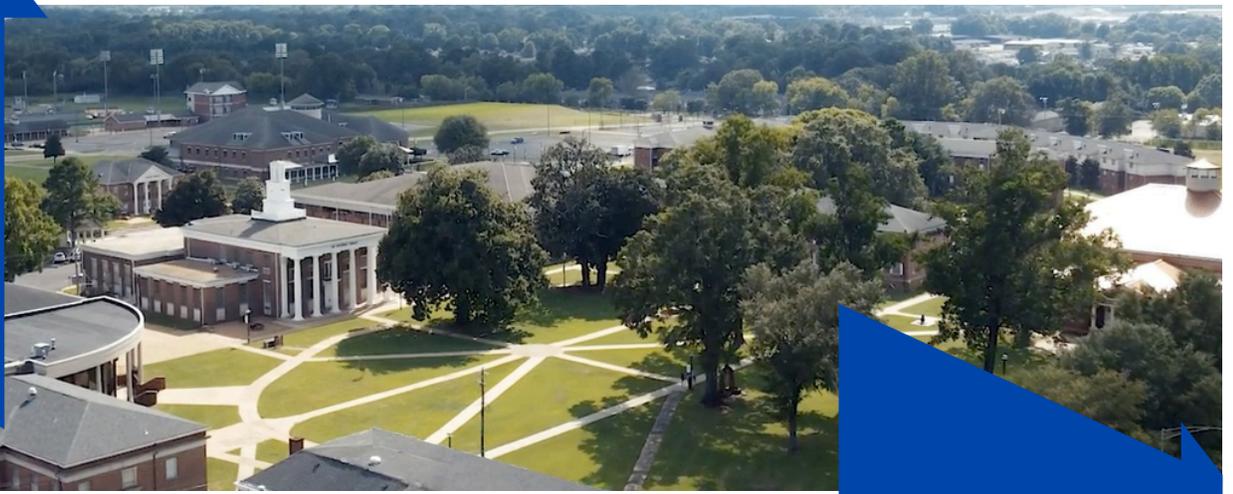




Newsletter

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Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society Newsletter

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Theme: Honoring Excellence, Embracing the Future



WELCOME

Welcome to the long-awaited return of the Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society Newsletter! Since our last issue in Spring 2023, we have proudly hosted our 68th National Convention at Stillman College, celebrated the coronation of our first-ever Miss Alpha Kappa Mu at Jackson State University, and honored the dedicated service of outgoing board members while welcoming fresh leadership. Across the country, chapters have held inspiring induction ceremonies, and countless members have graduated and gone on to pursue graduate degrees or launch exciting careers. This edition celebrates their achievements, our growth, and the enduring spirit of excellence that defines AKM.

Letter From National President

In this edition's opening letter, our National President reflects on a transformative year for Alpha Kappa Mu—highlighting milestones from the 68th National Convention, celebrating member accomplishments, and casting a vision for the Society's continued legacy of excellence



68th Convention Recap

The 68th National Convention, hosted at Stillman College, was a celebration of unity, scholarship, and legacy. Members gathered from across the country to engage in meaningful dialogue, honor academic excellence, and chart the Society's path forward. Highlights included dynamic keynote speakers, the presentation of national awards, and the vibrant coronation of our first-ever Miss Alpha Kappa Mu.



Letter from National President

Dear Fellow AKMuans,

I hope this message finds you well. As we reflect on the strides we've made and the energy we brought to the 68th National Convention, hosted by the Alpha Upsilon chapter at Stillman College, I want to begin by saying thank you. I'm filled with pride and gratitude for what we've accomplished together.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Dr. Norman Golar, the chapter advisor; the Alpha Upsilon chapter; and the entire Stillman College community for rolling out the "blue" carpet and welcoming us so graciously. From reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones to learning, sharing, and building meaningful connections; it truly was a special time.

As your National President, I am both honored by our society's legacy and excited for what's ahead. Our mission, championing scholarship, leadership, and integrity remains more important than ever in today's ever-changing world.

Looking forward, our goals are clear:

- Grow our membership at both undergraduate and graduate levels
- Increase chapter presence on campuses and within communities
- Reactivate chapters that have gone quiet
- Strengthen our financial foundation for long-term sustainability

We're building something lasting; something meaningful. Together, we're not only celebrating achievement; we're shaping the future of scholarship and leadership.

Thank you for your continued dedication, passion, and belief in our mission. I look forward to what we will accomplish, together.

Scholarly yours,

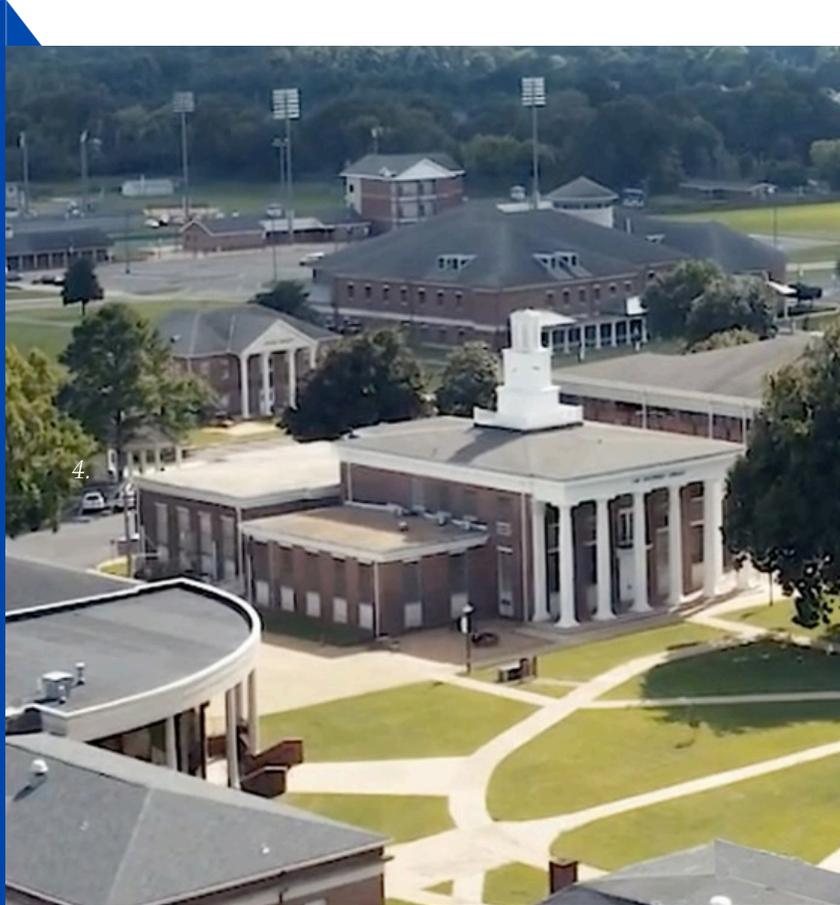
Brandon G. Henry,

National President

68th National Convention

Strategies for Survival

March 26-29, 2025
Alpha Upsilon Chapter
Stillman College
Tuscaloosa, Alabama



68th National Convention

The theme of this year's convention, "Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society – Strategies for Survival," couldn't have been more timely. We came together to think deeply about our future—how we can continue to thrive, stay relevant, and support scholars through changing times. Through thoughtful research presentations, inspiring keynote speeches, and engaging workshops, we laid the groundwork for the next chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu.

More than 30 members gathered at Stillman, and it was a joy to spend time with each of you. We were honored by the presence of Stillman College President Dr. Yolanda Page, whose keynote speech at our closing banquet left a lasting impression. Rev. Dr. Joseph Scrivner also guided us on a powerful campus tour that showcased Stillman's rich legacy, and Stillman's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Mark McCormick, provided introductory information pertaining to some of the history of Stillman College. I thank Drs. Scrivner and McCormick for their contributions to our George W. Loder-John W. Riley Cultural Event that is a significant part of each convention.

Special thanks to Ms. Tasha Washington, Dean of Retention and Academic Services, for leading a Thursday workshop on "Strategies for Survival with the Goal of Thriving," helping us all reflect on our personal "why." On Friday, Dr. Rosianna Gray, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, offered wisdom and practical advice to prepare our scholars for life beyond college.

We were incredibly proud to witness the impactful research presented by our scholars and to see the vibrant ways our chapters are making a difference locally. Congratulations to **Ekhoro Aghahow** of the Alpha Upsilon chapter (Stillman College) for winning first place in the research presentation competition with her project "AI and the Future of Learning: How Honor Societies Can Leverage Technology to Empower Scholars." Congratulations are also extended to the Kappa Upsilon chapter (Alcorn State University) who took home first place in the chapter showcase—bravo!

We also celebrate our 2025 scholarship recipients: **Shalyn Williams** (Kappa Iota – Florida A&M University), recipient of the Gore-Crawford Undergraduate Scholarship, and **Olutoye Adeleke** (Mu Epsilon – Voorhees University), recipient of the Brown-Morris Graduate Scholarship. And a big congratulations to **Dr. Loria Brown Gordon**, former advisor to Kappa Phi (Jackson State University) and current National Executive Secretary-Treasurer, for being named Chapter Advisor of the Year.

I also want to recognize and sincerely thank **Dr. Mollie Brown**, who recently concluded her tenure as National Executive Secretary-Treasurer. For 17 years, Dr. Brown was the steady hand guiding our society's records and finances with care, dedication, and deep love for Alpha Kappa Mu. Her legacy of service continues to inspire us.

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS



CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

I am proud to spotlight some incredible milestones within our community.

DR. KENYA LEMON

was promoted to Associate Professor of Biology at Albany State University. She also serves as advisor to the Alpha Iota chapter and Regional Director of Region V-A.

DR. ALONDA WYLIE

has been named Chair of the Education Department at West Virginia State University and continues her service as advisor to the Alpha Delta Sigma chapter.

MS. LESLIE WINBUSH

was honored for 25 years of membership in the Winston-Salem chapter of The Links, Incorporated. She currently advises the Kappa Epsilon chapter at Winston-Salem State University.

- Many of our scholars received their undergraduate, graduate, or professional degrees in May.



CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY



Jerome Wilson

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Management Concentration

FAMU



**TERESA
BERGER**



**TAYLOR
HOWARD**



**JOI. S.
CRAWFORD**



**ZORIE
GRANT**



**ZENA
FLEMING**



**CAMYN
BOONE**

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Dr. Laureana Mouk

*Doctor of Public Health with a Concentration in
Behavioral Science & Health Education*

*Past Chapter President, Vice President, and PR
Liaison*

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Deborah Funches

A spring 2025 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Prairie View A&M University majoring in Political Science.



FROM THE DESK OF Dr. Mollie Brown

*THE FOURTH NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER
ALPHA KAPPA MU HONOR SOCIETY, INCORPORATED
May 31, 2025*

Good Day AKMuans!!

It has been a pleasure working with you in the capacity of National Executive Secretary-Treasurer since 2008. It is now time to turn over the reins to a new National Executive Secretary-Treasurer— (Dr. Loria Brown Gordon. Former Regional Director Regions VIA and B (Louisiana and Mississippi).

We need all regional directors, advisors and members to work hard to keep Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society in the forefront. We were found when no one else wanted us in their honor societies because they said that we were not smart. We have been in existence since 1937—88 Years—don't let AKMu die. The way we maintain existence is to induct new members. We are a membership involved organization. We don't just want to see you at induction, but during the school year tutoring, etc. making AKMu visible and viable on your campus and in your community.

I thank those regional directors, advisors and students who have been with me since 2008. A special thanks goes to Mrs. Sandra Williamson, who has been with me through thick and thin. If I start calling names, I am sure to miss someone, but I can't forget Mrs. Barbara Golphin, Dr. Ann Morris and Dr. Fran Dorsey. Also, many thanks to advisors, students, etc. who have worked tirelessly to ensure the perpetuity of Alpha Kappa Mu. In 22 years, we will celebrate 100 years. Where Alpha Kappa Mu goes from here depends on you. Please continue to support Alpha Kappa Mu.

One way to support the legacy of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society is to become a member of George W. Gore, Jr. Lifetime Membership Club. The cost until February 28, 2026 is \$300 payable in three equal payments of \$100. On March 1, 2026, the price increases to \$500 payable in two equal installments of \$250. Payments can be made via credit card at our website www.alphakappamu.org. If you are interested or know of a member who is interested, please have them to email me at mbs03bs@mchsi.com

As always, Be safe.

Thanks for all you do for Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!!



June 1, 2025

Memorandum

TO: Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society Members

FROM: Mollie B. Brown

Fourth National Executive Secretary-Treasurer

RE: Appeal – Dr. George W. Gore, Jr. Lifetime Members Club

During your College Career, you were invited to membership and was inducted into the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society Chapter located on your college campus. That was and is the highest honor your College can bestow on you. Because of your support, Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society is still standing. Founded in 1937 by Dr. George W. Gore, Jr., We are still here in 2025, 88 years later.

With the occurrence of the pandemic and life in general, our funds are low. We need funds to operate and fulfill the obligations of our two scholarships-- George W. Gore/T. J. Crawford and Mollie Brown/Ann Morris Scholarship. We are in the process of fundraising. We are offering a Lifetime Membership to all members for a fee of \$300. WE have inducted approximately 66,700. Of that number, we only have approximately 104 Lifetime Members. The listing of Lifetime Members can be found on our website www.alphakappamu.org.

Please become a member of the Lifetime Membership Listing. Help to ensure the legacy of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, Inc. The cost of the Lifetime Membership is \$300. This can be paid via credit card at our website www.alphakappamu.org. This fee is going up to \$500 in 2026. We would appreciate your support. An application is attached.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!!!



ALPHA KAPPA MU NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Criteria for Membership

The membership of Alpha Kappa Mu shall be open to men and women who meet the requirements for eligibility and shall consist of collegiate, alumni, local honorary, laureate honorary and life members.

Collegiate chapters shall elect members from a list of those scholastically eligible and approved by the chapter advisor(s). An affirmative vote by the majority of chapter members present at a regular meeting is necessary for election to membership. Candidates are not inducted in absentia.

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 with a grade-point average of 3.3 or better, when A = 4 and is 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

Miss Alpha Kappa Mu

Kanwalski V. Lowe is a 2024 graduate of Jackson State University, where she earned a degree in Healthcare Administration with Magna Cum Laude honors, specializing in Doctoral Research in Public Health (DRPH) with a focus on Epidemiology.

On October 28th, 2023, she was proudly inducted into the Alpha Kappa Mu Kappa Phi chapter and currently holds the position of active secretary/treasurer. Notably, Kanwalski made history as the first Miss Alpha Kappa Mu across all national chapters within the organization in 2024.

With aspirations to serve as an Epidemiologist in a local hospital, she ultimately aims to contribute to public health initiatives at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at the doctoral level. Her dedication to public health and academic achievements underscores her commitment to making a significant impact in the field of Epidemiology.



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