

The PDK-USC Kappan

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MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Phi Delta Kappa shall be to promote quality education, in particular publicly supported education, as essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life. This purpose shall be accomplished through research, service, and leadership in education.

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Phi Delta Kappa International*



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Join us for our PDK-USC Dinner Meeting

Friday, May 1, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Vineyard Room: Davidson Conference Center

PDK-USC Annual Awards Ceremony and Installation of Officers

To RSVP, see page 2

Dr. Emery Stoops – December 13, 1902-March 25, 2009



Dr. Emery Stoops passed away on March 25, 2009. He had celebrated his 106th birthday on December 13, 2008. According to USC Alumni Association and Emeriti Center records, he was, at the time of his death, the oldest living Trojan alumnus. Dr. Stoops taught at USC for 17 years before retiring as professor emeritus in 1970. He then embarked on a second career in estate planning, life insurance and tax-sheltered annuities. He was the co-founder of the First Penn-Pacific Life Insurance Co. and served as a top-selling financial advisor/estate-planning consultant for Aetna Life Insurance Co. He was the recipient of the USC Distinguished Emeritus Award in 1993.

Dr. Stoops was a longtime supporter of USC. In 1994, he and Joyce King-Stoops, created a \$1.25 million trust fund to establish the Emery Stoops and Joyce King-Stoops Chair in Educational Administration in the USC Rossier School of Education. In 1996, an additional gift from the couple of \$2.25 million – together with a \$250,000 contribution from the Rita H. Small Charitable Trust – endowed the chair in perpetuity. The chair currently is held by Dean Karen-Symms-Gallagher.

Dr. Stoops earned his Ed.D. in educational administration and supervision at USC in 1941. He taught English, speech and social studies in Whittier, Beverly Hills and Los Angeles high schools and held administrative posts in Los Angeles County public schools before joining the USC faculty in 1953 as professor of educational administration and supervision.

Dr. Stoops was initiated into the USC Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa in the spring of 1932. Osman Hull, Dean of USC, appointed him to Chair the National Committee on Teacher Recruitment, followed by election as District 11 Representative. During his two-year term as District Representative, he doubled the number of chapters from 7 to 14. Emery was elected President in 1936-1937. Stoops became the only National-International President of PDK. During his presidency, he oversaw the building of the PDK International Office in Bloomington, Indiana.

Memorial services will be held on April 29, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in Nazarian Pavilion, adjacent to Doheny Library. Parking is through Gate 3 on Figueroa Avenue.

PDK-USC Annual Awards

By Dr. Alexis Sheehy, Chapter President



Phi Delta Kappa is an international association for professional educators. The organization's mission is to promote quality education as essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life by providing innovative programs, relevant research, and dedicated service. In support of the mission of PDK and what it stands for, our Chapter presents awards each year to members who best demonstrate the qualities of research, leadership, and service. This year's awards will be presented at the May 1st dinner. A special thanks to Adda Serenil, Marian Fukuda, and Dan Basalone for serving as members of the Awards Committee. 🐉

TED GORDON MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a chapter member who has excelled in all aspects of research, service, and leadership and has made a significant contribution to the PDK-USC Chapter and public education.

RESEARCH AWARD

Awarded to a chapter member who has demonstrated the ability to conduct research and publish findings, opinions, and recommendations on significant issues in education during the last two or three years.

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Awarded to a chapter member who has demonstrated an extremely high level of leadership and inspiration to others in Phi Delta Kappa and public education during the last two years.

SERVICE AWARD

Awarded to a chapter member who has demonstrated an extremely high level of service and dedication to Phi Delta Kappa and public education during the last two years.

Save The Date!!!



PDK-USC Annual Awards Ceremony and Installation of Officers

FRIDAY, May 1 at 6:00 p.m.

USC Davidson Conference Center Vineyard Room

Social Gathering immediately before dinner at 5:30 p.m.

DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE is Monday, April 27TH

Name(s): _____ Total # Attending: _____

PDK Membership # (if applicable) _____ Phone #: _____

Meal Choice: _____Chicken _____Fish _____Vegetarian

Mail your check (made payable to PDK-USC Chapter) for **\$36.00*** per person with this form.
It must arrive before Monday, April 27th to:

PDK-USC Chapter
c/o Alan Seigel
169 Stanford Court, Irvine, CA 92612
mail to: ASeigel@lausd.net

*Parking is included with your dinner reservation. Enter through USC Gate #4 off Jefferson Blvd.

2008-09 USC Phi Delta Kappa CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- 1 – PDK-USC Recognition Dinner Meeting**
Installation of the 2008-09 Officers
Davidson Conference Center 6:00 p.m.
- 3 - LOS ANGELES CHALK WALK**
8:30 a.m. Los Angeles Exposition Park
- 7 – PDK-USC Board Meeting, WPH 900, 5:30 p.m.**

June

- 2009-10 Governing Board Retreat and Meeting**
(Date & Location TBA)

Chapter Dinner meetings are in Bold.
Everyone is welcome at the Board Meetings.

A map of USC University Park Campus can be found at
http://www.usc.edu/about/visit/upc/driving_directions

Graduating from USC?

PDK-USC members in good standing, or new members initiated on or before the May 1st Dinner Meeting, are eligible to purchase a beautiful cardinal and gold Phi Delta Kappa sash to wear with their caps and gowns at USC's Commencement Exercises. The price is \$40. Contact Dr. Nick Nichols by April 27th to order at nick.nichols@lausd.net or (818) 456-9732. Sashes will be distributed at the conclusion of the May 1st PDK-USC Dinner Meeting.



Member Spotlight

2008-09 PDK International "Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation"

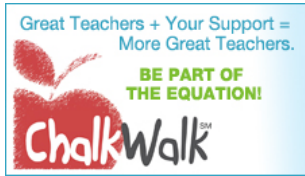
Dr. Margie Saucedo Curwen is an assistant professor in the College of Educational Studies at Chapman University in Orange, California. She completed her doctorate at the University of Southern California Rossier School of Education where she studied and researched issues relating to literacy, language, and learning.



Her dissertation examined middle-class elementary Latino/a students' use of background knowledge and cultural capital while engaging in reading and writing classroom activities. Through a sociocultural lens, she explored dimensions of culture, language, and class that permeated the students' official and unofficial discourse. In a globalized world of rapidly shifting populations, ideologies, and perspectives, this study highlights the educational importance of understanding the existing variances within different cultural groups, particularly students' experiences of modernity, to identify and access their strengths as learners.

50 years: Congratulations to Duaine Discher on his fifty years of membership in Phi Delta Kappa! Duaine was initiated on January 11, 1957. Only 145 members are being awarded a 50-year certificate following the 2008 calendar year by Phi Delta Kappa International. This distinction is quite unique and rare for a 35,000+-member organization.

PDK- LA Chalkwalk



Get ready. Get set. Go.

May 3rd is coming up fast. Are you ready to honor that teacher who made a difference in your life? Have you registered, found sponsors, passed on the word to friends, family, students, and parents?

- Register online by going to <http://www.pdkchalkwalk.org> and following the directions provided at the "How to Register and Donate" link.
- Tell friends, family members, students, and parents.
- You can collect off-line donations.
- Remind your donors that their contributions are tax-deductible.
- Register now. It's not too late.
- Money raised will benefit your local PDK Chapter and/or the Future Educators Association as they support our next generation of great teachers!

Having trouble registering? Have questions about the L.A. Chalk Walk? Contact Lisa Regan, Chalk Walk Co-Chair at lisa.regan@lausd.net.

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