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# Awards highlight endeavors of NKU student groups

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This is Elizabeth Osborne's view of college life without student organizations: Parking lot, class, parking lot.

To recognize groups that keep life at Northern Kentucky University interesting, the Student Organization Celebration Awards - in categories such as membership development and outstanding programs - were given to student associations.

Seven awards were presented to outstanding individuals.

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The awards were sponsored by the Office of Student Life.

"We started the awards program nine years ago to recognize the achievements of our organizations in both areas. The first year we had about 40 students attend the program that has now grown to over 400 students attending the SOC each year," said Betty Mulkey, director of Student Life.

Organizations either submit applications for the awards or are nominated by other student groups.

"A panel of judges reads every application - over 200 - and score the applications based on how well the groups meet the criteria. The scores are then provided to the panel, and they meet to discuss the merits of each groups' application. From this they develop a list of three finalists and a winner in each category," Mulkey said.

Kappa Delta sorority, of which Osborne serves as treasurer, won the leadership development award.

"We have only been on NKU's campus since 2003. We are the newest sorority here. In that short amount of time we have grown so much. This year is the second year in a row that we've received a merit award, which is a great honor," Osborne said.

A complete list of award winners can be found on the NKU Web site at [www.nkustudentlife.org/index.php?p=news](http://www.nkustudentlife.org/index.php?p=news).

Some other recognized groups were the Ebony Fire Dance Team, Jewish Student Organization and the Golden Key Honor Society.

"Research shows that 44 percent of our freshmen are involved in



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Members of Kappa Delta sorority at NKU were one of several student groups recognized with a Student Organization Celebration Award last week.

co-curricular activities, and of our seniors, 53 percent were or currently are a member of a student organization," Mulkey said. "For a predominantly commuter campus, this is a significant number."

"I've only been at NKU since the fall of 2004, so I haven't been around to see much change. However, I think that each year more and more students get involved," Osborne said.

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