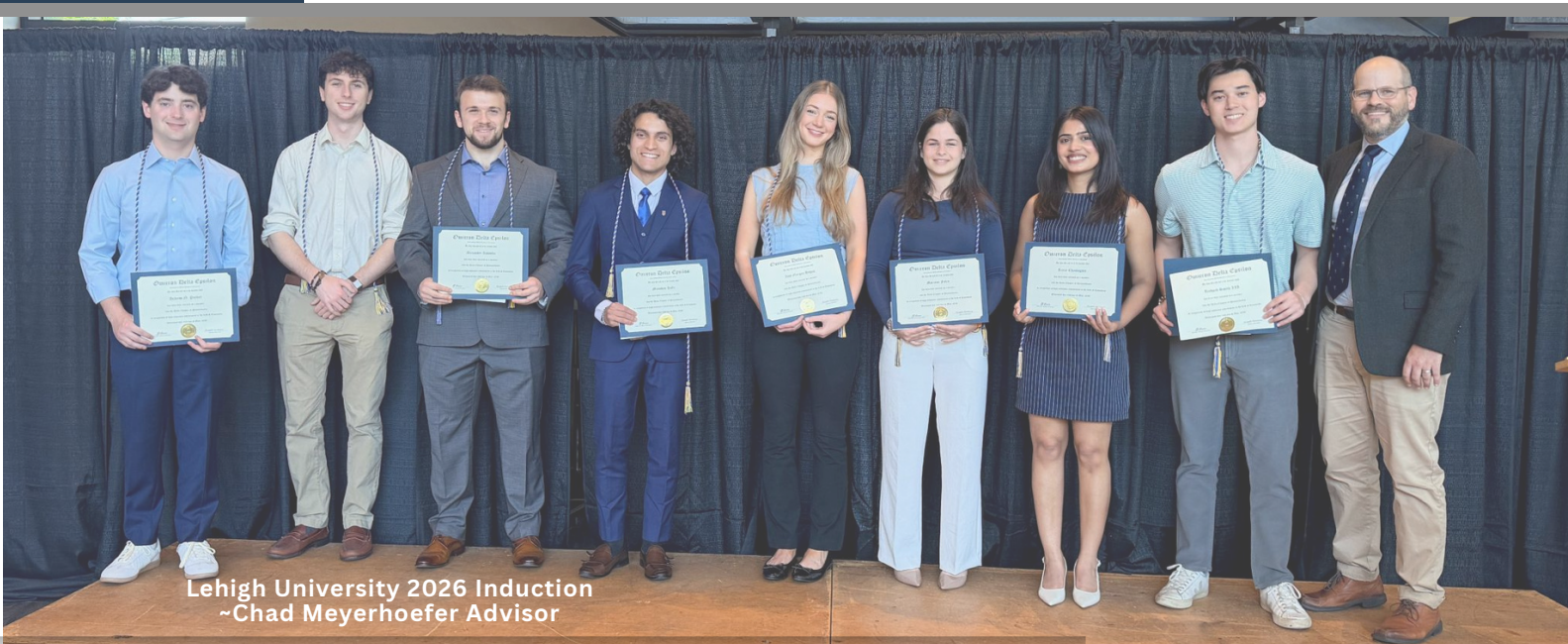




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NEWSLETTER



Lehigh University 2026 Induction
~Chad Meyerhoefer Advisor

Calendar and Deadlines

October 31: Chapter grant applications for Spring 2027 due. We offer chapter grants of up to \$1,000 for conference presentations, guest speakers, and more. Follow this link for more information.

December 19-January 11: Central Office closed for ordinary business.

January 3-5: ASSA Meetings. Join us January 4 for our graduate student research paper session, our faculty advisor session, and the faculty advisor reception.

Advisor Promo Kit Now Available

Wondering how to promote ODE membership in your department? Your central office team has assembled a digital Promo Kit that contains templates for posters, handouts, flyers, and email announcements that you can use to advertise the organization and celebrate the achievements of your best and brightest. [Download your media kit here!](#)

New Awards

After a long run, the ODE International Executive Board has voted to discontinue the Distinguished Chapter Advisor award, beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year. It will be replaced by two new Outstanding Chapter awards, both awarded annually.

The Outstanding Chapter Award: Community will recognize chapters that foster a strong sense of community among economics students and/or contribute meaningfully to their campus or broader community.

The Outstanding Chapter Award: Scholarship will be awarded to the chapter that best promotes academic excellence and deepens students' engagement with economics as a scholarly discipline.

Applications for these new awards will open in the spring, and will be due June 30. We'll be sending a reminder by email in the spring, and will be updating the website to reflect these new awards soon.



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ASSA Events

This year, ODE is sponsoring ASSA research sessions for graduate students and for faculty advisors.

Graduate Research Session and Award

Four graduate students have been selected to present their original research at the 2027 ASSA meetings. This year's presenters are: **Ari Kamau, Howard University**; Nara Chung, Colorado State University; Zhengrui Cheng, Georgetown University; and Sandra Amoh, New Mexico State University. Each will receive a \$500 Benjamin Freidman travel grant to help defray the cost of attending the conference. Please join us for what promises to be an outstanding session!

The winner of this year's Graduate Research Award will be chosen from these four session participants, and will be announced at the ODE Advisor Reception later that evening.

Faculty Advisor Session

Every other year, ODE sponsors an ASSA research session reserved exclusively for our chapter advisors. This year, our four faculty presenters are Xinyan Shi, University of North Carolina-Pembroke; Aleksandr Gevorkyan, St. John's University; Joy Buchanan, Samford University; and Corissa Marson, University of Minnesota-Duluth. We invite you to join us for this session, and we invite you to take advantage of the opportunity to present in San Diego in 2029!

Mentorship Program

Are your students worried about navigating the job market or their early career arc?

ODE has partnered with Ambition In Motion to bring career mentoring opportunities to our members. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

One student mentee writes,

"The program provided valuable guidance, meaningful mentorship, and practical resources that helped me grow both personally and professionally. I would highly recommend the program to anyone looking to build confidence, expand their network, and gain real-world insight."

We have opportunities for both mentors and mentees. Please encourage both your students and recent graduates to participate . . . or sign up to be a mentor, yourself! Registration runs through September 28, and the program begins on the 29th. For more information, [follow this link](#).

Faculty Advisor Reception

At each year's ASSA meetings, ODE hosts a reception to celebrate our chapter advisors. At this year's reception, we'll announce the winner of the Graduate Research Award and the Szenberg Prize for the best article in *The American Economist*. There's always great food, even better company, and plenty of drink; if you're in DC for the meetings, come join us!

Reactivate Your Chapter Now!

Has it been a while since you've inducted new members? Make sure your students receive the recognition they've earned by reactivating your chapter! A simple email to the ODE Central Office will get the ball rolling. We are here to help you help your students!

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QR Code to LinkedIn

ODE maintains a vibrant social media presence. Connect with us on LinkedIn to share, in real time, the opportunities available and the successes of our members.



Recruit a Co-Advisor!

Feeling a bit overwhelmed by work? Don't be afraid to ask for help! A co-advisor can help with the workload and provide continuity for the organization in your department.

Both faculty and staff can be co-advisors—all it takes is an email to the central office. Recruit yours today!