

# 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.

*From the Constitution of  
Phi Delta Kappa International*



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## Join us for the Annual PDK-USC Stoops Lecture Dinner Meeting

**Friday, January 25, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Vineyard Room: Davidson Conference Center**

**Guest Speaker: Mr. Granger B. Ward**  
Executive Vice President, California and Initiatives for AVID

Inspiration by Adda Serenil, Delegate  
PDK International Summit on Education

To RSVP, see page 3

## Meet the Speaker... Mr. Granger B. Ward



*Granger B. Ward* is the Executive Vice President, California and Initiatives for Avid, Advancement Via Individual Determination, an educational program that focuses on providing access to four-year colleges for educationally disadvantaged, underachieving students. The AVID program is now in 45 states, the District of Columbia, and 15 countries. As AVID's executive Vice President, California, Mr. Ward oversees 11 regional AVID Centers operating and supporting AVID programs in more than 1,500 middle and high schools throughout the state. There are over 130,000 AVID students in the state of California.

Working through the AVID Center, Mr. Ward directs the work of AVID regional directors and the AVID statewide data collection process as well as oversees implementation strategies for the California School Districts offering AVID programs. Additionally he monitors AVID's California Summer Institutes and develops post-secondary connections. Other responsibilities include the expansion of AVID elementary and Urban Initiatives throughout the United States, the supervision of AVID Center's Information Technology Department and overseeing the foundation and grant work for AVID nationwide.

Mr. Ward is a former superintendent of both the Manhattan High Schools in the City of New York and the Grossmont Union High School District in San Diego. A product of public schools, he attended public schools in New York City, receiving his B.S. from the State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse. He received his M.S. from Syracuse University and his Administrative Credential from SUNY at Oswego. Mr. Ward lives with his wife in Cardiff by the Sea, California.



# Member Spotlight



Many thanks to Emery Stoops, Peter Nisotis and Paul Yokota for their dedication to PDK and Happy 105<sup>th</sup> birthday to Emery Stoops.

Dr. Emery Stoops earned his Ed.D. in educational administration and supervision at USC in 1941. He was initiated into the USC Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa in the spring of 1932 and served as president of the chapter from 1936-37. Emery went through the ranks of PDK elected officers and became the only National-International President.

Along with being life long friends, the three share many awards in common: Paul received the Ted Gordon award in 1978, Emery in 1985 and Peter in 1993. Paul received the Service Award in 1964, Peter in 1969 and Emery in 1976. Emery received the Leadership award in 1964, Paul in 1972 and Peter in 1976. Paul was PDK-USC chapter president in 1957-58 and Peter was chapter president in 1962-63. Peter has only missed three meetings in his entire time as a member and all three have attended every Stoops Lecture since its inception. You are such wonderful role models for us.

**Share your Member Spotlight Information!** We would like to hear what you are doing, especially in leadership, research, and service. Send your exciting news to: **Barbara Shannon**, PDK-USC Newsletter Editor, at [bshannon@westridge.org](mailto:bshannon@westridge.org).

**F**rom PDK-USC President, Alexis Sheehy:

Congratulations to all of the USC-PDK members who contributed to the Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation! Our chapter has been recognized by PDK International as the outstanding chapter in Region A with the largest number of good standing members making a gift to the foundation. Because of this achievement, our chapter has earned a \$500 grant which we will use to co-sponsor the New teacher Institute with PDK- San Fernando Valley. At the Stoops Lecture meeting on January 25, 2008, we will have a raffle to support the PDK Foundation. Please join us that evening to hear our dynamic speaker and to support the foundation with your contributions.

Are you making the most of the PDK International web site? As a member you have access to many internet resources provided there. One of them, **Topics & Trends**, is a one-page practitioner-oriented research summary with news you can use. *Topics & Trends* is published on the PDK website on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month August through May. It is free to PDK members.

Our own, Dr. Evelyn Mettoyer-Williams has been welcomed into PDK's George H. Reavis Society. Reavis recognition is limited to those Kappans who have supported the PDK Educational Foundation with total giving of \$1,000 or more.



VP Membership **Lisa Regan** welcomes new PDK-USC initiates (from right to left) Paige McGinty, Michael David Vaughn and President **Alexis Sheehy**.

**PDK-USC needs you!**  
Bring a friend to the next dinner meeting.

Consider running for an office for 2008-09. Please forward your nomination (s) to Alexis Sheehy at [alexissheehy@yahoo.com](mailto:alexissheehy@yahoo.com) or any Board Member. Elections will be held in March.

## **Save The Date!!!**

PDK-USC Dinner Meeting @The Vineyard Room  
(Located in the Davidson Conference Center)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

**DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>.**

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 (Includes parking)  
with this form. It must arrive before Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> to:

PDK-USC Chapter  
c/o Nick Nichols  
24070 Eagle Mountain St.  
West Hills, CA 91304

\*This amount does include parking. Parking is available through Gate #4 off of Jefferson Street.  
**If it is after the deadline, it may not be too late to get your dinner added on. Please call or email Nick at  
(818) 456-9732 or nick.nichols@lausd.net**

## **2007-08 USC Phi Delta Kappa CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### January

**25 – PDK-USC Stoops Lecture Dinner Meeting**  
Davidson Conference Center 6:00 p.m.

**31 – PDK-USC Board Meeting, WPH 900, 5:30 p.m.**

### February

**23 – San Fernando Valley PDK**  
New Teacher Conference

### March

**7 – PDK-USC Dinner Meeting and Elections**  
Davidson Conference Center, 6:00 p.m.

**13 – PDK-USC Board Meeting, WPH 900, 5:30 p.m.**

### May

**2 – PDK-USC Recognition Dinner Meeting**  
Davidson Conference Center 6:00 p.m.

### June

**5 – PDK-USC Board Meeting, WPH 900, 5:30 p.m.**

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/](http://www.usc.edu/about/visit/upc/driving_directions/)

## PDK INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

PDK supports educators who are pursuing graduate degrees in education through several fellowships and awards made available through the Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation and its endowed scholarship program.

**Prospective Educator Scholarships** are for high school seniors intending to major in education and undergraduate members of PDK who are enrolled in a college education program. The submission deadline is February 1.

**Past President Emery Stoops Scholarship** is one of the PDK Scholarship Grants for Prospective Educators. **Dr. Emery Stoops**, international PDK president from 1954-56 and PDK-USC Past President, established this award in 1997 as part of the PDK Educational Foundation. The winner will be chosen by the committee that chooses the other recipients of PDK's Prospective Educator Scholarships, with preference for the scholarship being given to a student who intends to go to the University of Southern California. Deadline is February 1.

**Gerald Howard Read International Travel Scholarships** help offset the cost of traveling through the PDK International Travel Program. Gerald H. Read, a long-time member and PDK benefactor, probably is best known for enabling thousands of Kappans to learn firsthand about education systems around the world. He organized the PDK International Travel Program, leading the first group of Kappans to the Soviet Union in 1961. In 1980 he and his wife, Vicki, established an endowment with the PDK Educational Foundation that provides scholarships for Kappans to participate in the travel program. He also served on PDK's Commission on International Education from 1958 to 1968. Deadlines precede each program.

**R. Gerald Melton Scholarship** is for doctoral study in education administration. Deadline is May 15.

**Ruey H. Witten Fellowship** is for post-baccalaureate study in music education. Deadline is June 1.

**Graduate Fellowships in Educational Leadership** are for members who will be full-time graduate students from 1 July 2007 through 30 June 2008. Deadline is June 1. ↗

PDK mourns the loss of PDK Executive Director Emeritus Lowell C. Rose. Lowell served as PDK's executive director from 1971 through 1995 and ushered in momentous change that made PDK the organization it is today. After retiring, Lowell continued to co-direct the PDK/Gallup Poll with Alec Gallup. Donations may be made to the Lowell C. and Mary J. Rose Endowment Scholarship Fund.

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