



ALPHA KAPPA MU NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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

- Ralph Waldo Emerson
“The American Scholar”

Kappa Iota (FAMU) Inducts

First Distance Learning and Two Honorary Members

Oh what a night!!! During the fall 2018 semester, the Kappa Iota (FAMU) Chapter inducted 40 undergraduate and graduate scholars. One of those inductees, Lydia Gaines, is enrolled in the University's Distance Learning Program.

Gaines, a Master of Business Administration major, shared in her induction essay that “at sixty-one plus years young, [she] was not only honored, but also humbled to know [she] was receiving such a prestigious award.” Immediately, she began pondering ways she could “be an asset in assuring the continued success and positive impact on communities of the world.” One of her first steps was making arrangements to travel from Tennessee to Florida for the ceremony.

The chapter also welcomed two honorary faculty members: Dr. Darius Young, Associate Professor of History and Co-Director of the Meek-Eaton Research Center for Social and Political Justice, and Dr. Reginald Ellis, Associate Professor of History and Assistant Dean, School of Graduate Studies and Research. Attendees of the 64th National Convention might remember the two professors from the informative and engaging panel, “America in the Trump Era.”



Congratulations to all of the Inductees: Dr. Darius Young (front left), Dr. Reginald Ellis, (front right), Shakira Abney-Wisdom, Graduate, Educational Leadership; Patricia Akingboye, Graduate, Agricultural Science - Plant Sciences; Shanetra Barnes, Graduate, Business Administration; Aaliyah Brown, Junior, Biology; Char’Nise Cobb, Graduate, Guidance and Counseling Education; Shawna Curtis, Junior, Nursing; Lydia Gaines, Graduate, Business Administration; Alexis Gosha, Junior, Pre-Medicine; Carmen Grant, Junior, Health Science – Pre-Physical Therapy; Sacorra Hepburn, Graduate, Community Psychology; Sha’Terrica Highsmith, Senior, Psychology; Ri’Sheema Hollingsworth, Junior, Social Work; De’Keria Hunter, Junior, Elementary Education; Antraneise Jackson, Graduate, Public Health; Brandi Jackson, Graduate, Sport Management; Shavonne Johnson, Junior, Nursing; Angel Lii, Junior, Criminal Justice; Audley Lindo, Senior, Architecture; Emmanuel Manhiri, Graduate, Business Administration; Marisha McGhee, Senior, Health Care Management; Kaiya McIntosh, Senior, Public Relations; Destanie Morman, Senior, Public Relations; Bethany O’Leary, Junior, Psychology and Social Work; Albertha Parkins, Graduate, Entomology; Jermaine Perier, Graduate, Entomology; Jessyca Pollard-Johnson, Graduate, Public Administration; Lyric Porter, Senior, Broadcast Journalism; Kaelin Randle, Junior, Pharmacy; Destiny Reed, Graduate, Pharmacy; Alice Rhodes, Graduate, Community Psychology; Jazzmin Riles, Junior, Public Relations; Kyndal Robinson, Senior, Health Science – Pre-Occupational Therapy; Erika Taylor, Junior, Pharmacy; Kopper Thatch, Graduate, Health Care Administration; Zenzele Thomas, Junior, Mechanical Engineering; Duy Tran, Junior, Pharmacy; Jessica Williams, Graduate, Sport Management; and Nailah Williams, Graduate, Community Psychology.



Our **65th NATIONAL CONVENTION** will be held March 28-30, 2019, in Greensboro, NC with Bennett College and North Carolina A&T State University serving as Hosts. Mrs. Penny Speas serves as advisor to Alpha Epsilon Chapter at Bennett College and Dr. Thomas Redd serves as advisor to Gamma Tau Chapter at North Carolina A&T State University. Mrs. Sandra Williamson serves as Director of Region I. **THANK YOU** to them for agreeing to host the Convention. Please prepare to have your chapter represented at this meeting. The registration fee is \$75 per individual and \$25 per chapter.

Please make checks or money orders payable to Gamma Tau Chapter, Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, and mail no later than **March 1** to:

Dr. Thomas C. Redd, Advisor
Gamma Tau Chapter
Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, Inc.
North Carolina A&T State University
Department of Mathematics
1601 Market Street
Greensboro, NC 27411



The Greensboro Marriott Downtown,
304 North Greene Street, Greensboro, NC 27401,
will serve as the Convention Hotel.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: For hotel reservations at Greensboro Marriott Downtown, please call the 1 800 228-9290 reservation line or call the hotel directly at 336 379-8000. 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.

CANCELLATIONS: Individual reservations must be cancelled 24 hours prior to guest arrival. Please note that first night room and tax deposit is nonrefundable.

ROOM AND RATES: The rate is \$159 per room per night (standard king or double). Rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 12.75%) in effect at time of check out.

PARKING: Complimentary self-parking for all attendees, and \$15.00 per day for valet parking

RESERVATION CUT OFF DATE: Reservations by attendees must be received on or before **Wednesday, February 27, 2019**. Reservations received after the cut-off date may or may not be accepted based on rate and availability.

AKM Advisor Wins Outstanding Community Advocate Award

Dr. Makisha Cheeks, Assistant Professor of English and Co-advisor of the Kappa Iota (FAMU) Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, received the Angie Onianwa Award for Outstanding Community Advocate, on December 9th, at the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated South Atlantic Region Cluster IV Conference.

Dr. Cheeks' work with her Home of Reads Initiative, New Orleans Women and Children Shelter, Hurricane Michael Relief Efforts, Second Harvest, Teen Dating and Domestic Violence, GEAR UP, and several other service projects have helped several communities from near and far. Cheeks also supervises service activities for the Kappa Iota Chapter. Congratulations, Dr. Cheeks, on a job well done!



Dr. Makisha Cheeks (Center)

Alpha Kappa Mu Merchandise

The following items are available from the National Office: Honor Cords, Honor Stoles and Satin Chapter Banners.



This is one source of funds for AKMU. Please order from this Office.



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Orders to other sources take money out of Alpha Kappa Mu's pocket. We are a small organization and we need every penny that we get.

Be Our Host - Convention 2021



We are seeking a Host chapter from Region II (Delaware, Maryland, Virginia) for our 2021 Convention. Advisors from this region, please contact Dr. Mollie Brown, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, to find out more details. You can do it!



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UAPB Inducts 25 Students

On Tuesday, December 11, 2018, the Alpha Beta Tau chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff inducted 25 new members: Jasmine Alford, Memphis, TN, Accounting; Makayla Binns, Cabot, AR, Agriculture Business; Christian Broughton, Pine Bluff, AR, Industrial Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering; Iyanna Brown, Monticello, AR, Social Work; Lekivia Cobb, Pine Bluff, AR, Biology; Makayla Collier, Little Rock, AR, Business Management; Cambria Collins, Pine Bluff, AR, Psychology; Diamond Compton, White Hall, AR, Mathematics Education; Chayla Graham, Saint Louis, MO, Mathematics (Non-Teaching); Alicia Guy, Memphis, TN, Biology (Pre-Dentistry); Taylor Hammonds, Lee's Summit, MO, Biology (Pre-Medicine); Bria Haynes, Suwanee, GA, Biology; Taylor Hill, Little Rock, AR, Biology; Ashleigh Jones, North Little Rock, AR, Social Studies Education; Khadijah Jones, Pine Bluff, AR, Biology; Ja'Mecia Laws, Belleville, IL, Political Science; Tashombia Lindsey, Greenville, MS, Accounting; Alvin O'Guinn, Pine Bluff, AR, Industrial Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering; Leah Rowe, Dermott, AR, Biology (Pre-Medicine); Shiwanda Sheard-Perry, West Helena, AR, Criminal Justice; Kintress Watson, Pine Bluff, AR, Chemistry (Forensics); Timyah Wellmaker, Belleville, IL, Mathematics Education; Jaeden Wells, Arlington, TX, Business Administration (Marketing); Breiana Williams, Monroe, LA, Psychology; and Robert Wooten, Atlanta, GA, Criminal Justice.

The inductees have an average grade point average of 3.86. New members, Ms. Cambria Collins and Ms. Ja'Mecia Laws joined the last current chapter member, Ms. Philnaysha Sanders (Eudora, AR, Early Childhood Education) and graduated from the university on December 14, 2018.

UAPB holds a significant place in Alpha Kappa Mu's history as Arkansas AM&N College (now UAPB) was the host site for the Third Annual "Federation of Honor Societies" Convention in December 1939. During the Convention, the name of the "Federation" was changed to Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. Mrs. Sheena Meadows, Director of the Carolyn F. Blakely Honors Program and Interim Assistant to the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, serves as the advisor for Alpha Kappa Mu and is assisted by Ms. NaShanda Brown, Administrative Specialist III - Carolyn F. Blakely Honors Program.



Fall 2018 Alpha Kappa Mu Inductees (left to right): Robert Wooten, Ja'Mecia Laws, Timyah Wellmaker, Taylor Hill, Chayla Graham, Lekivia Cobb, Ashleigh Jones, Jaeden Wells, Leah Rowe, Jasmine Alford, Kintress Watson, Makayla Binns, Tashombia Lindsey, Iyanna Brown, Christian Broughton, Diamond Compton, Khadijah Jones, Taylor Hammonds, Bria Haynes, Shiwanda Sheard-Perry, Makayla Collier, and Breiana Williams. Not pictured, Cambria Collins, Alicia Guy, and Alvin O'Guinn. Also pictured, Mr. Nikolai Knight (far right), induction program presiding official.

Kappa Iota (FAMU) Inducts Distance Learning and Two Honorary Members (Cont'd. from page 1)

Pres. Joy Jefferson-Yager presenting certificates to Dr. Darius Young



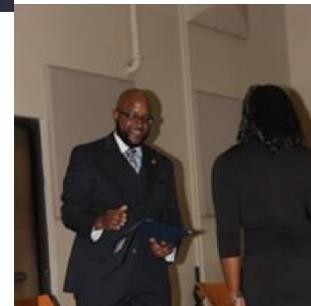
Dr. Titus Brown, AKM National Historian, posing with fraternity brothers (Etienne, Young, and Ellis)



Honorary Inductees photographed with former Kappa Iota President (2011-2013), Joseph Etienne, and Advisor Dr. Veronica Yon



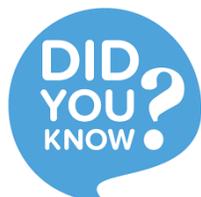
Lydia Gaines (left) and Advisor Dr. Yon after the ceremony. Gaines is the Kappa Iota's first distance learning inductee.



Pres. Joy Jefferson-Yager presenting certificate to Dr. Reginald Ellis

AKM Goes Pink!

On October 4, the Kappa Iota Chapter treated faculty and staff to a few goodies coupled with literature on Breast Cancer Awareness. The event was organized by Co-Advisor, Dr. Makisha Cheeks and was held in conjunction with the Tallahassee Democrat's "Go Pink Lemonade Day." The chapter set up lemonade, cupcakes, and other treats—all pink—in the faculty lounge of Tucker Hall, home of the College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Florida A&M University. What a great way to educate, fellowship, and appreciate at the same time!



AKM is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies. ACHS is the nation's only certifying agency for college and university honor societies.

Five Reasons Why You Should Join an Honor Society

(by Holly Nelms, reprinted from *Elevate: The Honor Society Magazine*, Jan 15, 2016 online ed.)

Performing well academically in college is a huge achievement. With the fast pace and large amount of material covered in each class, maintaining a high GPA requires tremendous dedication and self-discipline. Because earning good grades in college is such an accomplishment, most high-achieving students will attract the attention of both campus-based and online honor societies. If you have been offered membership to one of these societies, here are a few reasons why you should accept it.



1. Meet new people.

Joining any club provides a great opportunity for meeting new people, but joining an honor society allows you to meet other dedicated students who likely share your academic goals. Not only can honor societies help you form friendships, but they can also introduce you to people who can motivate you to perform at your best in all of your academic endeavors.



2. Boost your resume.

Though a high GPA can speak for itself, joining an honor society can boost your resume even further. Employers often look for job applicants who have shown extracurricular involvement in college, so joining an honor society help bolster your employment appeal. However, joining an honor society simply to include it on your resume may not be a wise move. Many employers will want to see that you were active in the organization, and if you weren't, your membership will likely be less impressive.



3. Receive member benefits.

In exchange for a membership fee, many honor societies offer exclusive benefits to their members, including access to job banks, scholarships and study abroad opportunities. Many honor societies also offer lifetime membership, which often includes permanent access to job banks and other member benefits.



4. Network with leaders.

Networking with local, national and even international leaders can give you a measurable head start when you embark on your job search. While most colleges will offer job fairs and other networking opportunities to all students, honor societies often provide additional networking opportunities specifically for their members.

By attending networking events held by honor societies, leaders and employers will instantly recognize that you are a dedicated student, even before they review your resume.



5. Celebrate your accomplishments.

If you have put forth the time and effort to earn a high GPA, why not recognize your own accomplishments by becoming an honor society member?

Receiving your honor society acceptance letter and membership certificate should be a rewarding and memorable experience that you can fondly remember for years to come.

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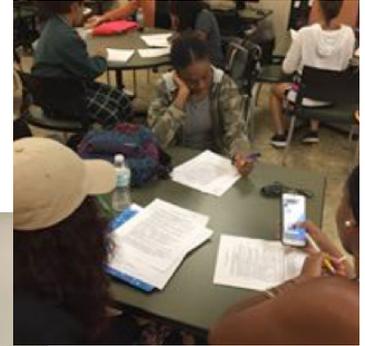
Preparing Inductees at FAMU

Knowledge is Power! Prior to each induction ceremony, the Kappa Iota Chapter holds a Pre-Induction Meeting to give incoming members an opportunity to interact with each other as well as current members, and to familiarize them with the flow of the ceremony.

Activities include individual introductions, an AKM quiz, the singing of the AKM Hymn, and lots of laughs! The chapter's most recent pre-induction meeting took place on November 9 in the FAMU Writing Resource Center; the ceremony was held on November 14 in the Foster Tanner Music Building, Florida A&M University.



President Joy Jefferson-Yager reviewing AKM Quiz with Inductees



FAMU Cares: Hurricane Michael Relief Drive

In response to Hurricane Michael, which decimated many parts of the Florida panhandle and regions beyond, Florida A&M University created an outreach intended to support University faculty, students, and staff who were impacted by the powerful storm.

From October 15-19, the University called on public and community organizations to donate items to its "FAMU Cares: Hurricane Michael Relief Drive," and Alpha Kappa Mu's Kappa Iota Chapter answered the call. "Character, Scholarship, Citizenship, Service, and Leadership." We are Alpha Kappa Mu!



Advisor, Dr. Veronica Yon



President Joy Jefferson-Yager & VP Atiya Cornell delivering hurricane supplies.



Dr. Veronica Adams Yon, Advisor at Florida A&M University, Director of Public Relations, needs your information.

Please send original poems, scholarly activities, chapter news, reflections, successes, etc. to veronica.yon@famuc.edu.

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!

Each year two scholarship of \$2000 each are available for Alpha Kappa Mu members. We ask advisors to nominate one of your students for one of the \$2000 Gore-Crawford Scholarships. The Application Packet is due February 14, 2019.

Go to the website (www.alphakappamu.org) for Application Form, Nomination Form, and other information.





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