

Building Ties to KDP

PROGRAMS

1. Find out what members are interested in so your chapter can provide programs that meet those interests. Use comment cards, sign-up sheets, or an interest survey.
2. Create a mentor program—pair members with initiates or graduates with undergraduates.
3. Hold social/networking events: ice cream social, pizza party, or movie night.
4. Educate members about the resources on the Web site so that, if they do move away, they still can access KDP resources (online user's guide).
5. Show members where they can obtain help finding a job (career assistance area and mock interview program online).
6. Hold a service program in the classroom or school of a KDP alumni member.
7. Offer refreshments/snacks whenever possible.

RECOGNITION

1. "Above and Beyond" award: for those members who are always there and willing to do whatever they can to help out.
2. "Service to Chapter" certificate: for committees or members who complete a successful event and, in so doing, promoted/grew the identity of the chapter.
3. KDP pins (monogram pin or badge): special recognition for any member who has contributed to the success of the chapter in some way.
4. Officer pins: specific officer pins are available for every official officer position.
5. Student Teacher Send-off: program recognizing and supporting those students who are beginning their student teaching experience.
6. Incorporate a recognition piece into each member meeting; a public thank-you goes a long way.
7. Honor KDP members in the classroom by baking and delivering cookies/goodies to their school or classroom.

COMMUNICATION

1. Have members personally invite initiates to attend a meeting with them.
2. Distribute a phone/e-mail list of the officers and general members.
3. Create a chapter bulletin board to post upcoming events and contact information.
4. Keep members informed with an electronic monthly newsletter. Post a copy on the chapter bulletin board for additional visibility (newsletter template available online).
5. Send e-mails informing members of the next meeting or program and encourage them to attend, giving as much advance notice as possible.
6. Spread the name of your KDP chapter by creating chapter pencils, notepaper, T-shirts, etc.
7. Have professors announce upcoming KDP programs or meetings in class.

