



# ALPHA KAPPA MU NEWSLETTER NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

"The scholar is the delegated intellect  
HE is MAN THINKING."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson  
"The American Scholar"

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## Dorsey Elected 20th President of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society



At the Sixty-First National Convention of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society Hosted by the Alpha Gamma Chapter at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, Dr. Francis E. Dorsey, Director of Region VIII, Advisor to Mu Mu Chapter and Associate Professor in the Department of Pan-African Studies at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, was elected 20th President of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society.

Dr. Dorsey received an A.A. degree in education from Gloucester County College, the Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Communication from Morgan State University, the Master of Arts degree in Communication from the State University of

New York at Buffalo and the Ph. D. degree in Rhetoric and Communication from Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

Employed at Kent State University since 1981, Dr. Dorsey has held positions such as Interim Departmental Chair to Counselor Coordinator, Upward Bound Program; and Artistic Director, African Community Theatre. Additionally, Dr. Dorsey has served and/or is serving on Boards, including, but not limited to, the National Association

for Black Cultural Centers, Reflections in Black Museum (Northfield, Ohio) and J. D. O'Bryant African American Institute, Northeastern University (Boston, MA).

A lover of the Theatre, Dr. Dorsey has served as Guest Director for numerous productions throughout Ohio in Columbus, Cleveland, Lorain, Akron, Warrensville Heights, and Kent. At Kent State University's African Community Theater, Dr. Dorsey directed/presented 50 productions and 18 touring productions. He has made numerous presentations at conferences, universities and in the community at churches, high schools, etc.

Inducted as a member of Pi Lambda Psi Chapter at Morgan State University in 1974, Dr. Dorsey was appointed as advisor to Mu Mu Chapter in 1985 at Kent State University and Region Director of Alpha Kappa Mu Region VIII.

Some of the awards that Dr. Dorsey has received include the following: Distinguished Teacher Award, Nominated for Governor's Award for the Arts, Ohio; Advisor of the Month, Creative Contribution Award, and Alumni Silver Anniversary Circle of Success.

Dr. Dorsey will serve as President as Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society celebrates 75 years of academic service, acknowledging the academic achievement of thousands of students. Dr. Dorsey is married to Marlene Dorsey (an Alpha Kappa Mu Member) and the father of two sons (one son, Jelani O. Dorsey is also a member of Alpha Kappa Mu).

## Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society Members Meet At Lincoln University In Jefferson City, Missouri For The 61st National Convention (12th Biennial Meeting)

The Sixty-First National Convention (12 Biennial Meeting) of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, Incorporated was held last year in Jefferson City, Missouri with Alpha Gamma Chapter on the campus of Lincoln University serving as host. The theme for the convention was "The Scholar Today: Problems and Promises."

The program provided a variety of sessions and discussions centered on themes of importance and interest to the attendees. In addition, the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society Executive Committee met in several sessions throughout the Convention to discuss Alpha Kappa Mu business and directives.

Presenters for the sessions included Mr. Matthew Younger, Ms. Beth Adkins, and Dr. Titus Brown. Ms. Shartia Brantley, an Alpha Kappa Mu member and CNBC Segment Producer, served as the Keynote Luncheon Speaker. Dr. Carolyn R. Mahoney, President of Lincoln University, served as Banquet Speaker.

The Lincoln University Dance Troupe served as entertainment for the George E. Loder/John W. Riley Cultural Event. This event honors two members of Alpha Kappa Mu who served faithfully for many years. A Necrology Ceremony was held to remember those Alpha Kappa Mu members who had passed since the last convention. Those remembered included Daniel D. Steward and Jessica L. Oetting members of Alpha Gamma Chapter, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri.

At the Banquet, the two George W. Gore/Thomas J. Crawford Scholarship winners were named—Ms. Carrie Dewberry, North Carolina A & T State University, Greensboro, NC, Gamma Tau Chapter (Mrs. Sandra Williamson, Advisor) and Ms. Neema Hooker, Claflin College, Orangeburg, SC, Alpha Theta Chapter (Dr. Caroletta Shuler, Advisor). Also honored at the Banquet were Dr. Ann Harris, outgoing

President of Alpha Kappa Mu and Dean of Arts and Letters at Lincoln University. The new officers of Alpha Kappa Mu elected at the Sixty-First Convention are Dr. Francis Dorsey, President, Kent State University; Ms. Krishula Edwards, Florida A and M University, Vice President; Dr. Titus Brown, Florida A and M University, Historian; Dr. Ann Harris, Convention Secretary, Lincoln University; Mr. Kristian Holmes, Assist Secretary, and Mrs. Barbara Golphin, Director of Public Relations. Members of the Executive Council include: Mrs. Marlene Robinson, Xavier University; Dr. Ann W. Morris, Greenwood, South Carolina; and Dr. Ann Harris, Lincoln University. Regional Directors include Mrs. Penny Speas, Bennett College; Dr. Sandra Williamson, North Carolina A and T. State University; Mr. Alvin Seals, Kentucky State University; Mrs. Jeraldine W. Walker, Fort Valley State University; Dr. Barbara J. P. Washington, Mississippi Valley State University; Dr. T. Bernard Clayton, Wiley College; and Dr. Francis Dorsey, Kent State University.

Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society is a general scholarship honor society open to junior and senior men and women in all academic disciplines. It was founded at Tennessee A & I College (Now Tennessee State University) in Nashville on November 26, 1937. Alpha Kappa Mu was admitted to membership in the Association of College Honor Societies (ASCHS) in 1952 and was incorporated on September 7, 1977, under the laws of the State of South Carolina. The national office of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society is located in Albany, GA.

The Association of College Honor Societies is dedicated to its 67-member council, which builds cohesive communities for national and international honor societies that exhibit excellence in scholarship, service and governance. The national office is located in East Lansing, Michigan. Alpha Kappa Mu was recertified by ACHS in 2010.

# From the Desk of the National Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society has been in existence for 75 years. We thank the advisors for the services that they render allowing our students to receive recognition of their academic achievement. It is up to us to ensure that Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society remains visible and viable for another 75 years!!! We are depending on the advisors for our survival. If the advisors don't hold and report inductions, provide scholarly activities/events on your campus, then how will we be known.

## HAPPY SEVENTY-FIFTH (75TH) BIRTHDAY TO OUR CHAPTERS CHARTERED IN 1937:

ALPHA EPSILON, BENNETT COLLEGE, GREENSBORO, NC  
 MRS. PENNY SPEAS, ADVISOR, GAMMA TAU, NORTH CAROLINA A & T UNIVERSITY, GREENSBORO, NC  
 MRS. SANDREA WILLIAMSON, ADVISOR, PHI BETA TAU, TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TN  
 BETA TAU EPSILON, TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY, TUSKEGEE, AL  
 DR. LORETTA S, BURNS, ADVISOR, ALPHA DELTA SIGMA, WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY, INSTITUTE, WV  
 DR. SONYA ARMSTRONG, ADVISOR

Please note the following information.

### **Timely Submission of Inductions**

Please submit inductions as soon after induction as possible. Some students are inquiring about certificates, membership cards, and keys, and I don't have any records of their inductions. Remember in order to be an **OFFICIAL member, all fees and information must be submitted to the National Office.**

### **Remittance Forms**

Please submit only one copy.

**Gore-Crawford Scholarship** Congratulations to the 2011 Gore-Crawford Scholarship Winners. They are:

Carrie Dewberry	North Carolina A & T	Mrs. Sandra Williamson, Advisor
Neema Hooker*	Clafin University	Dr. Caroletta Schuler, Advisor

\*Ms. Hooker has enrolled at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC.

### **61st National Convention and 12th Biennial Meeting - April 6-9, 2011**

Thanks to Dr. Ann Harris, chapter members, and administrators at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri for hosting an outstanding Convention.

### **The 2011 Convention**

Chapters in attendance at the convention were as follows:

Alpha Iota Chapter, Albany State University, Albany, GA  
 Kappa Iota Chapter, Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, FL  
 Mu Mu, Kent State University, Kent, OH  
 Kappa Nu, Kentucky State University, Frankfort, KY

Alpha Gamma, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, MO  
 Gamma Tau, North Carolina A & T State University, Greensboro, NC  
 Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter, West Virginia State University, Institute, WV  
 Kappa Mu, Wiley College, Marshall, TX

Officers in attendance, not representing a chapter were:

Dr. Mollie Brown, Executive Secretary-Treasurer	Dr. Titus Brown, Historian
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### **62nd National Convention and 13th Biennial Meeting - March or April, 2013**

We will be celebrating our 75th Anniversary at this meeting. All chapters should start making plans now to be in attendance. (Read your Constitution Bylaws, Article II, Section 8B as it relates to representation at National Conventions.)

### **National Program Commemorating 75 Years - November 2012**

Scholarly Activity: Speak to Freshman Orientation Classes on the Importance of Scholarship Service Project: Adopt a Local High School Honor Society

### **Chapter Tax**

The Chapter Tax is \$25. The fiscal year for Alpha Kappa Mu is March 1 through February 28. Dues are due for 2011-2012, if you haven't already paid. Please use the form from the National Office.

### **Alpha Kappa Mu Newsletter**

Please submit information on the activities of your chapter to Mrs. Barbara Golphin via email at [BLMGO3@bellsouth.net](mailto:BLMGO3@bellsouth.net). Issues of the Newsletter are available at our website.

**FINALLY, IF ALPHA KAPPA MU IS TO SURVIVE - I CAN'T DO IT BY MYSELF, I NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

**Dr. Mollie B. Brown**

## Alpha Kappa Mu National Officers

<b>Founder</b> Dr. George W. Gore, Jr. (Deceased)	<b>Executive Secretary-Treasurer</b> Dr. Mollie B. Brown 324 Enterprise Drive Albany, Georgia 31705	<b>Convention Reporter</b> To be Elected from the Host Chapter Student Representative from Region VII	Dr. Ann W. Morris 101 Longwood Lane Greenwood, South Carolina 29646	Mr. Alvin Seals, Region III Kappa Nu Kentucky State University Frankfort, Kentucky 40601	Dr. T. Bernard Clayton, Region VII Kappa Mu Wiley College Marshall, Texas 75670
<b>Executive Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus</b> Mr. Thomas J. Crawford, Jr. (Deceased)	<b>Convention Secretary</b> Dr. Ann Harris, Alpha Gamma Lincoln University Jefferson City, Missouri 65101	<b>Historian</b> Dr. Titus Brown, Kappa Iota Florida A & M University Tallahassee, Florida 32307	<b>Regional Directors</b> Dr. Penny Speas, Region I Alpha Epsilon Bennett College Greensboro, North Carolina 27405	Region IV - VACANT	Dr. Francis Dorsey, Region VIII Mu Mu Kent State University Kent, Ohio 44242
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 State College  
 (Tennessee State University)  
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## Mu Zeta Chapter Inducts 42 New Members



*New Members of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, Mu Zeta Chapter*

The Mu Zeta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society held its 2011 spring semester induction ceremony in the New Student Center on the campus of Norfolk State University (NSU). Forty-two honor students were inducted into Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society as they accepted the AKM charge. The Mu Zeta student officers, James Reed, President, and Miss Iffat Sanderlin, Vice President shared in presiding over the induction ceremony to present the new inductees. Also on hand to conduct the ceremony activities were Dr. Mamie Johnson, advisor, along with the special guest, Dr. Kim Luckes, Acting President of Norfolk State University (and former member of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society), Dr. Sasha Johnson-Coleman, and Damani Drew, Co-Advisors. The AKM hymn was rendered by Mrs. Geraldine Boone, a former AKM member. Congratulations to the newest Mu Zeta Chapter members: Anne A. Allen, junior, Biology; Sarah D. Anthony, junior, Sociology; Charlotte V. Armstead, junior, Kinesiotherapy; Calvin L. Armstrong, Jr., junior, Physical Education; Malik B. Baynes, junior, Computer Science; Naemah J. Brooks, junior, Elementary Education; Ebony S. Brown, junior, Mass Communication/Journalism; Latiece R. Brown, junior, Mass Communication/Journalism; Judellia S. Cole, junior, English; Sarah O. Daily, junior, Biology/Pre-Medical; Amber L. Davis, junior, Social Work; Jadore A. Douglas, junior, Biology; Clarence R. Edmonds, II, junior, Computer Engineering; Celina M. Emano, junior, Business-Marketing; April S. Falconer, junior, Biology/Pre-Professional; Jasmine M. Frazier, junior, Business/Finance; Jasmine L. Gallop, junior, Business/Finance; Dana M. Hayes, senior, Optical Engineering; Adrienne M. Haynes, junior, Computer Science; Charmaine N. Howze, junior, Business/Entrepreneurship; Darryl E. Hylton, Jr., junior, Elementary Education/Mathematics; Precious J. Johnson, junior, Interdisciplinary Studies; Mailene L. King, junior, Biology/Pre-Medical; Wardenia J. Lassiter, junior, Interdisciplinary Studies; Aaron L. Laughton, junior, Electronics Engineering; Camilla N. Major, junior, Health Services Management; Willie T. Marsh, junior, Mass Communication/Journalism; James E. Mason, junior, Accounting; Ashley R. McBride, junior, Psychology; Shenita J. Perry, junior, Political Science; Diedra B. Robinson, junior, Fine Arts; Kendra S. Robinson, junior, Biology; Anita V. Scales, junior, Pre-Professional Biology/Chemistry minor; Bettina Y. Scales, junior, History; Stefon J. Simmons, junior, Business Management; Deshaye P. Stone, junior, Political Science; Chengetayi M. Tsapayi, senior, Accounting; Francis T. Ward, junior, Business Management; Jeremy L. Wilson, junior, Music Education; Whitney C. Wilson, junior, History; Naiyma A. Wright, junior, Fine Arts/Graphic Design; and Yeabsira G. Zewde, junior, Political Science/History. The induction ceremony was well attended by parents and family members, students, faculty, and administrators of Norfolk State University.

Other activities the AKM students participated in at NSU were the U.S. Constitution Day event sponsored by Dr. Amelia Ross-Hammond, Director, Service-Learning and Civic Engagement, as well as the Annual NSU Spartans' Homecoming Parade. Both activities were held in the fall of 2011.

## Spreading Panther Pride Through Alpha Kappa Mu



Hello Alpha Kappa Muans!!! Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society is back on the prestige campus of Virginia Union University. In August of 2010 the Kappa Eta Chapter was reinstated and our panthers quickly took advantage of this great honor into membership. We had our first Induction Ceremony in October 2010 at our university chapel. News about Alpha Kappa Mu quickly spread across campus and we had huge interest in our organization.

The Kappa Eta Chapter's momentum has not slowed down. We are doing and planning big things for the 2011 fall and spring semester. We have recruited new inductees and are planning another Induction Ceremony for late November. In early October we helped spread Panther Pride at our University's Homecoming 2011. Our Vice President, Lashae Henry, and new inductee, Corey Barnett, represented us in the Homecoming Royal Court as Mr. & Miss Alpha Kappa Mu. Meanwhile our other officers, members, and advisor participated in the homecoming parade.



To end the fall semester Kappa Eta is planning to help our community in the Metro-Richmond Area by raising funds and volunteering for the Virginia Food Bank. We are working hard and living by the principles from the oath that we all took into membership. To start off our spring semester Kappa Eta will be introducing a mentoring program to encourage freshmen and sophomore students with AKM potential to study hard and work toward becoming official AKM's in their junior year. This will be part of the University's effort to aid in the retention of students. We will be partnering with other organizations and academic departments to get this program off the ground. There is excitement throughout Virginia Union's historical campus. Our "hallowed grounds and dear old walls" are being shaking up with new scholastic hope and advancing academic opportunities.

We want to extend warm Panther greetings to the other chapters and ask you all to keep in touch with us. Kappa Eta is now on Twitter and Facebook; make sure you follow and like us.



## Reflections – By: Beth Adkins of Lincoln University

I joined the Alpha Gamma chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu in the spring of 2006, and it has been a big part of my life up to the time of my graduation in the fall of 2008, and even up to now as I've come back a few times to help out with events. Alpha Kappa Mu holds a special place in my heart. I was fortunate enough to attend two Alpha Kappa Mu conventions while I was in school. I attended the 2006 Region Three convention in Kentucky, hosted by the Kappa Nu Chapter at Kentucky State University. We were warmly welcomed and enjoyed a great luncheon with the keynote speaker Dr. Ricky L. Jones, who gave a very engaging speech about responsibility on campus. I was also able to attend the 2008 National Convention in North Carolina hosted by the Gamma Tau Chapter of North Carolina AT&T State University and the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Bennet College from Greensboro, North Carolina. It was pretty exciting to have so many chapters represented there. Having chapters come together for both Regional and National Conventions is inspiring for me. Coming together to focus on Alpha Kappa Mu and what it is and what it stands for, instills a greater sense of allegiance to the organization; or at least it did for me. There's a greater sense of history and tradition at conventions. Those were mountain-top-like experiences, but there were many good experiences here with the Alpha Gamma Chapter.

We have worked together and played together, bonded by honor and academic excellence. We worked together to sponsor a clothing drive for those that were hit hard by mother nature in Southern Missouri. We've earned funds for our chapter by working concession stands at sporting events on campus, while wearing our "Knowledge Is Power" t-shirts. One of the biggest fundraisers we held was a rummage sale. Members donated items to sell, set up the items outside of the Jason Gymnasium, and posted signs around the area for the rummage sale. It was a fun experience. Some members decided to model some of the clothes and use the items, like a giant crayon, to direct potential buyers into the sale. It was a very entertaining day of work. We also helped others because the things that didn't sell, were donated to the Salvation Army. It was overall a very satisfying undertaking. We've participated in homecoming parades and even earned trophies in the process. We've had some very good times, and I personally, have learned a lot by being in this organization. I've learned that it is true that you get out of something what you put into it. I committed myself to this organization while I was in school and because of that it still means a lot to me now. When I was president, I learned a great deal about communication and how important it is to make sure everyone knows what's going on so they have the opportunity to be involved. As a member, I learned how important it is just to be at the meetings, because you never know when there might be a need that you can fill. And again that's putting something into the organization. When you do that, you will reap the benefits, whether the benefits are the sense of belonging or family you feel, the contacts you make, or any number of things.

An honor society is not just any organization. The difference is right there in the title, honor. We were able to join Alpha Kappa Mu because of our high standards of excellence for our academic careers. That is an honorable thing. I would also guess that the majority of us don't just hold ourselves to high standards academically, but also in every area of our lives. We strive to be good children to our parents, good friends, workers, citizens, essentially people of honor. These are characteristics we had before joining the honor society, but as members of the Alpha Kappa Mu, we are reminded and encouraged to "keep on keeping on", to continue to live honorable lives, and to encourage those around us to do the same. The beauty of an honor society is that it is a community of people living honorable lives. When we're together we know we're with a group of people that are like-minded when it comes to academics and a general life of honor. That can be a very inspiring environment. It can be a great place to develop new ideas and find ways to enhance your life and the lives of those around you.

You can enhance the lives of others in many ways. You can set up and run drives for charitable organizations. You can donate your time and even choose opportunities that allow you to encourage education, like volunteering at an adult learning center or reading to small children. There are many ways to enhance the lives of others, even your fellow AKM members. You can keep them informed of opportunities you come across that might be of interest, such as events happening in the community, internships, or even job openings. Alpha Kappa Mu is a good place to put your networking skills to work because Muans are people who are going somewhere. They're not going to let their lives slip under a sofa cushion - that's not why they're in school, and it's certainly not why they're in Alpha Kappa Mu. Two of my very best friends were members and active participants in the organization. There are some good people in this organization, and I highly recommend you to get to know some of them. Not just in a "hi and bye" sort of way as you see them at meetings. If you find that difficult, set up some social events just for members, so you can have fun and get to know each other better.

Our chapter car pooled our way to Columbia Missouri one night and went to a place that had food and games like skee-ball, air hockey—just to socialize together. Another activity that included non AKM members was a game night. We played "old school" games like Guess Who; but it was fun and we distributed prizes. We drew names out of a hat; it wasn't based on game-play ability, or let's face it, only AKM members would have won. We had a great time, and I think it was a bonding experience for the members. I think being in different kinds of situations with people help you build relationships with them. Being a part of Alpha Kappa Mu can also enhance your own life. You can draw inspiration from the people around you, make life-long friends, experience things that teach you skills that will carry-over to your career, like teamwork, communication, and problem solving. Depending on the programs you put on, you might meet people that you wouldn't normally run into, strike up a conversation, and wind up with a great contact. You never know—they may have a contact that will want to hire you when graduate. Honor societies are beneficial to the members and those helped by the organization; but I think the benefits go even further in ways that might not be seen. I think the existence of honor societies give hope. It gives me hope to know there are others who care about education and excellence and not just Charlie Sheen and Lindsay Lohan. This world is in need of people with higher standards. If we didn't have honor societies like Alpha Kappa Mu to encourage us to continue striving for the best and right things in life, it would be easier for us to slip down to mediocre standards. That's a bad thing not only for ourselves but also for the world as a whole.

Every human being leaves a footprint on this world, whether you can see it or not. Our very existence has an effect on many different lives. The things we say, the things we do, the things we don't say, and the things we don't do affect people in some way. That's the true benefit of honor societies; they encourage us to leave a positive footprint on this world, whether it can be seen or just felt. I am thankful for honor societies. I am thankful for Alpha Kappa Mu. I am thankful to Dr. Harris for getting the Alpha Gamma chapter active again at Lincoln University. I am thankful for my experiences in Alpha Kappa Mu. I am thankful for getting to share my love of AKM with you, and I am so, so, thankful for all of you being here. I hope you are feeling the excitement that I did when I went to the conventions with the pride of the organization and the desire to bring back even a little of that feeling to your fellow chapter members. I wish you all well in Alpha Kappa Mu and in leaving positive footprints on the world.

— Presented at the 61st National Convention In Jefferson City, Missouri

### Forty Students Inducted at Mississippi Valley State University

Members of the Mu Delta Chapter inducted eight undergraduate and 32 graduate students. Dr. Barbara J. P. Washington, advisor, presided during the ceremony. Scholar Connie Hearn assisted Dr. Washington. Mrs. Jessie Tramiel, Director of First Year Experience, also assisted with the induction. Dr. Washington read the "Official Charge to Membership."

Following the recognition of guests of the new inductees, the official hand shake was revealed to the new AKMu scholars. Lastly, the AKMu Hymn was sung, and all participants, guests, and inductees enjoyed specially prepared refreshments.

The officers for the 2011-2012 academic year are Jelisa Taybron, President; Reshunda Curry, Vice President; and Rickey Raine, Secretary. The group meets monthly on the third Wednesday. The community service projects include adopting the local Food Pantry and "Angels" from the Christmas Angel Tree.



The prospective inductees wait to be marshaled to begin the ceremony.



Mrs. Connie Hearn pins a Scholar Rickey Raine (secretary) while another scholar signs her name in the AK Mu Book.



Mrs. Jessie Tramiel pins a Scholar.

### AKM Fiscal Year and Chapter Tax

The Fiscal Year for Alpha Kappa Mu is March 1st through February 28th. The Annual Chapter Tax, \$25, for the Fiscal Year ending February 28, 2013 is due to the National Office.

Please make check payable to Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society and mail to:

**Dr. Mollie B. Brown**  
National Executive Secretary Treasurer  
Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society  
324 Enterprise Drive,  
Albany, Georgia 31705

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE SET

Please submit your articles and photographs to the e-mail address [BLMGO3@bellsouth.net](mailto:BLMGO3@bellsouth.net) by Monday, October 15, 2012.

# Report of The Scholarship Committee

The George W. Gore/Thomas J. Crawford Scholarship materials were emailed and or mailed to all active chapters by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The application package included guidelines, application blank, and nomination blank. All packages were evaluated using the following point system approved at the 1991 Convention.

a. Application (Includes Plan of Operation)	20 points
b. Nomination	20 points
c. Transcript (official)	10 points
d. Letters of Recommendation	10 points
e. Graduate Exams (Prorated According to the Norms)	20 points
f. Grade-point average (Cumulative)	20 points
4.00	20 points
3.90 – 3.70	18 points
3.60 – 3.30	15 points

## 2010 Competition

Three chapters submitted complete application packets in a timely manner. Congratulations to the chapters and applicants. The results are as follows:

Applicant	School	Points Earned	Rank
Melbalynn B. Fisher	Florida A & M Univ	83	1
Racquel Kristie-Kay Whyte	Claffin University	80	2
Amanda Williams	Xavier University	75	3

## 2011 Competition

Four chapters submitted completed application packets in a timely manner. Congratulations to the chapters and applicants. The results are as follows:

Applicant	School	Points Earned	Rank
Carrie Dewberry	North Carolina A & T	93	1
Neema Hooker	Claffin University	91	2
Tyree D. Mitchell	Hampton University	86	3
Lashira M. Williams	Virginia Union Univ.	84	4

## Congratulations to:

### Carrie Dewberry

Gamma Tau Chapter  
North Carolina A & T State University, Greensboro, NC  
Mrs. Sandra Williamson, Advisor

Major: Elementary Education  
Plans: To earn a master's degree in Learning, Diversity and Urban Studies from the Peabody College at Vanderbilt University. To apply skills in an urban school as a teacher.  
Universities: Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN - Admitted  
Columbia University, New York, NY

### Neema Hooker

Alpha Theta Chapter  
Claffin University, Orangeburg, SC  
Dr. Caroletta Schuler, Advisor

Major: Biochemistry  
Plans: To become a Physician  
University: Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC - Admitted  
As in previous years, each award winner is required to:

1. Notify the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of mailing address upon entering graduate school for the current fall term. A deadline date is set.
2. Request the registrar or dean of his/her graduate or professional school to verify registration for the current fall term. A deadline date is set.

3. The award is forfeited if the awardee is not registered as a full-time graduate student carrying a full graduate or professional course load. The checks are mailed by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer which thereby necessitates that the same person is aware of recipient's current mailing address and grade reports.

Please note that documents should be **OFFICIAL** from the Office of the Registrar of the Institution concerned. Request the registrar's office to mail required information to Dr. Mollie B. Brown the National Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, 324 Enterprise Drive, Albany, GA 31705; telephone number-(229) 432-5476; e-mail address: [mbs03bs@mchsi.com](mailto:mbs03bs@mchsi.com).

A recipient who fails to enter graduate or professional school by the fall term of the award year forfeits the award. It is, therefore, customary that the recipients notify the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of non-acceptance of an award or change of plan of approach.

We encourage all chapters to submit an application for the Gore/Crawford Scholarship. Please note the following. **Letters of recommendation** should speak to skills perceived as necessary to do graduate work, not participation in extracurricular activities. **The Basis for Nomination** should be a brief statement including nominee's need, scholarly achievement, vocational plans, extra class activities and campus, community, involvement, etc. **Scholarship Application** - The applicant should give a description of his/her career plans with special emphasis on how this scholarship will aid the plans.

Respectfully submitted,

**THE GEORGE W. GORE, JR. / THOMAS J. CRAWFORD  
GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

## A Look At . . .

### Muan Shartia Brantley, a CNBC Segment Producer

Shartia Brantley pitches segments relating to the biggest financial news of the day as a segment producer on CNBC's *Street Signs*. She books CEOs, elected officials, market strategists and economists, conducts research, and gathers visual elements for broadcast.

In addition to producing, Ms. Brantley anchors CNBC market updates for NBC affiliates and has appeared on MSNBC, *Wake Up With Al*, CNBC Europe, Asia, and India. She also anchors a weekly CNBC market update for the Grio.com and interviews executives and entertainers for the site.

Ms. Brantley moved to New York in 2006 to pursue her passion for journalism. While at The Journalism School at Columbia University, she interned at *CBS Evening News Weekend Edition*. She was a Kaiser media health intern at BET before joining the NBC News Associates program with rotations at *The Today Show*, *Nightly News with Brian Williams* and CNBC.

Prior to becoming a journalist, Ms. Brantley worked at UPS in supply chain management and new product development. She later joined Accenture as a senior supply chain consultant and served clients in the retail, government and utility sectors.

She has an M.S. degree from The Journalism School at Columbia University. Ms. Brantley earned her M.B.A. with a concentration in Operations & Logistics Management from The Ohio State University. She holds a bachelors degree in Accounting from Albany State University where she was inducted into Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. She also spoke at the luncheon of the 2011 Alpha Kappa Mu National Convention at Lincoln University in Jeffersonville, Missouri.

Ms. Brantley serves on the CNBC Diversity Council and recently served as co-chair of the Career and Professional Development Committee for NBC Universal African-American Forum. She is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Ms. Brantley resides in Manhattan.

# A Message to Students - Leaders Not Labels

By: Dr. Francis E. Dorsey (Aka Dr. Kwesi Atta)



As President of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society and on behalf of myself and the organization in its entirety, first I would like to thank you the students and every individual that makes up every facet of this organization because without you the students we would not have an organization to call our own. We cherish, need, and greatly appreciate your scholastic tenacity in our educational institutions. We have always been committed to helping others and because of that I would like to hallmark a few ideas to keep us vigilant as we begin a new year.

Collectively as a group, we must learn to function in unison as a championship team. To further elaborate, we need to have substance over style. Unfortunately, we have not been taught to think properly and function collectively which has been leading all the way up to and sometimes through the college levels. Here is just a little background for you. While going through my earlier years as a student, I can relate because coming up I struggled with my own identity and authenticity and through it built a successful process for building a life foundation. I've seen firsthand that our educational institutions are leaving out a key element. In general, they don't necessarily teach us how to think. Most people never realize their greatest potential because they let others define them or

label them and those labels box students in and keep them down. We must break those patterns and get on the path of success.

When you can take information and education and make it relevant to your heart and soul, transfer it to your mind, then transfer that to the American free enterprise system, that is what I call freedom. You won't be able to understand that until you first learn how to think. We come from a system that teaches us how to memorize, take tests, and repeat the information back, which in turn labels you with a grade. And usually if I ask a student what he or she learned two weeks later they respond with "I don't know" or "I forgot" or worst of all "nothing." So nothing from nothing equals nothing. So one isn't able to grow because they are stuck in the box and are defined by a house, a car, their clothes, money, a job, a title, race, gender, and religion. All of these are external things that potentially define you and tell you who you are. It's not about how other people define you; it's about how you define yourself. There is really no process for teaching that. There is no process for teaching people freedom and teaching people how to create their own life based on their possibilities. That is the process we strive to teach and implement within our organization and community with a methodology and collective principles to improve our lives in the 24 hours we have every single day, which is really the only thing that makes everyone equal.

You see I have enormous faith in the potential that lies inside of human beings. You personally are the creator of your own destiny; and for the most part you have been conditioned not to win but to survive and that should never be good enough. Our creator did not make us as clay that could not be self-molded, but only molded by the influences of the negativity and the things where common denominators of excellence are low, where aspirations of people are low, where dreams have died. That is NOT your journey; that's not your purpose. But yet we look around and everywhere we look in the world we see people suffering. We see people in need. And we who have the greatest advantage in the world; in this country... We are sleeping. We get the opportunity, and we don't pursue it; we play at it! Anything you play at, it's a game. Anything you win at takes serious effort.

I want you to get excited by this message, and there is definitely good reason for it, but that does not matter unless you CHANGE! Because where you are right now is the cumulative result of the thinking you had, the thoughts you've had, the emotions you have used, the habits you have developed that have created the circumstance you sit in. Collectively, I want us to work together and change this paradigm of this 7th millennium. This goes out as a thank you to the entire student body, as well as, member support and the group effort it will take for all of us to elevate and move forward from this point on. So, on behalf of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society and myself, we say hello and thank you. Join us for this onward movement as we prepare for our 75th Anniversary in 2012.

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