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Omicron Delta Kappa honor society presents annual awards

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This year's honorees include (left to right) Olivia Dear, Christopher Fezell, Dillon Hall, Alexis Smith and Loden Snell.

OXFORD, Miss. – The University of Mississippi chapter of **Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society** has honored six students for their academic performance, leadership and community involvement.

This year's recipients of ODK Freshman Leader Awards are Olivia Dear of Madison, Seth Dickinson of Mantachie, Christopher Fezell of Mendenhall, Dillon Hall of Saltillo, Alexis Smith of Picayune and Loden Snell of Ridgeland.

"These six students are among many outstanding freshmen here at the university," said Ryan Upshaw, ODK adviser and assistant dean for student services in the School of Engineering. "Our society is excited to be able to recognize their outstanding contributions during their first year on campus. We also look forward to their potential membership in our society later in their college career."

Dear, a graduate of Madison Central High School, is president of ASB Freshman Council and serves on the Chi Omega sorority philanthropy committee. A member of Lambda Sigma honor society, she is a Provost Scholar and on the Chancellor's Honor Roll. An English and journalism major, she volunteers with Leap Frog, Hermitage Gardens and the Oxford Humane Society.

"I'm really grateful to receive the ODK Freshman Leader Award," Dear said. "It was a really motivating award to get, and now I am excited to spend the next three years engaging in activities that serve the student body even more."

Dickinson attended Mendenhall High School. He is a member of the **Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College** and **Trent Lott Leadership Institute** and is an Honors College Freshman Senator. A public policy leadership major, he is a recipient of a Lott Scholarship and is an Ole Miss Ambassador, member of Delta Psi fraternity and on the Dean's Honor Roll. He volunteers with Brookdale Oxford retirement community.



Seth Dickinson

Fezell, an accountancy major, attended Mendenhall High School. He is a member of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, **Luckyday Success Program**, National Association of Black Accountants, Undergraduate Black Law Students Association and Lambda Sigma honors society. He is a LuckyDay Scholar, on the Chancellor's Honor Roll, a **Rebel Quest** counselor and a volunteer tutor for business calculus.

A graduate of Saltillo High School, Hall is a member of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, **Center for Manufacturing Excellence**, Engineering Student Body Leadership Council, Engineers Without Borders Design Committee, American Society of Mechanical

Engineers and Delta Psi fraternity. A mechanical engineering major, he is a CME ambassador and a volunteer with Green Grove Initiative and Oxford City Market.

Smith, a graduate of Picayune Memorial High School, is a member of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College and the **Croft Institute for International Studies**, and is an Honors College Freshman Senator and community service co-chair for International Justice Mission. She is a recipient of an Honors College scholarship and a member of the Chi Omega scholarship committee. An international studies major, she is a writer for the **Daily Mississippian** and a volunteer with Oxford Humane Society

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A graduate of Saint Joseph Catholic School, Snell is a public policy leadership major in the Trent Lott Leadership Institute and recipient of a Lott Scholarship. He is also a member of ASB Freshman Council, Residence Hall Association, College Republicans and the Chancellor's Leadership Class, an ASB senator and Stockard Hall Council President. He volunteers with the Big Event and Green Grove Recycling.

Omicron Delta Kappa is a 100-year old leadership honor society that has initiated more than 300,000 members at since its founding. The society has more than 285 active chapters at colleges and universities across the United States.

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