



Portland State University's chapter, Omicron Sigma, cordially invites qualified graduate students (3.75 GPA and above and a minimum of 30 credits) to join Kappa Delta Pi, a prestigious international honor society for educators. Kappa Delta Pi has over 55, 000 members including undergraduates, graduates, faculty, classroom teachers, administrators retirees and other professional educators in chapters throughout the U.S., Canada and Australia.

Some of the benefits of membership include:

- Award winning publications
- Regional and national conferences
- Educational tours
- Over \$100, 000 in scholarships and grants
- Discounts from national firms
- Online resources for educators
- Discounts on educational publications

For more information visit the Kappa Delta Pi national website at <http://www.kdp.org/>

PSU's Omicron Sigma chapter offers **two \$300 grants annually** to members. One grant offers support to a K-12 classroom teacher and the other grant supports professional development and learning of a graduate student making a difference in our community. Members are invited to submit applications each spring for consideration for these awards.

Members are eligible to purchase **Kappa Delta Pi Honor cords to wear at graduation** to signify and celebrate their exemplary academic achievement. For more information about purchasing graduation honor cords contact Paty Sluys at Sluysp@pdx.edu in the GSE Dean's office, 6th Floor, ED Bldg.

Additionally, Omicron Sigma has offered **workshops and speakers** of interest to members and Portland's education community and has initiated service projects to support the work of fellow educators. Some of the recent events and projects sponsored by Omicron Sigma include:

- A workshop entitled, "Including Children with Special Needs into the General Education Classroom"
- A lecture by Jonathon Kozol "The Lives of Children and the Conscience of a Nation: Unequal Education in the U.S. Public Schools"
- A presentation on cyber-bullying including a panel of young students describing their experience with this new form of bullying.
- A K-8 Literacy Symposium
- A Spanish children's book drive to support literacy in Guatemala
- Fundraising to support disaster recovery experienced by fellow Union University education students after a tornado destroyed their campus housing

Serving as a PSU Omicron Sigma Chapter officer offers an excellent leadership and professional development opportunity and provides service to your fellow Graduate School of Education student colleagues. For more **information about membership** or leadership opportunities as a chapter officer please contact Chapter Counselor Dr. Roslyn McKeown at mckeownr@pdx.edu or Chapter Associate Counselor Dr. Barbara Ruben at rubenr@pdx.edu.