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## Message from the President

*Hey ODK!!!*

Welcome back to another exciting year at Florida State University! Since the beginning of the fall, ODK has been working hard to obtain the goals the Executive Board set at our first meeting last spring.

The first of these goals was to continue building the 7:50 am Breakfast Club, which gives our student leaders an opportunity to speak to members of the administration about campus related issues. This event has been so successful this past year that it was featured in the national ODK Newsletter.

Our second goal was to build notoriety on campus. This has been done in a variety of ways. The breakfast club meetings, for example, have been great steps in the direction of attaining this goal. Another way we have begun to build notoriety is by cosponsoring events. ODK, along with the help of the Seminole Boosters and others, has been instrumental in the success of a lecture series called the Champions' Forum, in which an FSU alumni is brought in to address the student body.

The third goal was to put a lot of effort into promoting our membership drive that took place at the beginning of this semester. When all was said and done, 64 of the best student leaders on campus had applied to our organization and 33 were selected.

The last goal was to implement a new membership participation policy. We have decided that each newly initiated member should attend at least three events. Old members, however, are only required to attend two. When a member receives their points, they are considered in good standing and may run for office and receive honor cords.

We are well on our way to obtaining these stated objectives. So far this year, we have already had several Breakfast Club meetings and a Champions' Forum. And if that hasn't kept us busy enough, we also held our annual Grad's Made Good Breakfast, which takes place during the Homecoming Weekend. All three of these were a huge success!

As you can see, ODK is moving ahead strong! Thank you for your past and present involvement with ODK. Your commitment and dedication have helped to make Florida State University the best University in the nation.

Thank you and God Bless!

With Seminole Pride,  
Brad Washio  
President, FSU ODK

## ODK 7:50 A.M. BREAKFAST CLUB

By: GREG PIERCE

With coffee and muffins in hand, the 7:50 Club gets an early start. Once a month a group of about 25-30 faculty, staff and students—most ODK members—meet on campus for a round table discussion. The purpose for this monthly meeting is three-fold. It is designed to bring together a diverse body of student, faculty, and staff leaders; to expose them to different departments on campus; and to improve the university and our community. We first met on October 10, 2002 at the Center for Civic Education and Service and since have been hosted by the Oglesby Student Union, International Center, ODK Members of the Provost's Office, Honors Program, Living and Learning Communities, and the FSU Foundation. Although the first ODK circle was founded in 1914, the FSU Circle was founded in 1950—thus the starting time of 7:50 a.m.

If you live in the Tallahassee area and would like to attend or host a breakfast please e-mail Brad Washio, President and 7:50 Breakfast Club Chair at [bkw5694@fsu.edu](mailto:bkw5694@fsu.edu).

## ODK COMMUNITY SERVICE

By: AUDREY HICKS

The heart of every good leader is service to the community and helping others. Therefore, Omicron Delta Kappa recognizes community service as an important element in leadership and holds this aspect of leadership in the highest esteem. The FSU Circle of ODK embraces members who are service scholars at Florida State and participate in numerous volunteer activities. Last semester, members of ODK contributed to a food drive to assist ECHO and this year continues through volunteering with Project Friendship as well as instilling the value of service in young high school leaders during the Annual Leadership Summit. Our new Community Service Chair, Prashant Muddu, is organizing even more ways for the ODK circle to get involved in the community.

If you are interested in volunteering with ODK, please contact Audrey Hicks, 2003-04 Student Province VIII Director, at [Audreyfsu@aol.com](mailto:Audreyfsu@aol.com)

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## ATTENTION!

Do you currently have in your possession ODK memorabilia/history that you would like to share with the Circle? If so, please send to the ODK Faculty Secretary: Annelise Leysieffer / 3720 Lifford Circle / Tallahassee, FL 32309-2638 or e-mail: [all9002@fsu.edu](mailto:all9002@fsu.edu).

## 2003 HOMECOMING BREAKFAST



Martinez

On Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, in the midst of Homecoming activities, the FSU Omicron Delta Kappa circle continued the tradition of honoring three distinguished alumni at the annual Homecoming Breakfast. These outstanding Florida State graduates were recognized for their outstanding career successes and contributions to society. The 2003 Grads Made Good honored at the event were **Mel Martinez** (U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development), **Dr. Diane Roberts** (Author, Journalist and Professor of

English at the University of Alabama), and **James Towey** (Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives).

It was an exciting program, enjoyed by a full house and a great success. The three honorees presented an excellent program relating how their Florida State University experience (with humorous anecdotes tossed in) prepared them for their journey after leaving FSU to their current position.



Roberts

Immediately following the breakfast program, the "Grads Made Good" Boardroom was dedicated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Oglesby Union. This beautiful room contains a "wall of honor" featuring all of the Grads Made Good since the beginning – 1974.

We encourage all ODK members to participate in the Homecoming Breakfast each year – once you've attended, you will return year after year. Also, if you are on campus, please drop by the Oglesby Union and visit the "Grads Made Good" Boardroom.



Towey

Special appreciation goes out to ODK member **Gregory P. Thomas '87** of Nashville, TN, for his dedicated work with the illustrations of the Grads Made Good each year.

2004 will be an exciting year for the "Grads Made Good" program – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We hope that you will help us celebrate this momentous occasion.

## GMG INFORMATION

In 1974, the Florida State University Circle initiated a "Grads Made Good" program. The purpose of the program is to honor former students of The Florida State University who, in the years since earning their degrees at Florida State, have achieved outstanding success and recognition in their chosen fields at the national or international levels. In honoring them, we honor all alumni who have served as inspiration to our students and faculty. It is desired that the honoring of the Grads Made Good shall secure in the students of Florida State a positive sense of their alma mater's value; demonstrate the success of alumni in such varied pursuits as the Fine Arts, the Professions, and the Pure and Applied Academics; implant within the alumni of this institution an appreciation of Florida State's present and potential merit; and perform a meaningful ODK contribution to the annual Homecoming celebration.

The criteria for the awards:

1. Hold an earned bachelor's or graduate degree from this institution
2. Have been in their career field at least five years
3. Have accomplishments recognized at national/international level
4. Must be able to attend the event

Please submit nomination:

ODK GMG Committee  
c/o FSU Alumni Association  
Alumni Center - Florida State University  
Tallahassee, Florida 32306-4532  
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Dear Members of the FSU Circle of OAK:

What a pleasure it was to be asked to serve as OAK faculty advisor over the summer! Initiated as a member of Stetson University Circle, I have long admired the work of OAK at Florida State. The members of OAK (student, faculty and alumni) represent the best that FSU has to offer. Our goal in this chapter is to not only honor outstanding leaders, but to foster continuing leadership development and on-going campus development.

As your advisor, I am here to serve in any way you may need. It is particularly an honor to serve alongside Annelise Leysieffer, our Faculty Secretary. Her tireless and selfless energy has propelled our chapter for many years. She is indeed a model of leadership for us all.

Again thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity. Together we will maintain an excellent Circle of OAK for FSU.

Sincerely,  
Mark Zeigler,  
Faculty Advisor

## ODK Scholarship Information and Updates

The Florida State ODK Circle is pleased to announce that Melanie Shoemaker is one of the recipients of a prestigious \$1,000 scholarship given by the National Office to only seventeen ODK members in the nation. The scholarship requires a minimum 3.5 GPA and is meant to help with expenses for the first year of graduate or professional school.

The Joe and Helen Plant ODK Scholarship is given in honor of Mr. Joseph Plant, who served as a teacher and administrator in the Engineering Science Department at The Florida State University from 1947 to 1972. He was very active in the FSU ODK Circle and served as Province III Deputy for 12 years. Helen Plant taught Biology at Leon High School. After their deaths, their children and close friends endowed the ODK Scholarship to be awarded annually (or more often) to the most outstanding ODK member for that Term. To be eligible, a full time undergraduate or graduate student must be a participating member of ODK in good standing, must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher, and must be a full time student in the term immediately following the award.

The Dr. Stephen S. Winters' Omicron Delta Kappa Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in December 1999. The recipient must be a sophomore or beginning junior with a minimum 3.5 GPA with course work in liberal studies to be eligible and in Dr. Winters' words must "demonstrate a high level of intellectual curiosity." Dr. Winter passed away in July 2003.

If you wish to contribute to either of these scholarship funds, please send your contribution to: FSU Foundation, 225 University Center, Building C, Suite 4100, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2660

## ODK Province VIII Leadership Conference

By: Annelise Leysieffer, Faculty Secretary

The ODK Province VIII Leadership Conference was held at Florida Southern College, in Lakeland, FL on Saturday, March 1, 2003. The FSU Circle was well represented. The Conference was attended by 90 ODK members, representing eight Circles from around the state. There were three sessions which each had a variety of topics. Greg Pierce and Jon Fry, the two past presidents, made a superb presentation titled "Uniting Students, Faculty, Staff and Alumni Through the Wonderful World of Breakfast." Their presentation dealt with our newly formed 7:50 Breakfast Club as well as with the Homecoming Breakfast honoring three Grads Made Good chosen by the ODK membership and hosted by the FSU Alumni Association. A huge crowd attended this particular presentation. Numerous questions followed about how to start up programs such as these at Florida State. At the end of the Conference, the new Student Province Director was chosen, and it is no other than our own Audrey Hicks. We congratulate her upon her election and look forward to working with her during the 2003-04 school year. We are planning to send several members including Brad Washio, this year's president, and Audrey Hicks to the 2004 National Convention to be held in Norfolk, VA February 26-29. It has been requested that the students repeat their presentation at the convention.

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