Dear Senior,

Thank you for your interest in the Omicron Delta Kappa Senior of the Year Award. Since the 1920’s, the University of Pittsburgh chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, has recognized one recently graduated or graduating senior who exemplifies leadership of exceptional quality and versatility.

The award recipient will be announced at a special event to honor senior students on Friday, April 28, 2023. Additionally, the award recipient will have their name engraved on a stone in the ODK Leadership Walk between the Cathedral of Learning and Heinz Memorial Chapel.

The purpose of the SENIOR OF THE YEAR award is to:

- Recognize a student for meritorious leadership and extracurricular activities;
- Recognize a student who has developed as a whole person, both as a member of the Pitt community and as a prospective contributor to the greater world;
- Recognize exemplary character, responsible leadership, service in campus and/or community life, scholarship, genuine fellowship, and dedication to democratic ideals;
- Recognize the type of student who the University aspires to produce;
- Inspire others to strive for similar conspicuous attainments.

The application is below and should be accompanied by your academic transcript (unofficial is acceptable), resume, two letters of recommendation (include one from a peer), online submission of the Office of Student Conduct Disciplinary Clearance Form, and a typed, one-page essay (1.5 spacing, Times New Roman) describing why you qualify as Senior of the Year.

All students eligible to graduate April 2023 may apply. You are also eligible to apply if you graduated in December 2022 and plan to walk at the graduation ceremony in April 2023.

Applications are due to Dr. Sarah Popovich by 5pm on Monday, March 13th, 2023 via email to sarahpopovich@pitt.edu.

Please contact me if you have any questions via the same email (sarahpopovich@pitt.edu).

Sarah Popovich, Ed.D.
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University of Pittsburgh
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SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD APPLICATION

First and Last Name:
Local Address:
Zip Code:
Local Phone:
Email Address:
Permanent Address:
Zip Code:
Date Enrolled at Pitt:
Projected Graduation Date:
College/School Enrolled in:
QPA as of the end of the Fall Term 2021:
Completed Credits to date:
Major:
Minor:

Please describe the nature of your:

- Leadership Positions or Initiatives:
- Campus Involvement:
- Academic Recognition:
- Community Service:

Please submit your application responses as a word document along with:
- a COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT,
- RÉSUMÉ,
- 2 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (one of which should be from a peer),
- proof of clearance via online submission of the Office of Student Conduct Disciplinary Clearance Form and
- a TYPED ONE PAGE ESSAY (1.5 spacing, Times New Roman) stating why you should be considered as “SENIOR OF THE YEAR” to via email to Sarah Popovich by Monday, March 13th, 2023 at 5pm.
Recommenders are welcome to submit their letters of recommendation directly to sarahpopovich@pitt.edu. If you have questions, please email Dr. Sarah Popovich at sarahpopovich@pitt.edu.