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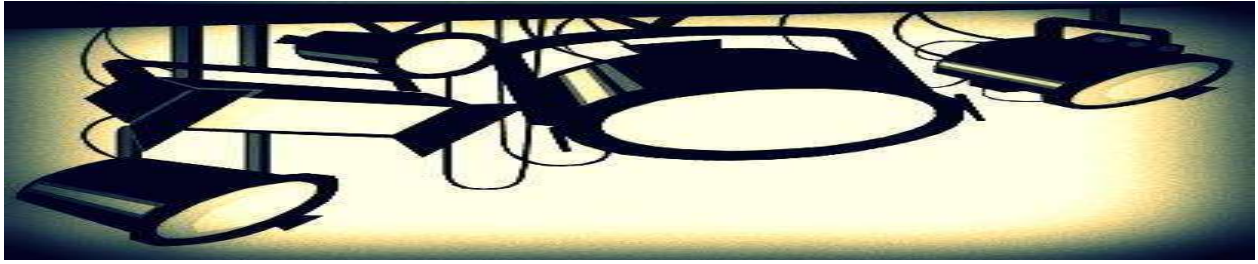
Linda Leveridge, President

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Action....Take One....State Officers Reports



HAPPY HOLIDAY GREETINGS!!!!

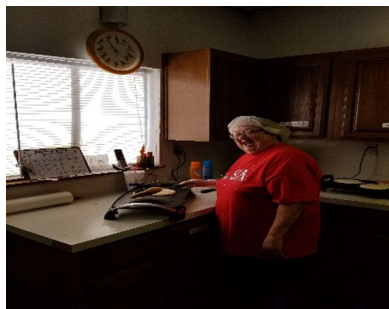
LIKE THE REST OF YOU, I HAVE BEEN BUSY. I HAVE BEEN APART OF A NUMBER OF SEASONAL FUNDRAISERS. I HELPED THE RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS OF LEXINGTON, BYARS AND WAYNE KICK OFF THEIR "SEASON OF GIVING" WITH A COOKOUT FLIPPED A FEW BURGERS THEN THEY DRESSED ME FIRE-FIGHTING GEAR (THAT STUFF WEIGHS A TON) AND HANDED OUT FIRE HAT FULL OF TREATS TO THE KIDS. NOBLE'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST CAUGHT ME COOKING AND FLIPPING PANCAKES AND DRAWING THE WINNING NAME IN THEIR QUILT RAFFLE. I ALSO HAD MY ANNUAL FALL CRAFT FAIR FOR ST. JUDE HOSPITAL. THIS YEAR I MADE 721.92 BEST YEAR EVER. FINAL LAST WEEK MYSELF AND DK SISTER FAYE ALEXANDER BOWLED FOR WOMEN'S BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISER. I ACTUALLY GOT TWO STRIKES (A REAL SURPRISE) AND I HAD A COMBINED SCORE OF 168 (OH BOY!!! BEST SCORE EVER!!

IT IS ABOUT THAT TIME OF YEAR TO START PREPARING FOR CONVENTION. "SHOWCASE ALL THAT OKLAHOMA TALENT." SANDY HAS PRESENTED WONDERFUL EDUCATIONALS, SO TAKE HER LEAD BE CREATIVE EXPAND THOSE BRAIN CELLS FOR THAT ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS. ALL YOU TALENTED WRITERS LETS SEE ALL LOT OF "WHAT ESA MEANS TO ME ESSAYS, SHORT STORIES, POEMS AND MUSIC. IF YOU NEED DIRECTIONS TO WHOM TO SEND YOUR CREATIONS LET ME KNOW. I WILL BE HAPPY TO DIRECT YOU.

I AM SORRY TO HAVE CANCELED THE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AT SEMINOLE'S WINTERLAND. BUT FROM THE FEEDBACK I RECEIVED MOST OF YOU ARE AS BUSY AS I AM. I DO, WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW PROUD I AM OF EACH AND MEMBER AND CHAPTER OUT THERE. KEEP UP THE GOOD JOB AND SPREAD THAT **ESA SPIRIT ALL THROUGH YOUR COMMUNITY THIS SEASON.**

I WILL MISS SEEING YOU ALL. IT IS A LONG TIME TILL MARCH. HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON REMEMBER TO BUNDLE UP "CAUSE BABY IT IS SUPPOSE TO GET COLD".

LINDA LEVERIDGE
STATE PRESIDENT



Linda flipping pancakes



Linda dressed as a Firefighter



*Sounds
of the
Season*

Mona Johnston
1st Vice President

ESA MUSIC FOR THE SOUL

Music **unquestionably** affects our emotions. We tend to listen to music that **reflects our mood**. When we're happy we may listen to upbeat music; when we're sad we may listen to slower, moving songs; when we're angry we may listen to darker music with heavy guitar, drums, and vocals that reflect our level of anger.



Because the brain is so completely engaged in listening to music, it's one of the parts of a situation that is remembered most clearly later on. Songs and pieces of music can serve as powerful triggers for memories - hence the cliché about couples and "their song." **And let's not forget the language aspect of music.**

Music makes you feel better. Music can make us feel uplifted, contented **and can improve our health, too.** Whether you're performing it or listening to it, music can increase your happiness (as well as the happiness of those around you.) Music can lift the spirits. But science has now shown it has a physical effect on our bodies, too.



Music is known to tap into various parts of the brain, that is why it is utilized by many experts in treating depressed or anxious patients. The meter, timber, rhythm and pitch of music are managed in areas of the brain that deal with emotions and mood. These key areas are the hippocampus, prefrontal cortex and the parietal lobe. The hippocampus, a structure of the limbic system, is responsible for spatial orientation, navigation and the consolidation of new memories. It also brings about emotional responses. The prefrontal cortex, on the other hand, manages extreme impulses and emotions. Known as the "seat of good judgment," it enables one to make good and acceptable calls so that inappropriate behaviors are prevented. As for the parietal lobe, it is in charge of spatial orientation, information processing and cognition, affects many others.

My theme for the 2020-2021 Convention is "ESA Music for the Soul." Music is so very important to all of us every day and in every way. As you can see from the posts above, music helps us in all aspects of our lives. It is my hope that each of us takes time during our busy holiday season to "PUT ON SOME MUSIC AND DANCE".



Project Director



Hi, Sisters,

During this time of holiday blessings and Thanksgiving, I'm feeling appreciative of our ESA family. So many of you have stepped up to sponsor students at both schools. In fact, everyone at Oklahoma School for the Blind is now being sponsored. I have sent out all the information sheets for OSB that Tonya has sent. If you haven't received yours, let me know and I will let OSB know, and we will get you fixed up!

Caitlin at Oklahoma School for the Deaf chooses to send out the information there. OSD still needs about 20 sponsors. Most of these students are new and only need cards, remembrances on special occasions, and perhaps a friendly note. So please think about spreading some ESA love by touching a child's life by becoming a sponsor. You'll bring smiles and joy to those little faces! Let's not let any child be left without receiving a card or having an ESA pal! You have my contact information.

A special thanks from me and the schools; of course, for the wonderful Halloween surprise that Beta Gamma sent. They decorated over 250 packages of crackers and sent to schools as a special treat for each child. And the photos look like they had fun doing it.

We have received several donations as Memorials for— and in Honor of—. We've also had several Secret Sisters donating in Honor of their Secret Sisters, both in chapters and state. What a wonderful gift—helping OSD and OSB! I've sent cards to the recipients and acknowledgements to the generous givers. (And no, I won't tell who the Secret Sis is, but know she is kind, generous, giving, loving and a true ESA person.)

It's early yet so I've only received one-chapter donation. But with the gifts, honors, and memorials, the State Project Fund now has a balance of \$540 now in the middle of November.

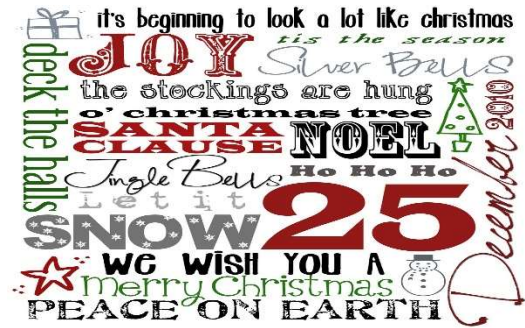
Thanks for the e-mails, calls, and helping me keep everything in some sort of order. I will be anxiously awaiting e-mails or calls with your volunteering to be a sponsor or take another child at OSD or your surprising someone with a donation honoring them.

Have a blessed holiday season; remember the reason, and continue sharing ESA love!

Merry Christmas and Happy 2020,
Kay Brader
State Project Director



From the Desk of Margaret Kramer, Disaster Fund Chair



It's the season to be Thankful while preparing to Celebrate the birth of Jesus. The Theta Tau Chapter President has reason to be thankful. When Oklahoma experienced flooding her home was severely damaged. She applied to the Disaster Fund for financial relief. She was awarded \$5,000. Although this is not even close to the amount of her loss, it will help ease the burdens of resoration ahead. This help was possible because ESA members across the states and Australia making contributions to the Disaster Fund. Please take an opportunity to make a donation to the Fund. One never knows when disaster may strike home. Remember that for every \$5.00 donation you or your chapter will be earn a chance to win a cheese cake, german chocolate cake and carrott cake.

I wish each of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy 2020.





Appointed Officers Reports

Chaplain

Happy Fall, ya'll!!!!

The cold temps are upon us. I'm not liking it much. Hope everyone is getting ready for the holidays. I have a confession to make. I'm putting my Christmas tree up this weekend. Crazy, huh?? Well, we had several "siblings" in need, since the last PJ came out.



Peggy Hughes – Beta Gamma #391 Tulsa – sinus surgery
Peggy DeFrange – Beta Iota #4283 McAlester – husband Ricky passing
Lola Jaegers – Zeta Gamma #4253 Shawnee – car wreck, where lost husband, Joe
June Miller – Beta Iota #4283 McAlester – husband Bob fall/pneumonia
June Miller – Beta Iota #4283 McAlester – husband Bob passing
Connie Frieze – Alpha Rho 4350 Broken Arrow – great-nephew liver transplant
Steve York – Beta Gamma #391 Tulsa – by-pass surgery
Vivian Gibson – Delta Kappa #3538 Norman – congestive heart failure
Jan Sanders – Zeta Epsilon #4614 Seminole – mother passing

I pray every person is healing in body and mind. I hope everyone has a blessing filled Thanksgiving and a Christmas full of love.

ESA Hugs,
Darla Barton
OK ESA State Council Chaplain
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580-309-0167

**“You can’t stop the waves, but you can learn to swim.”
Jon Kabat Zinn**

**“Whether you think you can, or you think you can’t,
you are probably right.”
Henry Ford**

**“Victory is not always winning the battle...but rising every time you fall.”
Napoleon Bonaparte**

ESA Foundation

Please contact all of the high school counselors in your area and tell them about the ESA Foundation Scholarships available. Go to epsilonsigmaalpha.org to apply. The deadline is January 31.

If you are not a member of the foundation consider becoming a member, it's only \$25 to join and \$15 a year for dues thereafter.

Also, you may think about becoming a lifetime member for \$500 or \$250 in two payments.

Check out the Foundation Grants and awards that's available at the web site.
Happy Holidays.

Vivian Gibson
ESA Foundation State Counselor



Outstanding Youth

Now that school is back in session this would be a good time for your chapter Outstanding Youth Chair to visit the schools in your town and also in the smaller towns in your area. Take a copy of the guidelines and requirements to the councilors at both the Junior and Senior High Schools. Be sure and leave your name and number with the councilors and encourage them to call you with any questions.

Also make the schools aware of the scholarships and grants that are available through the ESA Foundation. You can contact Vivian Gibson about how to apply to the Foundation. These youth contribute so much to their community, school, and church and still excel at the academic level. Let's invest some time in rewarding these much deserving students with the OSY Award. I have learned that most things involve a deadline and this contest falls in to that category.

I must have your entry for contest postmarked no later than March 1, 2020.

The official judging sheet is published in this issue of the PJ and the guidelines, which are very detailed, will be found on the Oklahoma ESA web site. If you prefer to contact me at 405-630-8744, I will be glad to mail a copy of the guidelines to you.

Start your search now for your OSY and make a difference in a student's life. You will be glad you did!!!

Janice Shockley
Outstanding Youth Chair





Beta Iota 4283, McAlester

The women of Beta Iota have been very busy over the past two months.

In October, members of Beta Iota volunteered at the McAlester Regional Hospital Health Fair. We served as registration helpers and entertained the kids in the Kid Zone area. This health fair is the largest in Southeast Oklahoma and continues to grow each year. During this event, participants can visit different health check booths. Examples of booths are: thyroid ultrasound, breast exams, skin cancer screening, carotid artery screenings, blood glucose screening, blood pressure checks and Body Mass Index information. Rachel Fields who is a member of Beta Iota is instrumental in the organization and planning of the MRHC Health Fair. Beta Iota is proud to support our community and members.

In October, we also held the First Annual Beta Iota \$10,000.00 Hole in one Golf Tournament. The event was held at the McAlester Country Club. The golfers enjoyed fun events like "whack a duck" and "the long john" events. Although no one made a hole in one, all the golfers and members had a wonderful time raising money for our community.

In November, we volunteered at the Friendship Kitchen in Eufaula, OK. We made a delicious meal of chicken enchiladas, corn and sopapilla cheesecake. We served around fifty residents of Eufaula and provided take home meals to anyone that needed one. This event was organized by Margaret Kramer.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Party in December and Mom Prom in January!!



Serving a meal at the Friendship Kitchen



Measuring to see if the ball is too close to the duck!

Beta Rho 1270, Del City

Beta Rho had an organizational meeting in September. The Dream Home, Walk, adopted Children, Positive Tomorrows, and other Philanthropic Projects were discussed and plans made for us to help. Our 65 year member, Mary Williams, is doing somewhat better but still will be unable to attend this year. Mary and Bud celebrate their 70th Anniversary this year so cards will be sent. Ways and Means, our big project, will start as soon as the pecan growers meet in October so price can be set. Having a DAA this year was discussed. The lady Kay mentioned year last was chosen as our candidate. Barbara and Kay will get the information and plan the celebration.

On October 7, we met at Nosh restaurant in Moore, OK to honor Kathy Ward as our DAA. Barbara used a fall theme and beautifully decorated the tables with lanterns, leaves, and candles with goody bags at each place setting. Kathy has struggled most of her life with polio, but has always taken care of others. She works with multiple charities fulfilling needs and providing necessities. In honoring Kathy, we had guests there from TOPS and Project Gabriel.

Wanda Lucas and Ann McCarville had birthdays in October and both received service pins. Wanda received her 40-year pin and Ann, her 45-year pin. We celebrated these with candles in their desserts!

We are now in the midst of the pecan sales. Those yummy morsels sell themselves! We managed to keep the price the same as last year but don't think we will always manage that! So now it's off to Madill we go, back home to sort, organize, deliver, and collect so ESA Philanthropic projects will benefit.

Kay Brader



Delta Kappa 3538, Norman

The next six months will be Delta Kappa's busy ways & means season by scanning tickets at OU for 6 football games and 32 basketball games. We will also be having 2 garage sales and a Closet Sale. It sounds like a lot because it is a lot. Our W & M chair, Georgia, keeps us moving, motivated and organized.

In honor of our Veteran's we have made a donation to The Veteran's Corner and The Dale Graham Veteran's Foundation. We have also made donations to St Michael's Community Christmas Dinner and to the Cleveland County Christmas Store to help provide meals and Christmas gifts for needy families during the holiday season.

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner will be on Nov. 19th at Goodrich Church with Gwynn Nell preparing her usual traditional turkey, dressing, gravy and her famous Pecan Pies. DK members will prepare an abundance of delicious side dishes to complete our meal. Our DAA chair, Linda, will be presenting the DAA Award to Erika Wright for her outstanding service to the community.

Linda, Faye, Maria and Mitch aka "The Low Bowlers" participated in the ABWA bowling tournament again this year to help them raise funds for their scholarship program. Last year they won the trophy for the lowest score and this year they were presented with a trophy for third place. Way to go team!!!

Several of us will be attending the Christmas Candlelight Concert presented by the Norman Philharmonic on Dec. 2 at McFarlin Church. We are looking forward to a special and entertaining evening together!!!

I hope each of you are enjoying the holiday season which brings festive family gatherings to give thanks in Nov. and a joyful time with friends and family to celebrate Advent and the birth of our savior.

Until Next Time..... Blessings to all of my sisters.

Janice Shockley



Linda & Sharon at the Craft show



Linda, Faye, Maria and Mitch
Showing 3rd Place trophy

Zeta Epsilon Chapter #4614—Seminole: was chartered in 1941 as Beta Epsilon #410 with eleven charter members. Beta Epsilon was active from 1941-1958. Beta Epsilon was reorganized in 1976 as Zeta Epsilon #4614. Now, we have been active for forty-one years and proud of it!

Zeta Epsilon meets the first Tuesday of each month. Each ESA members take turns hosting the meetings in their homes with two ESA sisters serving as co-hostesses for the evening. Meetings usually include an educational speaker, business meeting, social chatting, and discussions about things the local chapter may do to better our small community of Seminole.

Before the Seminole Chieftains Homecoming and football game, our chapter host our “Annual Soup & Stew Dinner” which is our main fundraising event for each year.

In our earlier years, our chapter projects varied from Bake Sales, Garage Sales, Helped Chamber of Commerce with Circus, Fried Chicken Dinner for Bikers, Valentine Dance, Raffle of Green & White Afghan at SHS football game, OK Lion’s Club Eye Bank Telethon, ESA Follies, All Night Gospel Sing Concession, Kiwanis NW Olympics Concession, Hearing Screening at Lincoln, Wilson, & NW Schools, Seminole Gusher Days, 5th Grade Kite Flying Contest, Salvation Army at Christmas, Christmas & Homecoming Parades, Fed KWTW Channel 4 @ City Wide Picnic, 50’s & 60’s Dance, Rent-a-Santa, Tasting Party & Silent Auction, Adopted Children Sulphur School for the Deaf,

St. Patrick’s Day hats to OKC Children’s Hospital, and SHS Academic Letter jacket. There are many more projects that our chapter participated in but, the list must come to an end!!!

Our present projects are: Camp Goddard scholarship for a 6th Grader, Jasmine Moran Children’s Museum, Interfaith Food Bank, Adopted Student @ OSB, Seminole Snowman Wonderland @ Reynolds Wellness Center, Seminole Chocolate Fest, Needy Family at Christmas, St. Jude Dream House, and Cheryl Conyers Memorial Scholarship for two SHS seniors.

The fourteen ladies of Zeta Epsilon always enjoy the wonderful dinners that are served at our monthly meeting and that is when the FUN begins!!!

Submitted by Debbie Lyon & Shirlene Davidson

**ESA OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL
DUES LIST**

**INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL DUES -----\$40
(Chapters, Councils and Districts)**

****Due June 1**

Send to: IC Treasurer – Denise Holdaway
902 Pierce Lane
Blytheville, AR 72315
deniseholdaway@gmail.com
870-838-6916

FEDERAL TAX FACTS Financial Report

****Due September 15**

This form MUST be filled out and sent in by each Chapter/Council in order to be exempt from paying Federal Income Tax on the fundraising monies raised for charitable purposes. Each Chapter/Council must have an **Employer Identification Number**. To apply for the EIN number, please contact ESA Headquarters.

**ESA Tax Facts Form is available on the OK ESA website: www.oklaesa.org –
Contests/Forms – Financial**

STATE COUNCIL DUES-----\$30 + \$5 per member

****Due January 1**

Send to: Joyce Clement
1110 W. Main St. #31
Norman, Oklahoma 73069
405-314-0407
Joiesa02@aol.com

****State dues must be paid in full by *January 1* in order to be eligible for contest recognition.**

DISTRICT DUES (Due by January 1)

EASTERN DISTRICT-----\$20

Send to: Robyn Ryan
1507 N. Fallin
Hominy, OK 74035
918-346-0942
robynrhuntinggirl@gmail.com

WESTERN DISTRICT-----\$15

Send to: Cathy Holsted
3 Woodbridge Drive
Bella Vista, AR 72714
405-227-6643
nanakitty22@sbcglobal.net

ESA FOUNDATION DUES-----\$15

****Due by January 1**

(Dues are \$25 the first year and \$15 per year thereafter)

Send to: ESA Foundation
363 West Drake Road
Fort Collins, CO 80526
www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esaf

INDIVIDUAL DUES-----\$49

****Due according to Pledge Date**

Send to: Epsilon Sigma Alpha Membership Headquarters
363 West Drake Road
Fort Collins, CO 80526
www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org

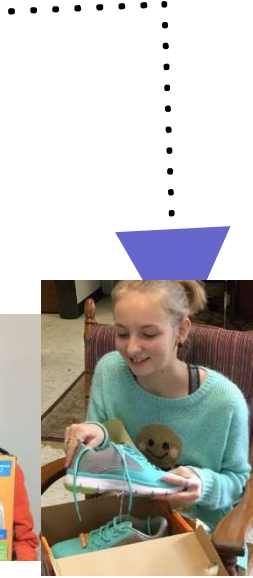
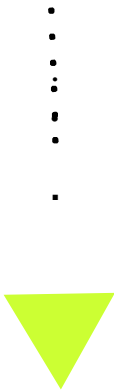
***Note: A senior discount is available for members 65 years & older. To receive this discount, contact ESA HQ and provide your date of birth.**



Oklahoma School of the Deaf

Sponsorship Program

FORMS AND REGISTRATIONS



To become a sponsor: Please contact our Social Services Specialist, Caitlin Potter 580.622.4933 cpotter@osd.k12.ok.us

Become a sponsor today!

Sponsoring a student at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf is an opportunity to support the growth of a student academically, socially, and emotionally. It is an opportunity to give in the truest and most gracious sense of the word— anonymously. Students receiving sponsorship are not told who their sponsors are, but learn the life lesson of being appreciative and saying “thank you” through cards, pictures, and notes which are coordinated through the Social Services Specialist. They learn that there are others who care about them and want them to be successful. Depending on each student’s level of need, some sponsors send a monthly allowance, while others send gifts on special occasions which might include clothing, toys, etc. Some families choose not to receive money or gifts, but may allow their children to enjoy receiving cards and letters.

"BLACK TIE AFFAIR"

May 1, 2, & 3 2020

Sheraton at the Reed Conference Center Midwest City Hotel
5750 Will Rogers Road, Midwest City, OK 73110

Hotel Registration Deadline Wednesday, April 1, 2020 405-455-1800

REQUEST THE GROUP RATE FOR "EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA"

MEMBER NAME					
ADDRESS:		CITY, STATE, ZIP:			
PHONE:	Best way to contact you: <u> </u> phone; <u> </u> text; <u> </u> email	EMAIL:			
CHAPTER NAME:	CHAPTER NUMBER:	CITY:			
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:					
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<input type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>	GENERAL BOARD MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>	SOONER SENIORETTE
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SPECIAL DIET MENU/MEDICAL REASONS ONLY ** CONTACT: ** Gwen Beasley, 405-349-8040 hotsmock5@gmail.com					
<u>MEN'S REGISTRATION:</u>					
NAME:			HUSBAND/ESCORT OF:		
<u>DESA/ELAN REGISTRATION:</u>					
NAME:			ESA MEMBER/CHAPTER:		
<u>GUEST REGISTRATION:</u>					
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CHECK ALL THAT APPLY HOW MANY					
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEMBER/DESA/ELAN full registration includes Friday night mixer, general assemblies, workshops, Recognition Luncheon & Banquet				\$120.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEN'S/GUEAT REGISTRATION FEE includes Friday night mixer & Saturday night Banquet				\$ 75.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	GUEST BANQUET REGISTRATION FEE				\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	LATE FEE of \$30 will be assessed after April 1, 2020 then you will need to call Gwen Beasley 405-349-8040				\$30.00
Cancellations must be made 96 hours or more before the beginning of convention for a refund. Please make your request in writing to the Convention Treasurer, Janice Shockley gandjshoc@gmail.com					
Total					

Enclose Check Payable to: 2020 ESA State Convention Fund

Mail payment to:
Gwen Beasley
13230 North Harrah Rd.
Luther, OK 73054

Registration Deadline: Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Registrations postmarked after Wednesday; April 1, 2020 will be assigned seating where vacancies exist. Late registrants will NOT be seated with their chapters, so registration NOW!! **HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2020. CALL NOW!**

Phone: 1-405-455-1800. Be sure to mention you are with ESA.





2019-2020

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Gwynn Nell Swanson, PJ Editor

2406 County Road 1280

Blanchard, OK 73010-3135

OUTSTANDING YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD
Junior High Student/Senior High Student
State Entry Only

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER _____ CITY _____

CHAIRMAN: _____ ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF AWARD PRESENTATION: _____ # of AWARDS GIVEN _____

NAMES(S) OF AWARD RECIPIENT(S): _____

NEWS COVERAGE: (Include newspaper clippings, photos, etc.) _____

PROCEDURES USED IN SELECTING WINNER(S): _____

NUMBER OF JUDGES: _____ TOTAL HOURS SPENT ON AWARD: _____

TOTAL MONEY SPENT ON AWARD: \$ _____ OTHER COMMENTS: _____

WHAT COMMENTS DID YOU RECEIVE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY ON PRESENTING THIS AWARD?

**OUTSTANDING YOUTH
OFFICIAL JUDGING SHEET
Junior High Student/Senior High Student**

YOUTH'S NAME: _____

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER: _____ CITY: _____ DISTRICT _____

STATE DUES PAID BY JANUARY 1, 20__ : YES: _____ NO: _____

1. ESSAY CONTEST (10) Points _____
Explanation of Point Deduction: _____

2. ESSAY STRUCTURE (With all required signatures) (10) Points _____
Explanation of Point Deduction: _____

3. ESSAY OVERALL QUALITY (15) Points _____
Explanation of Point Deduction: _____

4. LEADERSHIP (10) Points _____
Explanation of Point Deduction: _____

5. COMMUNITY SERVICE: (15) Points _____
Explanation of Point Deduction: _____

6. OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS (10) Points _____
Explanation of Point Deduction: _____

7. (3) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION & COMPLETED FORMS (12) Points _____
Explanation of Point Deduction: _____

8. OVERALL QUALITY OF ENTRY (18) Points _____
Explanation of Point Deduction: _____

TOTAL (100) Points _____

COMMENTS: _____

JUDGED BY: _____ DATE: _____



OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD REQUIREMENTS 2019-2020

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT

- Student enrolled in the 7th-9th grades and passing all subjects.
- Write a 500-word essay without notes, in the presence of, and signed by, a teacher or school official, and the student, and then signed by an ESA member.
- Letters of recommendation – from three (3) citizens of the community who are not related to the student (after local judging, the essay **may be** typewritten with necessary spelling and grammatical changes noted – the **original** handwritten essay should be attached to the typewritten essay).

Judging is based on Quality of Essay, Leadership, Community Service, and Accomplishments which made the student outstanding.

The winner of the **Oklahoma Outstanding Junior High Youth Award** will be presented with a Certificate and a cashier's check to be presented at the State Convention held in the spring. Amount of cashier's check will be budgeted and announced the previous summer. The winner of the International Outstanding Jr. High Award will receive a plaque and a \$500 savings bond. The **deadline** for entry for the Oklahoma State Council and International Council Outstanding Youth Award is **March 1**. Since the deadline for both is the same day, you must duplicate your entry. Entry packets for the International Council contest are available through ESA Headquarters or at: www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org. Entry packets for the State contest are available at www.oklaesa.org, from the State Contest Chair contest@oklaesa.org or Outstanding Youth Chair outstandingyouth@oklaesa.org.

SENIOR HIGH STUDENT

- Be enrolled as a senior high student meeting one of three academic qualifications (ranked in the upper 25% of class; have a minimum 3.0 GPA, or have a minimum ACT score of 22 or SAT score of 1030)
- Provide a copy of the most recent and "certified" transcript to verify grades and/or test scores
- Letters of recommendation – three (3) – one being from a teacher or school official
- Personal essay on "What is the definition of an outstanding individual and how do I personally meet this definition." – there is no specific length required – typewritten essays are preferred and must be an original which is signed and dated by the contestant

Judging will be based upon the student's Character, Leadership and Skills and Scholastic Ability.

The winner of the **Oklahoma Outstanding Senior High Youth Award** will receive a cashier's check and a certificate from the Oklahoma State Council to be presented at the State Convention held in the spring. Amount of cashier's check will be budgeted and announced the previous summer. The winner of the IC Outstanding Senior High Youth Award will receive \$1,000 from the International Council. This may be applied towards tuition, registration, fees, books, supplies and equipment, or any other college fees or academic expenses. The **deadline** for entry for the Oklahoma State Council and International Council Outstanding Youth Award is **March 1**. Since the deadline for both is the same day, you must duplicate your entry. Entry packets for the International Council contest are available through ESA Headquarters or at: www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org. Entry packets for the State contest are available at www.oklaesa.org, from the State Contest Chair contest@oklaesa.org or Outstanding Youth Chair outstandingyouth@oklaesa.org.

Oklahoma entries are to be mailed to: Oklahoma Outstanding Youth Chair
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