



ALPHA KAPPA MU NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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

- Ralph Waldo Emerson
“The American Scholar”

Convention Reflections

64th NATIONAL CONVENTION
ALPHA KAPPA MU HONOR SOCIETY
(15th Biennial Meeting)
March 30-April 1, 2017

Theme: Boldness in Excellence through Academics, Leadership, and Service



Lee Hall - Florida A&M University

Gallery of Distinction



Gore Education Center - Florida A&M University

Welcome Message



Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society

324 Enterprise Drive
Albany, GA 31705

March 30, 2017

Dear AKMuans:

Welcome to the 64th National Convention of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society! Under the current theme of our national administration, "Boldness in Excellence through Academics, Leadership and Service," the members of the Kappa Iota Chapter at Florida A&M University, under the supervision of Dr. Veronica Yon and Dr. Makisha Cheeks, have worked tirelessly to bring this conference to fruition.

The Chapter Showcase, Poster Presentations, keynote presentations, and program sessions all provide opportunities for enlightenment in excellence and wonderful opportunities for interactions among the membership and guests.

We are indeed grateful for the efforts of our host chapter, Dr. Yon and Dr. Cheek in planning what promises to be an informative, yet exciting student-centered conference. Their innovativeness and creativity in exploring our theme is commendable. It is our sincere hope that all in attendance will leave this meeting with an increased zeal for participation in this prestigious honor society, and a strong commitment to exploring "Boldness in Excellence through Academics, Leadership and Service."

Sincerely,

Cynthia M. Smith

Cynthia M. Smith, Ph.D.

President



"AKM Love" at the 64th Convention

Here's what some of our participants had to say...

"Thanks to Kappa Iota Leadership Team at FAMU for hospitality shown during 64th Alpha Kappa Mu Convention. Excellent!!!!"

-Mollie Brown, Albany State, Retired



"I always look forward to the biennial AKM Convention. It provides an opportunity for fellowship among like-minded over achievers from all over the nation."

-Aldranon English II, Alum, Kappa Iota - Florida A&M University

"I enjoyed the AKM interactive collaboration and preparation among students and faculty. The AKM is an honor and encouragement because we see the positive aspects of students who endeavor to be lifelong learners and participate in a quality education."

-Jessica Appleton, Kappa Iota, Florida A&M University



"Thanks Dr. Yon for an amazing conference....I had a really good time at the conference and I want to heart-feltly thank you, Dr. Cheeks, Dr. Brown, Dr. Jackson and all the others for the Southern Hospitality. Thank you very much."

-H. Baté Agbor-Baiyee, Kent State University

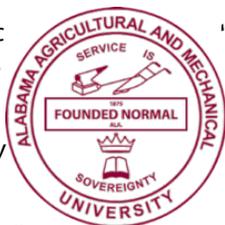
"AKM gave me the opportunity to be a part of an amazing network of like-minded, goal-oriented peers striving for excellence."

-Carrie Newberry, 2011 Gore-Crawford Scholarship Recipient, Gamma Tau chapter at NCA&T



"My experience with Alpha Kappa Mu has been wonderful! I am a new member, inducted fall 2016. However, I have had the opportunity to give back and show my scholastic achievements. The 2017 Alpha Kappa Mu convention has been a pleasure to attend and I look forward to future conventions!"

-La'Kesha Stewart, Kappa Sigma, Alabama A&M University



"The conference was an enriching experience, I'm glad I was in attendance. I cannot wait to attend the next convention in 2019!"

-Joy Jefferson-Yager, Kappa Iota, Florida A&M University

"I am thoroughly enjoying my experience at my first AKM convention. Being amongst high achieving scholars is truly amazing and pushes me even that much more to achieve greatness."

-Vance McGhee, Florida A&M University



"Dr. Yon & Dr. Cheeks, I would like to thank you for being the perfect host for the 2017 AKM Conference. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and wished I had stayed an extra day. You two are commended for a job well done."

-Dr. Francis Dorsey, Kent State University

"The Kappa Iota Chapter has been a gracious host for the 64th National Alpha Kappa Mu Convention! We have laughed, gained valuable knowledge, and networked with other chapters. We are truly a family!"

-Aurellia Whitmore, Kappa Iota, Florida A&M University

"I love how accountable and transparent prominent figures are within the organization. The fact that students are able to engage speaks volumes to where the organization is headed"

-Bri'Anna Baber, Alabama A&M University

"It was a pleasure to attend and I have enjoyed the enthusiasm of our dedicated members. I always love seeing Dr. T. Brown proudly share the rich history of our organization."

-Cassandra Andre, Kappa Iota, Florida A&M University

"I would like to thank each of you for a wonderful 64th convention. The campus and the individuals were great. I enjoyed the great company, food and nourishment of knowledge. Simply outstanding. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart."

-Best Regards,

Dr. Geraldine Winns, Albany State University



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64th NATIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

- Whereas:** The 64th National Convention of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society convened on March 30 – April 1, 2017 at Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida, Promoting the theme: “Boldness in Excellence Through Academics, Leadership, and Service” and
- Whereas:** Florida A & M University, home of the Kappa Iota Chapter provided a wonderful venue for the meeting of our 64th National Convention and
- Whereas:** The Hilton Garden Inn Tallahassee Central has displayed superb hospitable and amenable accommodations; and
- Whereas:** Florida A & M University established the 64th National Convention Leadership Team which included Dr. Veronica Adams Yon, Advisor, Kappa Iota Chapter and Dr. Markisha Cheeks, Co-Advisor, Kappa Iota Chapter, Jeanelle Z. James, President, Kappa Iota Chapter, Cetia Hunter, Vice President, Kappa Iota Chapter, Dr. David Jackson, Jr., Associate Provost and Dean, School of Graduate Studies and Research, Dr. Titus Brown, AKM Historian and Faculty in the Department of History and Political Science in cooperation with the National Executive Council have worked meticulously to foster a convention environment that promoted historical, social, educational, and cultural awareness among the members of the organization; and
- Whereas:** letters of welcome to the City of Tallahassee, Florida were sent by the mayor, Andrew D. Gillum and Bill Proctor, District 1 Commissioner; and
- Whereas:** Florida A & M University represented by Devin Harrison, SGA Vice President; and Dr. Carl Goodman, Office of the Provost extended salutations to the delegates assembled at our 64th National Convention; and
- Whereas:** the Kappa Iota Chapter provided courteous and prompt shuttle service for the entire convention; and
- Whereas:** Graduate student Candice Smith, violinist, presented a mini-concert that was heart-warming and uplifting; and the Essential Theatre presented a powerful performance of the play “Akeelah and the Bee” directed by Doug Atchison; and Dr. Nashid Madyun of the Black Archives provided AKM with an uplifting tour of the museum; and Associate Professor Robert Griffin and his students of the Jazz Band gave a show-stopping performance during the Presidential Reception; and Cassandra Andre rendered a thought-provoking poem; and the two spoken word deliveries by Dr. John Warford were uplifting and inspirational and
- Whereas:** the Panel Discussion “America in the Trump Era” by students Imani Waters and Audriana Osborne and faculty Dr. Reginald Ellis and Dr. Darius Young was timely and thoroughly executed; and the Chapter Showcases by the students were creatively presented; and the Poster and Research Presentations was a representation of the academic prowess of the student membership; and
- Whereas:** the Professional Development Workshops on Networking by Rashanda Houston Turner of the School of Business and Managing Finances by David Evans, Office of Financial Aid were well executed and constructively received by the membership; and
- Whereas:** Dr. David Jackson, Associate Provost and Dean, School of Graduate Studies and Research and Dr. Larry Robinson, Interim President of FAMU, keynote speakers for the convention, provided us with the history, insight and role that we must continue to play in providing the atmosphere and guidance that our students need to maintain our historic institutions and the role we must play in preparing them for the future; and
- Whereas:** Chapters, student representatives, Advisors and the Executive Board attended the 64th National Convention, investing of their time, talent, and skills

64th NATIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION (cont.)

Be it resolved, that appropriate expressions be sent to Dr. Veronica Yon, Advisor, Kappa Iota Chapter, Dr. Makisha Cheeks, Co-Advisor, Kappa Iota Chapter, Dr. David Jackson, Associate Provost and Dean, School of Graduate Studies and Research and Dr. Larry Robinson, Interim President of Florida A & M University and all others herein mentioned, acknowledging their achievements and expressing our sincere appreciation, gratitude and pride; and

Be it resolved, that a copy of this resolution becomes an official part of the proceedings of the 64th National Convention of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, hosted by Kappa Iota Chapter, Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida, March 30 – April 1, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Francis E. Dorsey, Chairman, Immediate Past President, Retired Associate Professor,
Kent State University, Retired Advisor, Mu Mu Chapter

Bate Agbor-Bayee, Advisor, Mu Mu Chapter, Kent State University

Maacah Casanova, Alpha Iota Chapter, Albany State University

Windy Cunningham, Kappa Iota Chapter, Florida A & M University



DAY 1

Panel: "America in the Trump Era," Chapter Showcase, Gore Education Center, Meek-Eaton Black Archives, and Charles Winter Wood Theatre



DAY 2

Poster/Research Presentations, Keynote Luncheon, Recruitment and Professional Development Workshops, Convention Banquet, Tribute to Dr. Adeline Evans



Court Appointed Special Advocates Of Jefferson Parish Welcomes Bardell As New Board Member

Reprinted from BizNewOrleans, 8-15-17; Submitted by Marlene Robinson, AKM Advisor, Xavier University

METAIRIE, LA – Derek D. Bardell [a member of the Zeta Phi Rho chapter at Xavier University] has joined the Board of Directors of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Jefferson Parish to help abused and neglected children.

With more than 20 years experience in education and nonprofit organizations, Bardell is a veteran educator in the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan Area who currently serves as an adjunct professor of Business Administration and Teaching & Learning at Delgado Community College. He will use his expertise to help CASA Jefferson serve more abused and neglected children by optimizing funding for volunteer recruitment and training, reps said.

Currently, there are 150 abused or neglected children in the Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court System, with more needing advocacy every year. CASA Jefferson, Inc. recruits and trains community volunteers to work one-on-one with these children, advocating for their best interests, reps said. Essentially, CASA volunteers speak up for these children in the court and child welfare systems, making sure they are safe and well-cared for, have access to needed services, and placed in a permanent, safe, nurturing home as quickly as possible.

“For years, CASA Jefferson has been a beacon of hope for countless abused and neglected children and I am truly honored to be able to assist the organization in servicing young people and developing it to its fullest potential,” says Bardell.

As a nonprofit corporation, CASA Jefferson Directors work closely with the program’s professional staff to ensure compliance with a variety of laws, regulations and fiduciary duties, while also securing sufficient funding to fulfill the organization’s mission. Bardell joins ten other directors, all caring community members who are donating their time to ensure the sustainability and accountability of CASA Jefferson, Inc.

CASA Jefferson, Inc. is part of a statewide network of community-based, nonprofit programs that recruit, screen, train and supervise volunteers to “Speak Up for a Child” removed from home due to abuse or neglect. CASA is the only program in Louisiana that uses trained volunteers to work one-on-one with children, ensuring that each one gets the services needed and achieves permanency in a safe, nurturing home, reps said.



Spreading the Word.....

How is your chapter sharing AKM with your campus and community?

Here's what's happening at FAMU (Kappa Iota Chapter)

(Involvement Fair, Interest Meetings, Nursing Home Outreach, Inductions, Convention Planning)



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Help us keep the legacy of Dr. George W. Gore alive at the 64th National Convention, on the campus of Florida A&M University, March 30th-April 1st. Registration deadline is March 1st.

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Other News

New Chapter

Mu Tau Chapter
 Concordia College Alabama
 Selma, AL 36701
 Dr. Chinwe Okeke, Advisor
 Installed by President Cynthia Smith
 March 30, 2016

Reinstated Chapters

Kappa Phi Chapter
 Jackson State University, Jackson, MS
 Dr. Loria Brown Gordon, Advisor

Mu Eta Chapter
 Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, Cheyney, PA
 Dr. Eric Schumacher, Advisor

New Advisors

Dr. Cassandra Thomas replacing Dr. Loretta Burns – who served 30 years
 Beta Tau Chapter, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama

Dr. Lashale Pugh, added to Dr. William J. Blake
 Mu Rho Chapter, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH

Dr. Sevealyn V. Smith, returning and replacing Dr. Valerie Evans
 Alpha Alpha Chapter, Saint Augustine's University, Raleigh, NC

Dr. Jacquelyn Robinson replacing Dr. Geoffrey Jahwara Giddings
 Kappa Tau Chapter, Central State University, Wilberforce, OH

Ms. Uzetta C. Gresham
 Kappa Rho Chapter, Paine College, Augusta, GA

Dr. Gerard McShepard
 Kappa Eta Chapter, Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA

In Memoriam

We pay tribute to fellow Alpha Kappa Muans who have passed away

Dr. Constance Yvonne Craft Dees

July 11, 1939-November 19, 2013
 Alabama A&M University

Mr. Booker T. Felder

June 4, 1922-February 9, 2016
 Fashion Pioneer and University Legend
 Advisor, Beta Tau Upsilon Chapter, Tuskegee University,
 for 30 years - Oct. 24, 1956-Oct. 29, 1986

Dr. Charlotte Burrell

August 6, 1948-August 17, 2016
 B.A. and M.A., Kent State University
 Ph.D. University of Akron
 One of the first inductees of the Mu Mu (Kent State)
 Chapter in 1981

Dr. Jacqueline Beck

Oct. 31, 2017
 B.S., Dillard University
 M.S., University of Florida
 Ed.D., University of Florida
 Inducted into AKM at Dillard. Founding Dean of
 FAMU's School of Allied Health Sciences. In 2007, Allied
 Health Sciences building was named in her honor

Dr. Ralph W. Turner

November 9, 1937-December 26, 2017
 B.S., Johnson C. Smith University
 Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, PA
 Mentee of AKM Founder Dr. George W. Gore, former
 Dean of FAMU College of Arts and Sciences, and retired
 chemistry professor

Life Members

Members of Alpha Kappa Mu can become Life Members of the Organization for a fee of \$300 payable over a three-year period. The current Life Members include the following:

Dr. Rosenwald Altherimer	University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff
Dr. Eva D. Adams.....	Fort Valley State University
Dr. Maria Black Morgan.....	Albany State University
Mildred L. Blackshear.....	Albany State University
Dr. B. Leroy Brisbon.....	Morris College
Dr. Titus Brown.....	Florida A&M University
Dr. Lillie M. Boyd.....	Shaw University
Dr. Mollie B. Brown.....	Albany State University
Ms. Desiree Bygrave.....	Voorhees College
Dr. Darryl A. Chapman, Sr.....	Albany State University
Dr. T. Bernard Clayton.....	Wiley College
*Dr. Jeanette Cole.....	Saint Paul's College
*Mr. Thomas J. Crawford.....	South Carolina State University
Mr. George Dailey.....	Florida A&M University
Dr. Francis E. Dorsey.....	Kent State University
Mr. Jelani O. Dorsey.....	Kent State University
Bishop Kenneth Dorsey.....	Cheyney University of PA
Dr. Marlene R. Dorsey.....	Kent State University
Mr. Kenneth Dyer.....	Albany State University
Ms. Barbara Golphin.....	Savannah, GA
*Mrs. Pearl Gore.....	Nashville, TN
Dr. Clarissa Grant.....	Voorhees College
Mrs. Helga Greenfield.....	Shaw University
Mr. Richard O. Hallman.....	Norfolk State University
*Dr. Lucia S. Hawthorne.....	Morgan State University
Mr. Lawrence Horn.....	Mississippi Valley State University
Dr. McDonald Huff.....	Fort Valley State University
Dr. Gale J. Isaacs.....	Shaw University
Mr. John J. Ivery.....	Alabama State University
Dr. Wilmetta L. Jackson.....	Fort Valley State University
Ms. Avis Jonson.....	Livingstone College
Dr. Mamie Johnson.....	Norfolk State University
Dr. Ann W. Morris.....	Greenwood, SC
Dr. Barbara Palmer.....	Fort Valley State University
Mr. Thomas J. Palmer.....	Fort Valley State University
Dr. Ernest L. Pickens.....	Shaw University
Ms. Candace Porter.....	Albany State University
Dr. Ninja Rich.....	Saint Paul's University
Ms. Derika Rivers.....	Albany State University
Dr. Virginia H. Russell.....	Lawrenceville, VA
Mrs. Shawn L. Sansbury-Townsend.....	Norfolk State University
Mr. Quincy Scott, Jr.....	Shaw University
Dr. Marlene Shaw.....	Shaw University
Mrs. Alice Smith.....	Independent
Dr. Troy J. Stewart.....	Alcorn State University
Mrs. Jeraldine W. Walker.....	Fort Valley State University
Mrs. Leila B. White.....	Voorhees College
Ms. Contrilla Williams.....	Voorhees College
*Dr. E. K. Williams.....	Savannah State University
Mrs. Sandra Williamson.....	North Carolina A&T University
Mr. Cecil Wilson.....	Albany State University

*Deceased

Criteria for AKM Membership

Undergraduate Students - An undergraduate student shall be eligible to be elected as a collegiate member if the individual:

- (1) is registered as full time, and is in good standing with the institution at which the chapter is located
- (2) is at least a junior in a degree program, and has completed 50 percent of the requirements for graduation
- (3) has a minimum grade-point average of 3.3, when A = 4
- (4) is ranked in the upper 10 percent of the class
- (5) exemplifies good character
- (6) exhibits the potential for leadership and service

Graduate Students - Graduate students are eligible to be elected members when the following requirements are met:

- (1) a baccalaureate graduate of a regionally accredited school who is entering graduate school must have a grade-point average of 3.3 or better (when A = 4) and must be ranked in the upper 10 percent of the class
- (2) a continuing graduate student must have been admitted as a matriculated student and must have earned a minimum of 15 hours with a grade-point average of 3.7 or better
- (3) exemplifies good character



Please send original poems, scholarly activities, chapter news, reflections, successes, etc. to
Dr. Veronica Yon (veronica.yon@famuedu).

Note: Please do not “lay out” your submissions (i.e., text boxes, special alignments, multiple font points, etc.); this process will be handled by the newsletter staff. Thank you!

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