, a member of the OΔK Society Board of Directors, presided over the chartering ceremony on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 6:30PM in Xavier’s Administration Auditorium.

The announcement was made by Matthew Clifford, OΔK’s national president. "We are pleased to welcome Xavier University of Louisiana into our Society," said Clifford. "Students will now be recognized for their leadership involvement and be eligible to participate in the Society's national programs including scholarships, campus grants, and leadership development workshops."

Joseph K. Byrd, Vice President for Student Services at Xavier, commented on the university’s excitement about receiving a charter from Omicron Delta Kappa. He said, "OΔK will add an additional level of leadership and continued leadership development to our campus and will further enhance the interaction among faculty, staff and students."

Xavier University’s charter group of 43 individuals included faculty members, administrators, and student leaders as founding members of the circle. The Xavier University Circle will be the fourth OΔK circle (chapter) established at a HBCU institution.

Omicron Delta Kappa Society, the *National Leadership Honor Society*, was founded at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia on Thursday, Dec. 3, 1914. A group of 15 students and faculty members established the Society to recognize and encourage leadership at the collegiate level. The founders established the OΔK Idea—the concept that individuals representing all phases of collegiate life should collaborate with faculty and others to support the campus and community. OΔK’s mission is to honor and develop leaders, encourage collaboration among students, faculty and alumni, and promote OΔK’s ideals of scholarship, service, integrity, character, and fellowship on college and university campuses throughout North America. The headquarters are located in Lexington, Virginia.

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