



ALPHA KAPPA MU

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“The scholar is the delegated intellect.
He is MAN THINKING.”

– Ralph Waldo Emerson
“The American Scholar”

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Theme: “The Scholar Today: Problems and Promises”

Greetings Alpha Kappa Muans,

ALL ROADS LEAD TO JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI!!!

AKMuans at Alpha Gamma Chapter (Lincoln University) invite you to join us for the 61st National Convention in Jefferson City, Missouri, April 6-9, 2011.

The Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center located at 415 W. McCarty Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, is the Convention Hotel. Several events will take place on the beautiful campus of Lincoln University.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: For hotel reservations at The Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, please call 1 800 338-8088 or 573 635-1234. Make sure you reserve under the name, Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. Reservations must be guaranteed with a valid credit card or with an advance deposit for the first night's stay, prior to arrival. Changes or cancellations of reservations must be made by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to arrival to avoid charges to credit card of one's night room and tax or forfeiture of advanced deposit.

ROOM AND RATES: The following special rates will be in effect based upon advance reservations.

Single/Double Standard Rooms	@ \$ 69
Jr. Suite	@ \$ 89
King Suite	@ \$ 109

Rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes at time of check in. Taxes are currently 7.725% Sales Tax and 3% Lodging Tax per night. The room block under the name Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society will be held until March 6, 2011, 12:00 Midnight. After March 6, 2011, the Hotel will release the unreserved rooms for general sale and reservations will be taken upon space availability and at the regular hotel rate.

Registration Fees: The chapter registration fee is \$5. The Convention Registration fee is \$35 per person. Please complete the attached registration form and return with check, money order, etc. by March 1, 2011 to Dr. Ann Harris.

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Region III Hosted the Blueprints for Success Conference

The 2010 Region III Conference, “Blueprints for Success: Building Skills and Blazing Trails,” hosted by Lincoln University of Missouri, ceremoniously began with the Alpha Gamma Chapter's (AGC) Spring Induction. Juniors Keri DeVault (elementary statics), Alexander Eadie (business), and Brionna Wade (Spanish), along with Seniors Kimarley Mowatt (computer information systems), Joy Pyles (environmental sciences), Deidra Ritcher (business), and Adam Ward (criminal justice) were welcomed into the Society.



Conference Participants

The induction was followed with a networking dinner. Kentucky State University was represented by Regional Director, Mr. Alvin Seals. The University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, was represented by delegates Quinton Bryant and Donnie Johnson. To prepare the delegates for the conference, each was given a toolbox equipped with a pen, highlighter, notebook, resume, paper, and handouts from the Missouri Career Center. The handouts covered various workforce related subjects, including making and recording cold calls, negotiating a salary, and networking.

To prepare the attendees for their roles as leaders, several sessions and a luncheon, with a keynote speaker, were held. Each revealed another tool needed in the construction of a sound foundation. The first session, “Dress for Success,” was presented by Mrs. Sally Brown of Lincoln University's Department of Residential Life. The subject matter approached a familiar topic with a fresh point of view. The audience was enlightened to the fact that clothes are not the only items one needs to “put on” before starting the day. A smile, positive attitude, and demeanor all must be the outfit that are accessorized by a starched suit and crisp resume. Conference attendees were reminded that in the workplace, they will be treated as they are perceived by others; if one chooses to dress casually, then he cannot be offended when approached in a casual manner. The question, “What are you Wearing on Facebook and MySpace?” was posed. Many using this technology fail to realize that prospective employers are able to see all that friends and family are able to see, unless measures are taken to prevent the occurrence.

The session on “What Kind of Leader are You?” was lead by Dr. Lois Heldenbrand of People Produce Results L.L.C. and professor at Lincoln University, and Frederick Arthur of AGC. This session revealed the three leadership styles- autocratic, democratic, and laissez-faire. Three teams worked to build the tallest freestanding structure out of straws, while the team leader employed one of the three styles to issue instructions. This proved to be great fun and a good way to prepare for a working lunch.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Welcome new advisors ! We thank you for agreeing to work with Alpha Kappa Mu. Welcome back returning advisors! We thank you for agreeing to continue working to make Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society visible and viable on your campus. Welcome to all Muans.

Please note the following items:

The Constitution/Bylaws - These documents have been amended.

The Gore-Crawford Scholarship - One nomination per chapter is allowed. As explained in the Gore-Crawford Scholarship documents, the recipient must be present at the convention (during the convention year) in order to be eligible to receive the award. The application information is available on the Alpha Kappa Mu website.

The Alpha Kappa Mu Newsletter - Please submit information on the activities of your chapters to Mrs. Barbara Golphin via email – BLMG03@bellsouth.net.

Regional Meetings - Region VII was the only Region to report a Regional Meeting. It is imperative that Regional Meetings are held in order to maintain continuity for Alpha Kappa Mu.

The 61st National Convention and 12th Biennial Meeting, April 6-9, 2011 - We thank Lincoln University of Jefferson City, Missouri, for preparing to host the Convention. The deadline date for hotel reservations and convention registration is March 1st. We need to adhere to this deadline in order to complete plans as accurately and economically as possible. We are asking each chapter to send at least one delegate to the Convention. Additional registration forms will be available on the website.

I hope to see you at the National Convention!

Dr. Mollie B. Brown



Dr. Mollie B. Brown, Executive Secretary-Treasurer



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Please submit your articles and photographs to the e-mail address

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 Friday, October 14, 2011.

In Memoriam



Daniel D. Steward, *Alpha Gamma Chapter, Lincoln University*

Daniel D. Steward, age 25 years, of Jefferson City, Mo., passed away Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at his home. Daniel was inducted into Alpha Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu at Lincoln University in 2006.

Daniel was born on April 23, 1985, in Columbia, Mo., the son of Dick and Deborah Taylor Steward. A lifelong resident of the central Missouri area, Daniel was a 2003 graduate of Helias High School and a 2007 graduate of Lincoln University with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a minor in Computer Science. He was employed by Lincoln University as a Web trainer, providing computer support to faculty and students. His family and many friends remember most his ready smile and his ability to make people laugh with his gift for telling stories and imitating voices. He loved watching sports with his dad, playing Super Nintendo with his brother, swapping daily texts and e-mails with his mom, and being his sister's closest confidant. He was the heart of his family.

Survivors include: his parents, Dick and Deborah Steward of Jefferson City, Mo.; his sister, Shannon Trevathan of Jefferson City, Mo.; his brother, Dwight Steward of Savoy, Ill.; his paternal grandmother, Billie Ann Steward, of Kansas City, Mo.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Celebration of Daniel's Life was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at Freeman Mortuary in Jefferson City, Mo. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, in remembrance of the members of Daniel's family who have died or been affected by this disease.



Jessica L. Oetting, *Alpha Gamma Chapter, Lincoln University*

Jessica Lane Oetting, 27, of Jefferson City passed away Tuesday, October 19 2010, at her home surrounded by family. Jessica was inducted into Alpha Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu at Lincoln University in 2004.

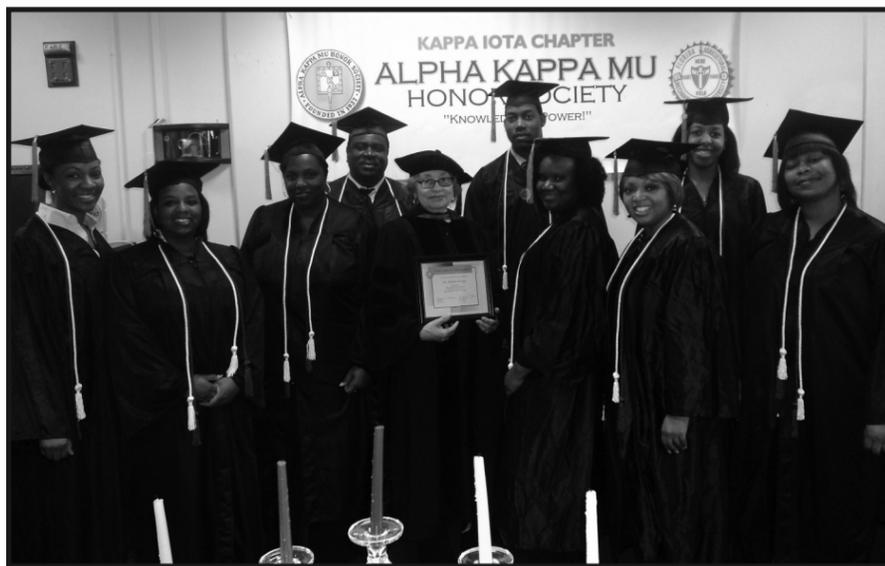
She was born April 22, 1983 in Jefferson City the daughter of Alan Oetting, Vivian McKay, and stepfather Bruce McKay. She had one brother, Brian Wilder, three stepsisters and nieces and nephews. Jessie was loved by her fraternal Aunts and Uncles: Peter Oetting, Betty Oetting, Freida and Jimmy Fisher, Clifford Oetting and Carol and David Murphy, as well as numerous cousins; her maternal Aunt and Uncle, Donna and Gary Viessman, her much loved Justin and her Grandmother, Anna Gawer; and Nancy and Scott Hutson of Joplin.

At the age of 7, she was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy. She faced her challenges with great courage. No matter where she went she made friends. She volunteered at Belair Elementary School, and attended the annual MD Telethons in Joplin, Missouri, and the Ride for Life. She was active in the Muscular Dystrophy Association and was their Goodwill Ambassador.

As she grew into a young woman, she was determined to get her college degree and she went on to earn her Masters. She was a member of the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, and served as Secretary of the Jefferson City Alumni Chapter. Her work as Program Coordinator in the Lincoln University Office of Student Activities let her do what she loved...working with her students. She loved music, Harley Davidson Motorcycles, family, friends, life and laughter. Her limitations never stopped her. Her wheelchair never defined her. She taught us so much by her example.

Funeral services were held on October 22, 2010 in Jefferson City, Missouri. Memorial contributions may be made in Jessie's name to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

FAMU Chapter Inducts Nine New Members



New Inductees at FAMU and Dr. Adeline Evans, Induction Speaker

On Saturday, February 12, 2011, the Kappa Iota Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society at Florida A & M University (FAMU) in Tallahassee, Florida welcomed nine members (6 graduates and 3 undergraduates) into fellowship during its 2010-2011 induction ceremony.

The program was presided over by Ms. Krishula Edwards, chapter president, who also provided the greetings. Chapter vice-president, Mr. Bobby Boone, delivered the invocation, and Kappa Iota alumni, Mr. Alex DeJarnett, gave the history and occasion. Dr. Veronica Yon, Associate Professor of English and chapter advisor, introduced the speaker, Dr. Adeline Evans, retired Professor of Speech and a former Kappa Iota advisor.

Dr. Evans began by sharing various historical facts about Alpha Kappa Mu, stating that the society was the HBCU's answer to Phi Beta Kappa. She continued her address, entitled "Negotiating the System," by discussing five systems all students must negotiate in order to be successful. Those systems are as follows: (1) the body, (2) family, (3) academic, (4) business, and (5) social. Offering practical advice for each area of compromise, Evans encouraged the audience to honor these systems in their everyday lives and maximize their potential. Following the inspirational address, the chapter president and advisor presented Evans with a certificate of appreciation.

Congratulations to the newest inductees of the Kappa Iota Chapter. They are as follows: Marie Monique Williams, junior, Nursing; Isaaca Cassandra Thorpe, senior, Office Administration; Teresa L. Nix, graduate, Public Administration; James Maduro, Jr., graduate, Public Administration; Shawn Giovanni Wiggins, junior, Biology; Joyce Anne Marie Rhoden, graduate, Public Health; Sandra Ashley Wheeler, graduate, Entomology/Agricultural Biosecurity; Makhicia Brooks, senior, Political Science; and Ashley Nicole Bell, graduate, Animal Science.

Induction Ceremony Held at Morgan State University

By: Andrea Carrington



Inductees at Morgan State University

Forty-four students were inducted into the Pi Lambda Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society at Morgan State University in the spring of 2010. The Induction Ceremony took place in the University Student Center.

Ms. Shavon Myles, a Fulbright scholar and fellow Mu Sigma, delivered the address. She shared her experiences, thoughts, and ideas with everyone in attendance. She reminisced about her journey as a student at Morgan State University, the mistakes from which she learned, and what she learned from those experiences. She reminded the candidates that they "have the power to help the next generation of youth and that their induction in the honor society is evidence of (their) preparation for (their) success tomorrow."

At the conclusion of the address, inductees were awarded certificates, pins, and literature about the society. Following tradition, several family members, friends, and faculty members expressed words of congratulations to the new inductees. Approximately 115 persons were in attendance.

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Dayna Stock of the Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life, delivered the speech, "How to Train the Paper Tiger and Other Things Every Courageous Leader Must Know." The speech was composed of the concepts: "Weeding Out One's Garden" and the "Five Year Fear Faceoff." The latter refers to the need for a reevaluation of self every five years via some self challenging activity. For example, Ms. Stock explained the need for trying something new. She trained and ran in a marathon! In regards to "weeding out one's garden, the need is to rid one's self of weeds - people, habits, etc. growing in and choking out one's garden of productivity. These competitors take energy and nutrients from the blooms that will eventually produce fruits and must be removed every so often just as the weeds growing in one's fruitful garden of life, said Ms. Stock.

Forrest Roberts of the Princeton Review shared information about the GRE, LSAT, and other tests. He provided pocket guides containing the same information. Questions were also addressed.

The Rededication Ceremony was held so that all Muans present would remember the charges agreed upon at their inductions.

Mu Zeta Chapter at Norfolk State University Holds Induction



New Members of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society - Mu Zeta Chapter

The Mu Zeta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society held its fall semester induction ceremony on Thursday, October 21, 2010, in the New Student Center on the campus of Norfolk State University. Approximately twenty-seven students were officially 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 (second row center from left), 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, Dr. Sasha Johnson-Coleman and Mr. Damani Drew, Co-Advisors (second row, center to right).

The AKM musical hymn was rendered by Mrs. Geraldine Boone, a former AKM member. Congratulations to our newest Mu Zeta Chapter members: Janel D. Bellamy, senior, Accounting; Altameeze A. Booner, senior, Social Work; Nikkia K. Camm, senior, English/Secondary Education; Alicia S. Chambers, junior, Social Work; Amy L. Clancy, junior, Social Work; Frankie N. Copeland, senior, Mass Communication/Journalism; Antoinette Drakeford, senior, Psychology; Quiana M. Fannings, senior, Sociology; Paige A. Frye, senior, Exercise Sciences; Rodney W. Giandalia, senior, Kinesiotherapy; Chelsea D. Godfrey, senior, Psychology; Jonathan O. Griffin, senior, Sociology; Jasmine N. Hall, senior, Mass Communication/Journalism; Ebony L. Hendrick, senior, Biology; Catherine A. Hinton, senior, Political Science; Kimberly J. Jones, senior, Music Media; Octavia T. Moore, senior, Mass Communication/Journalism; Rodnita M. Perkins, senior, Elementary Education; Jamar O. Phillips, senior, Mass Communication/Journalism; Adryallus T. Reeves, junior, Medical Technology; Yvonne M. Sandoval, junior, Accounting; Ronnica L. Sharpe, senior, Biology/Pre-Professional; Dorothy M. Stith, junior, Sociology; Brittany A. Waters, senior, Business Management, and Eric M. Wilson, senior, Kinesiotherapy. The induction ceremony was well attended by parents and family members, students, faculty, and administrators of Norfolk State University.

The Washington Internship Institute (WII) Scholarship Announced

The Washington Internship Institute (WII) and the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) announce that students who were inducted as members of ACHS societies are eligible to receive a \$500 merit-based scholarship for the ACHS/WII Internship Program.

Students intern four days per week and full-time. They are provided the opportunity to gain professional experience. Students are allowed to select the internship that best fits their majors. In addition, opportunities are available with a variety of international organizations and environmental offices, such as the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Wildlife Federation. The environmental internship is the newest program, "Go Green!"

Interested students can obtain additional information from the WII's website at <http://www.wiic.org>. The telephone number for the WII office is (202) 833-8580.