Kappa Delta Pi—September Meeting
Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2011

Officers Present
President: Amanda Barnes
Vice President: Kathy Augustine
Secretary: Demi Pissanos
Treasure: Kelli Wilder
Foundation Representative: Elizabeth Whidden
Historians: Elizabeth Albus
Regional Coordinator: Laura Holling
Counselor: Dr. Kaplan

Officers Not Present
None

• Officers Introductions
  o President: Amanda Barnes
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  o Secretary: Demi Pissanos
  o Treasure: Kelli Wilder
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• What is KDP?
  o International Honor Society in Education
  o Founded in 1911 at University of Illinois
  o Established in 1980 at UCF
  o Over 50,000 members worldwide
  o Top 20% of Educators in the country
    ▪ Students, Practicing teachers, Administrators, Collegiate professors, and Retirees

• KDP Benefits
  o Boost your resume
  o Honor chords at graduation
  o Meet people in your field
  o Get involved in the community
  o Receive member-only discounts
  o Over $100,000 in scholarships
  o Teacher resources and publications
  o Leadership opportunities

• KDP Requirements
  o 30 credit hours by spring 2012
- GPA 3.0 for Undergrads 3.25 for grad students
- Attendance mandatory at the induction
  - Induction will be held March 24, 2012
  - $80 to join: includes national and local dues plus dinner at induction ceremony and a special pin
- 10 points per semester once a member
  - 2 points per meeting or social
  - 5 points for community event
  - 2 points for socials

- **KDP Points**
  - You are able to start earning points even if you have not been inducted yet! You must have a total of **20** points to be inducted in the Spring.
  - There is an opportunity to earn up to **72** points this year!
  - If you foresee a problem in accomplishing this goal, please let us know! We will try our best to accommodate your situation.
  - The Omicron Lambda Chapter of UCF will award a scholarship to a member(s) who earn the most points by the end of the year from attending meetings, participating in community service events and socials!

- **Contacting KDP**
  - We have a new email: kdpinfo@ucf.edu
  - Find us on Facebook: KDP – Kappa Delta Pi @ UCF
  - We will regularly be updating you through e-mail and Facebook, so be sure to add us!

- **KDP Upcoming Meetings**
  - **October 12th**: First Year of Teaching
    - *We will have two first year teachers (Elementary and Middle School), speaking at this meeting.*
    - **2 points for attending!!**
  - **November 9th**: Bullying in our schools
    - *We will be discussing the issues with bullying in our schools and how we can help prevent it from happening in our classroom.*
    - **2 points for attending!!**

- **KDP Events**
  - **October 19th**: New Image Youth Center
    - We will be throwing a Halloween Party for the children at the center!
    - We will have a carpool.
    - Date/Time: 4 to 6pm
  - **November 12th**: Walk Now for Autism
    - We will be volunteering at this event.
    - Specific directions to sign-up for this event will be e-mailed and put on the Facebook group!
    - **5 points for attending events!!**

- **Bears for Hearts**
  - Kappa Delta Pi is helping Bears for Hearts! This year, Bears for Hearts is collecting teddy bears that will be donated to the children at Shands Hospital
in Gainesville. Please help support a great cause!

The teddy bear you donate must be in new, or like new condition. Teddies of all shapes and sizes are welcome! Teddy bears can be brought to meetings or socials. We are giving a maximum of 5 points for 5 or more bears you bring in!

- Bears for Hearts has donated over 1,500 teddy bears to the children at Shands Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House. We appreciate your participation and contributions for this cause!!

• Literacy Alive
  - Literacy Alive! is Kappa Delta Pi’s signature service initiative that invites members to create programs and events in their communities that bring empowering literacy skills to their participants.
  - Throughout the year, we will be collecting new or gently used book to donate to a school. We will be conducting a short lesson and reading to students.
  - This event takes place in April, the date and time will be announced later in the year.
  - 10 books = 5 points (maximum)

• KDP Socials
  - Saturday, September 24th: Bowling at Firkin & Kegler in Waterford
    ▪ 2:30pm
    ▪ Carpool from UCF leaves at 2, meet in front of Einstein’s in the Education Complex.
  - Saturday, October 22nd: Pumpkin Carving
  - Saturday November 19th: Mini-golfing
  - Wednesday, November 30th: Movie/Ice cream Party
  - 2 points for attending Socials!
  - We will be sending further information through Facebook events and e-mails!

• Next meeting October 12 @4:30 TA 304
  - First year teaching